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SWLRT construction advances amid major social and economic changes

by Jeanette Colby

It's full speed ahead for SWLRT construction in the Kenilworth Corridor.

The good news: Hennepin County commissioners breathed a sigh of relief this month when the Federal Transportation Administration finally released \$929 million to cover 46% of the costs. Promised since early 2017, the grant means local tax revenues can be used to fund other transportation projects currently being planned.

The bad news: Accommodating freight rail in the Kenilworth Corridor made light rail construction much more expensive, difficult and intrusive.

SWLRT was planned with the understanding that freight rail in the Kenilworth Corridor would be moved to make way for light rail. When that policy was abandoned, the cost to taxpayers (Hennepin County and federal) went up by at least \$200 million and gave the privately owned freight rail company new rails, bridges, and other accommodations.

Just as the pandemic forced people to work from home this spring, the impacts of the more complicated construction began ramping up. The pounding and vibrations of tunnel digging rattle windows and walls. Over the long Labor Day weekend, SWLRT contractors labored continuously, banging and beeping for 24 hours a day to finish freight rail work before the holiday's end. And as parents and toddlers relish watching the big machines work, the back-up warning signals can be heard from Cedar Point Beach to Kenwood Park and beyond.

The adjacent photo shows the future site of the 21st Street station, where hundreds of truckloads of dirt have compressed the formerly soft soil by two or three inches. Front loaders and dump trucks are currently removing the dirt piles; construction on the station is planned for October.

The COVID-19 and transit equity

SWLRT was designed with the explicit intention of attracting “choice riders” (i.e., people who can choose to drive) from the well-off southwest suburbs, trying to get commuters out of cars and off the freeways. The current pandemic has profoundly altered the ways our society operates, however — how we work, play and travel. We don't yet know how those changes will play out in the long run, but we do know they will present major costs and challenges to our transit system as it currently exists.

While wishing SWLRT success, we know that Metro Transit's bus system serves a much broader population. Where bus rapid transit (BRT) has been put into oper-

SouthWest LRT Construction Continues North



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The view to the North from the Burnham Road Bridge shows the ongoing progress being made on this portion of the Green Line between Minneapolis and Eden Prairie. Pieces of heavy equipment have moved and compacted tons of earth in this area to support the Light Rail Service. The West 21st Street Station construction, near

ation, both ridership and customer satisfaction have increased significantly. BRT offers key benefits of light rail at a considerably lower price.

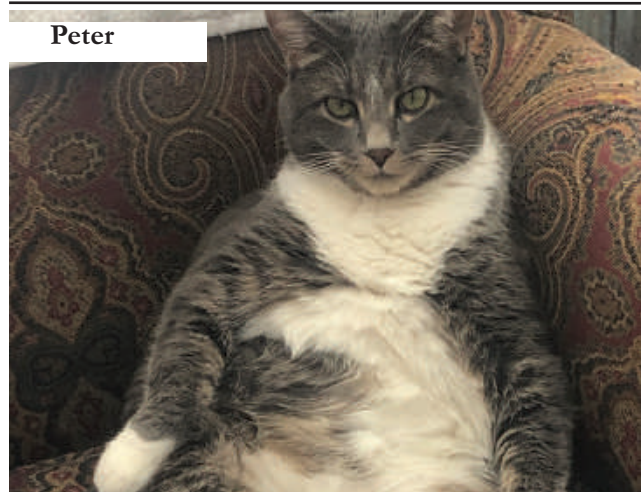
Unfortunately, BRT hasn't attracted the generous funding that SWLRT has. Two of Metro Transit's highest ridership bus routes (Routes 5 and 21, operating primarily on Chicago and Lake Street) — routes that serve diverse communities — have been waiting for “just” \$55 million from the State of Minnesota to complete BRT funding packages. The bonding bill has stalled over partisan divisions related to Governor's Walz's pandemic emergency powers, so the B- and D-Lines continue to wait.

Considering the other demands on state resources, a better source of equitable transit funding is the Hennepin County Transportation Sales and Use Fund. Created in 2017 and capitalized primarily by a half-cent sales tax, this fund generated about \$135 million in 2019 (\$115-\$120 projected for 2020). Nearly all of that money is earmarked for light rail. With the temporary

suspension of the proposed Bottineau light rail planning, it's not clear why the BRT lines continue to be excluded from this source of transit funding. Inquiries to Commissioners Marion Greene and Angela Conley have gone unanswered.

In Sum...

In the radically changed world of 2020, everyone in Minnesota should hope that the \$2 billion spent on a light rail line that runs through some of our most prosperous communities pays off, even as the global pandemic changes the way we think about work, commuting and transit. With the D- and B-Line BRT projects, we also have an opportunity to significantly improve mobility for more transit-reliant communities in a way that's much less expensive than LRT. If the State of Minnesota is unable to pass a bonding bill, it's time for Hennepin County to step up with Transportation Fund dollars to make BRT happen.



Peter



Squirrel Feeder

By Jean Deatrick

We spend a lot of time at home these days:
Here are a couple of our companions.
And yes, we feed the squirrels and the chipmunks.

Hill and Lake Press is doing well, thanks to all of you in our wonderful neighbors who have been supportive with donations and contributions.

A Tree Grows on Hennepin Avenue



A Symbol of Hope

Photo by Dorothy Childers

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

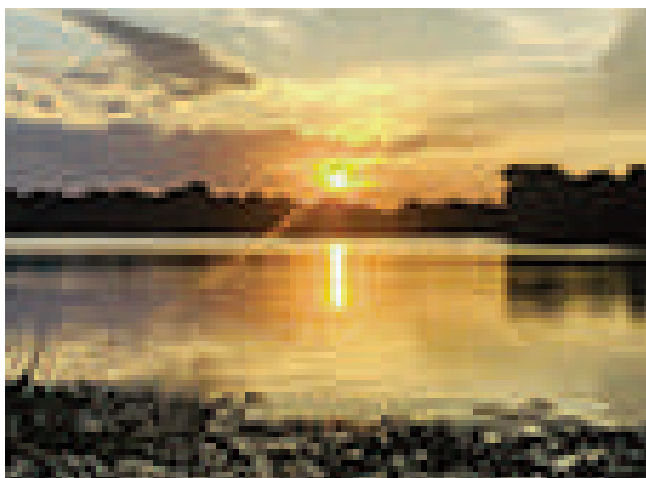
- CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison
- EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church
- KNO: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center
- LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

Because of the coronavirus we are staying home and meeting online, by phone, or by the internet and Zoom. Please check for changed meeting times in ads, in neighborhood minutes, and in neighborhood websites.

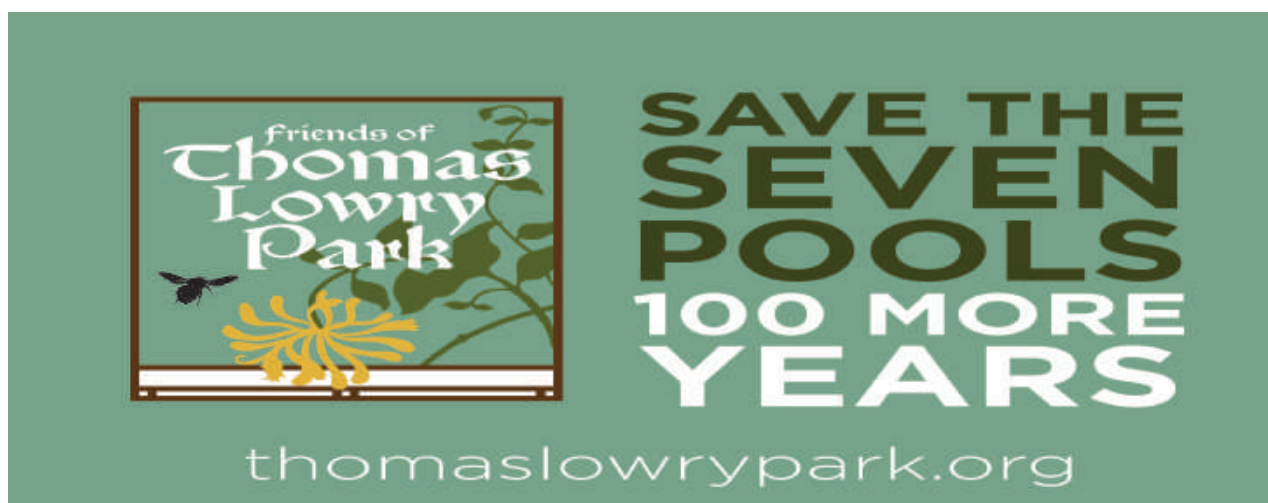
Upcoming Public Events at The Woman's Club

Sunday Brunch – Every Sunday

For more information about these events, please contact the Front Desk (frontdesk@womansclub.org or 612-813-5300)



Lake of Isles photo by Sheri Ettinger



Collection Saturdays Continue

26 September 2020: 10:00am - 4:00pm

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St. Paul's Collection Saturdays continue thanks to all the generous donations! We are so thankful to everyone who has donated to support our outreach partners, Books for Africa, Southside Care Center, St. Stephen's, and Joyce Uptown Food Shelf. Plan to join us again this Saturday, September 26th. Please carefully review the list below, which does change each month, to see how you can help.

Food Shelves: diapers, wipes, deodorant, personal hygiene products, cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, rice, dried beans, canned meats (no used, opened, or expired items, please)

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Some Positive News for a Change.....!!!

By Harvey Ettinger

If any of you have taken a walk around Lake of the Isles (LOI) over the past several weeks, you may have noticed what is hopefully the first phase of a major transformation of the shoreline.

As some of you may recall, the parklands around the lake experienced serious flooding in the mid 1990's, to the degree that wood ramps were constructed by the Minneapolis Park Board at many locations along the walking path which were under water.

From 2001-2009, the parklands underwent a \$9 million renovation which included a total restoration of the shoreline with all new plantings, installation of new walking and bike paths, new turf grass, decorative shrub beds, planting of hundreds of new trees. To address the flooding, the parklands at multiple locations were raised 3' (100 yr flood plain) which has been very successful.

The Renovation Project Master Plan (overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) called for plantings along the shoreline not to exceed 2-3' in height.

Unfortunately, certain varieties (Bankers-Arctic Willow grows 4-6') were planted by mistake as part of Phase 1 (East Isles). Despite exceeding height guidelines, they were also installed in Phases 2 (North Arm-West Bay) and 3 (West-South shore) resulting in the loss of wonderful views-vistas at many locations around the lake.

Though the Park Board formally announced that the project was completed in 2009, issues including the status of the shoreline remained unresolved. In order to address shoreline management concerns, a committee made up of representatives from each of the four neighborhoods around the Lake (East Isles (EIRA), Lowry Hill (LHRA), Kenwood-Isles (KIAA) and Cedar-Isles-Dean (CIDNA) was formed and met over a two year period. In 2011, the Citizens Joint Review Committee for the Lake of the Isles Renovation Project (2001-2009) submitted a comprehensive report including an overview of the project with recommendations to the then newly appointed MPRB Superintendent, Jayne Miller (see attachment).

The report was well received and over the years, a number of the issues raised were addressed in whole or in part. However, since project completion, there has been a continuing problem with management of the shoreline vegetation and trees resulting in the loss of substantial views to the lake at many locations including park benches. Occasional efforts were initiated and a plan was required by SHPO to cut the tall shoreline plantings twice a year. This approach had some degree of success but was ultimately discontinued without explanation by the Park Board. In 2018, The East Isles Residents Association paid the MPRB to cut the entire shoreline within its borders (W 22nd st to the north) which was successful but as in the past, most of the vegetation quickly grew back. The Committee continued to meet with Park Board staff in the hope that these and other issues would be addressed but were met with mixed results.

With changes in personnel at the MPRB over the past year, Committee representatives met with the new "crew" leader assigned to oversee maintenance at LOI. Unlike previous managers, she had a strong interest in addressing maintenance of the shoreline which was totally aligned with our objectives. We also recently met at the lake with the new MPRB Director of Assets to further discuss our concerns. As a result, we are hoping that the work now going on will include development a long term maintenance plan for the shoreline/parklands to ensure that these unique views and vistas at LOI (and Kenilworth Lagoon) will be sustained into the future and never lost again.

The primary objective is to "Maximize Views to the Lake" which is comprised of two protocols:

- 1) remove varieties of willow that exceed the original Master Plan height guidelines, including reduction in width of the shoreline buffer.
- 2) begin to cutback "volunteer" trees (not planted by the Park Board). - MPRB Forestry to initiate periodic "limbering up" of lower branches of shoreline and parkland trees to further open up views to

NEW VOTERS



New to voting? Don't worry—these steps explain the process.

GO TO YOUR POLLING PLACE

You must vote at your assigned polling place. It is usually located near where you live. Find your polling place at mnvotes.org. Most polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SIGN IN OR REGISTER

If you are registered to vote, your name will be on a list of voters. You just need to write your signature next to your name. If you are registered, you do not need to show ID when you sign in.

If you did not register before Election Day, you must show proof of your current address. For example, you can show a current Minnesota driver's license or state ID. Or you can show a photo ID that has your old address, along with a bill that shows your current address.

For a list of all the types of ID and documents you can bring, visit mnvotes.org.

2020 DATES

VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person June 26 through August 10.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 11 (if necessary)

VOTE EARLY

Vote by mail or in person September 18 through November 2.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3

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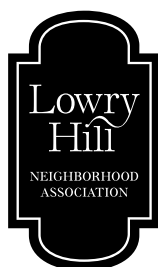
the lake.

This work will be performed with sensitivity to promote the wildlife that regularly inhabit the shoreline areas at LOI and Kenilworth Lagoon.

We plan to report back on future progress working with the MPRB.

Harvey Ettinger
East Isles

Steve Goldsmith
Kenwood-Isles



Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

LHNA Monthly Board Meeting: Oct 6, 2020, 7p.m.

The Board will meet on Zoom. Details for log in will be posted a week prior to the meeting on the LHNA website. All Lowry Hill residents are welcome to attend.

Annual Meeting Update

LHNA will not have an annual meeting this year. Committee chairs will provide reports that will be posted on the web site.



LHNA reminds you to "Leave A Light On" to help deter crime in our neighborhood.

Support neighborhood businesses...

This fall, please support our local Lowry Hill neighborhood businesses. They need you!

For the latest updates, check our website:
lowryhillneighborhood.org

Cedar-Isles Master Plan Update: Project timeline, process and new online meetings scheduled

What's happened so far and how we're moving forward

The Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan (Cedar-Isles Master Plan) will guide improvements and stewardship at Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles and surrounding parkland, parkways and trails for the next 20+ years.

The first three Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings have been scheduled to take the project to the end of the year, but first it may be helpful to take a step back and look at how we got here and the plan moving forward.

Project History

The project was announced in November 2019 and its Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was officially appointed in March 2020 (CAC Roster). The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MRPB) appoints a CAC for every park planning project. The CAC represents views of park users and works collaboratively with each other and the public to provide advice to the Board about the project.

The project was delayed almost immediately following CAC selection due to the pandemic, which impacted the ability to hold in-person meetings and engagement events. The CAC hosted two introductory virtual meetings in July (Meeting Recap) and August (Meeting Recap) to discuss whether to move forward amidst this year's economic and social pandemic impacts, and how to ensure racial equity is incorporated in the process due to these barriers.

The CAC and MPRB staff decided to move forward with virtual CAC meetings and engagement through the end of 2020. We will be regularly evaluating our ability to successfully reach audiences and community members and will pivot and adapt timelines to ensure we accomplish this as we move forward.

Moving Forward

We acknowledge there are a lot of issues facing Minneapolis and its park system right now, including encampments and social and economic instability due to the pandemic. These are legitimate, valid concerns and the entire organization is invested in equitable solutions to help with these issues.

Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles are the last two parks in the entire Minneapolis park system to go through a master planning process. The Met Council, which funds most of the park improvements and repairs at regional parks like Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles, requires an approved master plan to fund future park improvements.

It's important to do the work to create an equitable master plan and continue to care for these popular and well-loved parks, which are part of the most-visited park (Chain of Lakes Regional Park) in the state, with more than 7 million visitors last year. The MPRB and the project CAC will work through the end of the year and then reevaluate the process and results.

Upcoming virtual meeting information is below.

You can also fill out an online survey or participate in the #CedarIsles photo campaign (also see below) to help with the project and share your thoughts on the future of these parks.

Meeting Schedule

CAC Meeting #1

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020

Time: 6-8 pm

Topic: Access

Join the Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/99136148211>

CAC Meeting #2

Date: Monday, Oct. 26, 2020

Time: 6-8 pm

Tentative Topic: History

Join the Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/96653910934>

CAC Meeting #3

Date: Monday, Nov. 30, 2020

Time: 6-8 pm

Tentative Topic: Resiliency

Join the Zoom meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/93455929162>

Having trouble connecting to the meeting? Call Madeline at 612-283-9496

Photo Campaign

There's a new social media photo campaign for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan! Here's how it works:

- Use the hashtag #CedarIsles on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to send us your favorite images of Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles and the surrounding parkland and trails.
- There's a new theme each month. September's theme is Water, so use #CedarIsles to submit your favorite water-themed shots through the end of the month.
- Include a short caption explaining what you like about the content of the image.
- All accounts that tag an image #CedarIsles on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter will be entered into a randomly selected drawing for a \$20 Visa gift card at the end of the month.

Make sure to follow the MPRB on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, we'll share our favorite photos with everyone throughout the campaign!

Community Collaborators

Local grassroots, neighborhood and cultural organizations are invited to help build relationships within different communities in Minnesota and gather community feedback about the Cedar-Isles Master Plan through the Community Collaborator program!

Applicants are encouraged to think creatively about digital or socially distanced outdoor engagement opportunities, due to COVID-19 safety risks. Any proposals that include in-person engagement are expected to follow federal and state safety guidelines. Examples of engagement could include but is not limited to:

- Virtual coffee hour with community members
- Story campaign with video interviews
- Socially distanced outdoor open house
- Online focus group or community conversation

The Community Collaborator initiative is a paid opportunity for groups across the region to convene their own conversations about parks and recreation to inform the design and priorities of the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles area for the next 20-30 years. Proposals will be competitive, and selected applicants will receive funding to implement their idea. Funding will vary from \$500-\$3,000 according to the project idea and proposed budget.

We seek proposals that help broaden voices included within the master plan process. These communities include:

- Cultural communities and/or communities of color
- Renters
- Youth
- Seniors/elders
- People with disabilities
- People who don't currently visit Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Regional Park
- People experiencing homelessness
- Organizations and community groups from across the region

There are two optional pre-proposal information sessions scheduled via Zoom. Please read the application linked below for details. Proposal deadline is Oct. 15, 2020. Work can be completed through April 15, 2021.

Community Collaborator Application [PDF]

To learn more about this project and others, visit www.minneapolisparke.org/planning.

About this project


The Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan will create a 20+ year vision for Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles and the surrounding parkland.

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From the Heights of Machu Picchu, Gazing Down on the Neighborhood By James P. Lenfestey

In the fall of 1978 I found myself gazing down on Machu Picchu. I had been hiking the Inca Trail for days past other Inca ruins, to this revelatory point. In fact, I had been on a walkabout since 1968 to learn as much as I could about the native history of the Americas, a subject utterly absent from my education in spite of the fact that I grew up near two native reservations outside of Green Bay, the Oneida and the Menominee.



In 1969 my wife and I camped around the country in our VW van with

two pre-school children, visiting native nations and historical sites in the Midwest and Southwest, seeking to learn the history and stories left out of my textbooks.

Settling in Minneapolis in 1974, now with three small children, we discovered Paradise, the stable, beautiful, family-friendly neighborhoods around Lake of the Isles, in a thriving, arts-loving city in an open-hearted, open-minded, inclusive state. I taught Native American literature and further studied the history of a Native America I had never been taught.

Which led me to South America and the story of Conquistador Francisco Pizarro, who confronted the mighty Inca civilization, as large north to south as the Roman empire. In 1532, with 188 soldiers and horses and daring treachery, he won. His army would have been easily obliterated by the highly organized Inca generals, but for a mysterious destabilizing pandemic. Smallpox had been accidentally introduced to South America by European coastal slavers. It worked its way inland and struck the heart Inca royal court in Cuzco, killing the Inca emperor and his chosen successor. That calamity led to a devastating civil war of succession into the bitter shambles of which rode Pizarro with his conquering horses and treachery and cross. It was the pandemic that changed everything.

As our beloved city and country reel from the pandemic of 2020, plus the calamities of racial unrest and political corruption at the top of our fragile democracy, the view of Machu Picchu rises in my mind. My free-

dom and prosperity and health care and education and environmental protection and democratic processes and luck allowed me look down from the Inca Trail on an abandoned, forgotten, now rediscovered sacred Inca city carved out of living rock like sculpture.

Why am I telling you this? Because every minute is history, but

some minutes are flex points, when good things or bad things come together, and big change happens.

Minneapolis combines two words, the Lakota Minne, meaning water, and polis, Greek for city. Right now our beloved water city feels instead like terra incognita, the unknown world over the edge of the known horizon. How will the Covid-19 pandemic play out here and around the globe? When will a vaccine arrive? How well will it protect? How will businesses survive another year, and so many workers without jobs or support? Will the downtown ever recover from a Zooming workforce? Will the city recover from racial strife? Will resurgent crime and anarchy be quelled? How will our mayor and city council ensure the absolute necessity of public safety without which no neighborhood or city thrives, but also public justice and reparations? Will the 2020 elections on Nov. 3 allow Gov. Tim Walz to fully succeed? And will it end the corrupt tyranny of Trump/McConnell?

The heart and soul of our city and country are on edge. When I look down from above, I see Minneapolis, our shining water city, divided into islands, our dis-United States at war with itself. Will visitors five hundred years hence look down upon us, and dimly recall our tyranny, our stain of racial slavery, and how everything beautiful fell apart during a pandemic? Or how we survived and prospered, courageously facing the hard facts of our times?

**From: Minneapolis Dept of Public Works
Topic: Virtual Open House**

The City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works will be hosting two upcoming virtual public Open House meetings for the Hennepin South Reconstruction project, which will reconstruct Hennepin Avenue between Douglas Avenue and Lake Street.

The purpose of these meetings will be to present the project background and timeline, introduce potential design concepts, receive public input on the project and answer questions. See attached the postcard that will be shared with tenants and property owners along the corridor.

The meetings will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday, September 22 – 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 30 – 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Links to join the virtual meetings and the meeting materials will be posted on the project webpage prior to the meetings. [meeting.http://www2.minneapolis.gov/cip/futureprojects/HennepinSouth](http://www2.minneapolis.gov/cip/futureprojects/HennepinSouth).

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Base Camp at Cedar Lake



Photo by Dorothy Childers

A crew returning with their equipment after working on an infomercial for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Dakota. The Minneapolis area was chosen to film their project about COVID-19. Two of their locations included a young boy fishing at one of the Cedar Lake points, and a couple walking a dog.

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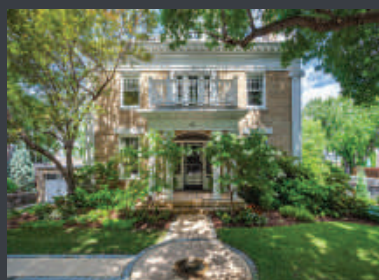


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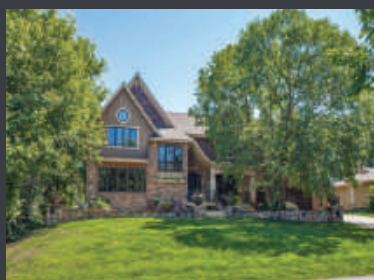
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East Isles Residents' Association

By Jenna Egan

East Isles Residents Association Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7-9 p.m. Online via Zoom

Board Members Present:

Emma Erdahl(President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Eric Barstad (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Erik Anderson (Vice President), Laney Barhaugh, Natasha Dockter, Abbie Ernst, Amelia Steinkraus, Jenna Egan (neighborhood coordinator), John Erlandson

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 City Councilmember
Jono Cowgill, Park Board President, and District 4 Commissioner

Meg Forney, Park Board at-large Commissioner
Debbie Gold (East Isles Farmers Market Chair)
Kate Sandweiss
Jerry Richman
Ellen van Iwaarden (Green Team Co-Chair)

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

Emma Erdahl, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speakers (7:05-7:25)

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Member (10 minutes)

Council Member Lisa Goodman gave the following announcements:

Monthly Luncheons with Lisa will move to Zoom in October and a field trip of the new Dayton's Project in September (to learn more and sign up for Lisa's newsletter, contact Judy Sherin at judy.sherin@minneapolisismn.gov)

Indoor tiny dwelling project to get people out of parks and into an indoor shelter, about 91 private spaces built on Washington Avenue. Lisa will go into more detail in her next newsletter about this project.

National Night Out is September 15th, the city is supporting the efforts and promoting COVID 19 protocols.

Neighborhoods 2020 comment has been extended until September 30th. No CPP or NRP contracted money is being taken away. NRP does have an unspent fund balance of \$17 million dollars, it received a \$750,000 cut, and make up that cut over a long period of time.

There are a number of open spots on board and commissions within the city - 24 boards, 97 positions (in Lisa's newsletter)

Census is now being taken door to door through September 30th.

City budget cuts across the board - first in contracts had to cut another 100 million out of the existing budget. Will result in furloughs and layoffs. 2021 Mayor's Recommended Budget.

Minneapolis voter turnout in this year's State primary had the highest voter turnout in over 50 years.

Update on the Minneapolis Charter Commission - not going to support putting it on the ballot in 2020, the possibility for it to be on the ballot in 2021. (upcoming meeting dates). Lisa hasn't read the letter EIRA submitted regarding the charter. Kate Sandweiss added that she was not part of the EIRA Board's letter regarding the charter and asked the city to continue to work on. Lisa said there are a lot of ideas out there, and they are continuing to work on a plan and our ward gets a lot of privilege because of the representation we have.

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner (10 minutes)

Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene gave the following announcements:

Separate allocation given to the city - is on spent COVID response, public health personal protection equipment, rental assistance, small business assistance. Money is also being spent to school-age kids for connectivity and laptops, school districts, partnerships with CenturyLink. The requirement is spending on items incremental to normal work, expenses prompted by COVID.

The county work on housing - ramped efforts to expand and support shelters to be CDC compliant, serving three meals a day and having a place for the unhoused to go during the day. (signup in the newsletter)

Elections - Tuesday's primary went very well and smoothly. Higher turnout than any turnout in over 30 years. Minneapolis turnout was at 38.7% and East Isles was at 58%. Huge number voting by absentee, 4 years ago there were 2,000 that voted by absentee ballots, this year it was 200,000. No recounts slated. (Learn more by signing up for Hennepin County Commissioner newsletter)

Question by Kate Sandweiss, were there any votes that were not counted? 3% in the past were not counted and this year, the requirement for a second signature was waived. Not sure if that requirement will be waived for the next election.

Question by Erik Anderson, high vacancy rates at homeless shelters? There are vacancy rates at shelters, and outreach is part of the work and letting people know at encampments, as it helps lead to housing and safety. People choose not to go to a shelter because of requirements or having to answer to someone. There are vacancies for families and singles. There have been vacancies every night since March.

Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board President (10 minutes)

Minneapolis Park Board President Jono Cowgill gave the following announcements:

Encampments: Park Board is working on the 400 tents/mini encampments in the city. This has been a large issue since March. The Park Board passed a resolution in July that limits the number of encampments and the size of those encampments. Major concerns are around violence in the encampments and areas that surround them, and working with the unhoused to get them into a stable shelter and housing. This is the first year the park is sanctioned to give camping permits - 14 day permits, one site is at The Mall. The goal is to get people housing that is dignified. Currently, there are 4 permitted sites, and 15 permits pending. Do give notice to parks to help pack up and have contracts to have parks clean up abandoned tents. Three new shelter places to come soon that the city has a big part in. (Learn more here <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/encampments/>).

The Park Board is going through its own budget process. Mayor Frye is proposing a 1.8% levy increase for the Park Board. That does not include the level of service increases. There will be budget cuts, furloughs, wage freezes, impacts to staff, reductions across the department this year, and next year.

Southwest Area Master Plan commenting period is coming to a close soon. Inclined to support what came out of that process. Hopeful and excited to pass that plan such as the shade structure at Triangle Park.

Question by Eric Barstad, how many unpermitted encampments are there? And how will they be disbanded? There are a variety of requirements for permits - schools, 25 tents, tent limits, allow for other uses. There are about 42 encampments in the systems, 4 fully permitted sites (include The Mall). Most of the tents are 1 to 8 in the parks, 20 parks that have more than 10. The process is getting permits to those that comply, and working with folks to get housing.

Question by Jenna Egan, why are there so many tents? Variety of reasons - substance abuse, addiction, some got housing in the past and now back in the parks, folks come in from other states because they heard they have a good chance to get services, evicted before COVID. It's a confluence of circumstances that make it challenging for the city, and it's an issue that has been around the state and we've been seeing it more visibly.

Reports (7:35-8:35)

President's Report: Emma Erdahl, President (10 minutes)

Robert's Rules - introduced in bylaw changes at Annual Meeting included how to run EIRA board

meetings. Each board gets to choose how to run their own meetings and we'll be using Robert's Rules. We will raise our hand via Zoom, and use voice votes for action items - yes, no, abstain.

Website update - working on committee chairs, bios, Eric has offered to look at content management systems, looking at ways to improve the system.

Board member training with Jess Birken is being scheduled. Board members will need to respond to September 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

Committee participation - at the last meeting had board and committee members interested in participating in a committee - NRP, Green Team, BET, Social, Farmers Market, Outreach, and Nominations.

Question from Laney Barhaugh - is interested in housing and unhoused what committee would be the best fit? NRP committee has worked on this and BET committee has also worked on this. New Outreach and Nominations committee looking at reshaping the committee to focus on that issue.

Staff Report: Jenna Egan, Coordinator (10 minutes)

Theatre of Public Policy - Let's Get Uncomfortable to participate and discuss with our neighbors about equity and inclusion, is this something that our association is interested in? The neighborhood would pay for it. Erik and Laney said it's worth moving forward in. Check with volume of interest first in the neighborhood before moving forward. Schedule an initial session and see how it goes. Maybe it could be an annual or biannual event. Kate recommended YWCA training. Check on CPP or NRP funds to get this funded. Jenna will reach out to get a quote and have a resolution at the next board meeting.

Newsletters - monthly newsletter updates

Promoting events and topics through our social media

Updating our website with Erik Anderson

Coordinating with other committees to help with their work

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Degerstrom, Treasurer (10 minutes)

July transaction report - routine transactions, mostly farmer's expenses and deposits, farmer's market merchandise, donorbox sales for Neighborhood Super Sale with credit card processing fee, and turned that option fee off. Funds remain by contract are CPP and Home Security Grants, and paying Farmers Market Manager hours through NPR Sustainable Practices contact

Board to vote to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed with 10 ayes, 0 nays.

BET Committee: Andrew Degerstrom, Chair (5 minutes)

No BET meeting in August. The next meeting will be in September. Been in contact with the Transportation Planning of the City of Minneapolis which is working on the Hennepin Avenue construction project from Douglas Avenue to Lake Street. They'll be having virtual meetings to discuss the project. Have been in touch to come to the next BET meeting and if they were to come, what would they want to get out of the BET committee? And what would we want to get out of the meeting? Looking at having them attend either September, October, or November. Andrew attended the first meeting of the Hennepin South Reconstruction Stakeholder Advisory Committee, East Isles does have a seat on the committee. Talked about engagement with the communities in which everyone serves. Will have a meeting next month.

Outreach & Nominations Committee: Eric Barstad, Chair (5 minutes)

No updates and will schedule a meeting in September.

Farmers Market Committee: Debbie Gold, Co-Chair (5 minutes)

Five Farmers Markets left for the season. The market runs through Sept. 17th. Average of 13 vendors. Attendance is lower than last

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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 9, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone

Coordinator and Writer: Deb Jessen

Absent: Gabriel Andrews, Treasurer Clem Foltz

Invited guests: City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) Inspector Amelia Huffman, Met Council Outreach Coordinator David Davies

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The board approved the minutes from the August 12, 2020, board meeting.

City Council Member (CM) Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa has not yet resumed.

The legislatively required SWLRT annual safety meeting will be held virtually September 30.

The City is looking for board and commission members. CM Goodman said Ward 7 is well represented on city boards, but she needs to appoint someone to the Public Health Advisory Committee. The candidate must have a high level of expertise in public health and/or public health advocacy.

September, National Preparedness Month, promotes family and community disaster planning.

Minnesota began the \$300 a week Lost Wages Assistance Program, backdated to the week of July 26.

Ballots for the general election will be mailed September 18. There are many ways to vote including: early in-person, via U.S. mail, and in-person on election day.

National Night Out will be held September 15. Specific COVID-19 safety protocols must be followed.

Comments on the Neighborhoods 2020 Program Guidelines are due September 30.

Minneapolis began the 45-day comment period for the public to review draft built-form regulations to regulate the scale of new buildings and additions. The deadline is October 19. Most of the CIDNA-area is zoned Residential Interior 1 and a variance will be required to change any current height, floor area, lot coverage or impervious surfaces of those current structures and lots.

Guest Speaker, MPD Fifth Precinct Inspector Amelia Huffman

Inspector Huffman provided a summary of CIDNA-area crime (posted at www.cidna.org). Property and violent crime have increased here, as it has city-wide, but the number of crimes is similar to 4-5 years ago. There have been thefts from vehicles and yards, and burglaries (which involve breaking into a building) occurring mostly in multi-unit buildings' common areas: storage areas, parking garages, laundry rooms. Criminals follow cars or people into their buildings. Auto theft is up significantly. Thieves find car fobs or keys in unlocked cars and use them to steal the car. Toyota Prius cars parked on the street are targeted for theft of their catalytic converters.

Violent crime here is low — only 0.22% of city-wide total. There have been 8 occurrences YTD in CIDNA, including 4 robberies early in the year. There were 2 assaults, neither by strangers. Across the 5th Precinct, with north Lowery Hill a hot spot, there is a pattern of groups of juveniles as young as 13-15 approaching people on the street or in a parking lot, robbing them, sometimes showing a gun, and using stolen cars to get away. There have been a number of arrests. MPD is shrinking in size; there are now about 8

officers on each of the Fifth Precinct's three shifts, a decline of about 20 percent. Due to COVID-19, Hennepin County has withdrawn from the COPE program, in which social workers partnered with specially trained MPD officers out of uniform in unmarked cars.

Officers want to connect with residents in authentic, informal ways. Huffman suggests contacting Jessica Kawas, Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, at jessica.kawas@minneapolismn.gov for tips on community safety.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Annual Meeting will be by Zoom on October 14.

Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the Minnesota State Constitution amendment he and Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari have proposed: to give every child in Minnesota an equal right to a quality education.

Board members will be elected. Interested CIDNA members will be notified shortly about the nomination process, including a link to the nomination form. The form must be completed by all interested nominees, including existing Board members, by September 25, to be included in the slate provided at the meeting, although candidates can be nominated from the floor.

The Board voted to ask the membership to approve an amendment to CIDNA's Bylaws changing the fiscal year from June 1-May 31 to the calendar year. The Board discussed an amendment establishing term limits for both Board members and officers and decided to revisit the issue after the October Annual Meeting.

Census 2020: Rosanne reported on the work of the committee tasked to carry out Census 2020 outreach work funded by a Minneapolis Foundation Census Grant. They have identified and are in the process of contacting representatives in all multi-unit buildings in the neighborhood. Those contacted so far have cooperated in posting Census and CIDNA information in their buildings. CIDNA has long known the importance of gathering multi-unit contact information for outreach purposes. With the help of the grant money, we are now able to achieve that goal. Rosanne reminded all to complete their Census form and to ask their friends and family to do so as well.

Transportation Committee

David Davies, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Met Council, and Brian Runzel, Director of Construction at the Met Council, addressed the three potentially fatal accidents that have occurred in the first year of SWLRT construction. Met Council imposes no financial penalty on contractors for accidents, even if fatal, although they do if construction falls behind schedule. Met Council prefers to require corrective action. In the case of the crane collapse, the crane operator was fired, the piler operator was fined and suspended without pay. Met Council established new procedures, including for closer communication and authorization of all employees to halt work at any point if they see an error is occurring. Neither MNDOT nor MN-OSHA recommended any further action beyond those taken. Claire noted that while the community understands that the project is complex, there is concern that a pattern of potentially deadly accidents is developing and continuing. A copy of Met Council communications to MN-OSHA was requested.

Dave and Brian apologized for the lack of notice to residents for the 24 hour, extremely noisy work conducted overnight during Labor Day weekend. Dave will broaden the scope of such notices in the future.

Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

Deb noted a change in her September schedule.

CIDNA's plan modification request has been approved by the City, so the board approved CIDNA's revised 2020 budget that reflects the plan modification.

Treasurer's Report, Clem Foltz

Deb gave the treasurer's report in Clem's absence. The August financial report reflects the plan modification and includes a new monthly budget report.

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Amanda proposed a virtual Art Mart to promote local artists and honor staff at Jones-Harrison. Artists can apply between September 21 and October 12 to

donate artwork for a weekly drawing for staff members to take place October 2 – December 25. The Virtual Art Mart will take place on November 28, via Facebook Live. The board approved a budget of up to \$200 for the project.

September's Take a Look at CIDNA (TLC) Facebook photo theme is Backyard Candid Family Fun. Amanda said there has been an increase in Facebook views since TLC began.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

Evan does not think a CIDNA response is necessary to the City's draft built-form regulations, but said it is an important step for the 2040 plan.

The condominium planned for Excelsior Boulevard and Lake Street will include retail on the first floor.

Communications Committee, Dean Kephart

The TLC postcard has been mailed.

The committee will meet the third Monday of the month at 1:00, via Zoom. Ben Suker is a new committee member. Dean plans to continue work on the neighborhood survey.

Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck and James Reid.

Claire said the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has delayed releasing the draft Parks for All Comprehensive Plan because MPRB executive leadership, who were focusing on tent encampments, were not able to review it. Accordingly, CIDNA will reschedule its September 29 Parks for All Community Collaborator event, and the October 29 event if necessary.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Detour on the Lake Street sidewalk continues. USI Communications has torn out the sidewalk to install an underground cable to the apartment and units to the north. Pedestrians must use a secured area in the street. A new curb has been placed for the drive serving the area to the north, soon to be paved.

Old Business, Mary Pattock: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting and will be held virtually on: Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Those who wish to participate should email: info@cidna.org.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

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year. COVID plan has been successful. Reimbursement from the city is about \$700.00. Revenue is \$37,000.00. Total operating expenses are lower than last year. So far, \$25,000 in net profit. The next committee meeting will be in October.

Green Team: Ellen van Iwaarden, Chair (5 minutes)

Fifteen people attended the Midtown Greenway clean-up. September or October will be a Lake of the Isles clean-up. Neighborhood Super Sale, Saturday, September 12th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The sale is in partnership with Lowry Hill. COVID protocols will be in place. Update on pop-up ice cream social, the parks are not giving permits for events. So looking at hosting it on private property. Thanks, Becky and Emma for putting up the Super Sale with the fliers.

Open Forum (8:25-8:30)

Andrew: Still missing a few Conflict of Interest forms from board members and committee members. Contact info from board members for the 1023 application, still missing one board member.

Jenna: Board profiles, still missing a couple, please get those in.

Erik: Public safety forum? What does that look like going forward? Eric Barstad said it is still a priority, and it's something that will be developing at the next Outreach and Nominations committee meeting.

Natasha: How do we subscribe to the EIRA newsletter? Jenna responded on how to do that.

Adjourn

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Lowry Hill Residents Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2020 Internet Enabled Remote (Zoom) Meeting Jennifer Wirwick Breitinger called meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Board members present: Jennifer Wirick Breitinger, Kathleen Bottini, Justin Baylor, Toni D'Eramo, Bob Hinck, Thomas Regnier, Sam Ellingson, Fran Davis, Lee Switzenberg, Craig Wilson, Chas Scheiderer.

Other attendees: Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Councilwoman; Amy Morgan, Minneapolis Associate Transportation Planner, Courtney Kiernat representing the Peris Project, and Elizabeth Schaffer for Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. In addition, we had numerous Lowry Hill residents in the meeting for part or all of the time.

Lisa Goodman provided a community update:

National night out is planned for September 15. Mail-in balloting is starting soon; vote early.

The city's public information officer has been eliminated; the police department crime statistics must be cleared by the city Communications Department before being sent. Contrary to the perception of many, the August Lowry Hill crime statistics show a decrease in crimes against property and crime to persons. The use of "violence interrupters" has proven useful, most recently with communications concerning the incident on Nicollet Mall.

Lisa also explained the city budget has been reduced by \$165 million; much of the reduction will be accomplished through staff cuts. Many questions concerning the future funding of programs will be answered when the city budget is completed.

Jennifer mentioned she has received numerous calls from residents expressing their concern regarding safety in our neighborhood. A discussion followed concerning recent incidents in Lowry Hill. Lisa explained that the number one job of the city is public safety. The highest priority the city should have is to find a solution so residents feel safe. Residents need to be comfortable calling the police. She encourages residents to contact public officials to express concerns.

Lisa is planning a lunch with Lisa event that will hopefully feature socially distanced tout of the Dayton's project downtown.

Elizabeth Schaffer provided an update for the Thomas Lowry Park Seven Pools Project:

Construction start is delayed until next spring, primarily due to the need for city staff to analyze the proposals and complete due diligence on bidders. Staff was not able to complete the work due to their time being needed on other serious park matters. The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board are funding approximately one-third of the cost. The MPRB is expected to vote on the project September 16. Elizabeth thanked The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association for its leadership and support.

Courtney Kiernat provided an update for the Peris Project:

Construction of the Peris Hill Apartments located where the Bradstreet Craffhouse was is expected to start September 21; the planned opening is October 2021.

Amy Morgan introduced the Franklin Avenue resurfacing project:

Franklin Avenue from Hennepin west to Penn Ave. will be resurfaced in 2021. There will be future updates concerning the construction as well as the striping design. Amy is part of the team looking to improving safety on Franklin Ave. as well as bringing the street into alignment with the city long term plans that expect fewer car trips and more bike trips. The design will have to address the balance of parking and bicycling.

Some board members as well as residents expressed their concern that many streets are adding little used bike lanes at the expense of motor vehicle lanes and



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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes Monday, September 14, 2020

KNO Board met on September 14, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 7:pm

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Kyle Leier, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt and Angie Erdrich

Also present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Jono Cogwill (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner), SWLRT Community Outreach Coord David Davies,

KNO Coord. Amanda Vallone

Not present: Kenwood Park Director Marc Holtey
Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Nichols moved approval of the agenda and Evelyn Turner seconded. Motion passed.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Tour of the Dayton's Project will be beginning of October. Date to be released soon.

parking. Residents are encouraged to make their opinions known by contacting public officials.

Treasurer's report by Toni D'Eramo:

Nothing new to report. The neighborhood garage sale costs will be split with East Isles.

Crime and Safety

We will contact the police liaison and encourage herald the Inspector for the fifth precinct to attend all future LHNA board meetings.

We had another discussion regarding the recent car jacking attempts which are making residents feel less safe. We will look for ways we can communicate with neighbors to improve safety. Safety tips are on the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association web site.

Communications and Events:

The LHNA and EIRA Neighborhood Super Sales is scheduled for September 12.

After discussion concerning the annual meeting we decided to wait until next year for the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded:

We will not have an annual meeting this year. Committee chairs will provide reports that will be posted on the web site.

Motion Passed.

We will send a fundraising appeal to the neighborhood. Jennifer will write a letter explaining the annual meeting and request funds.

We have one board opening we plan to fill.

The next meeting will be October 6 at 7 P.M. via Zoom.

Legislative Annual Rail Safety Meeting on September 30th virtual.

The City is looking for someone to be on the Public Health Advisory Committee that Lisa Goodman will be appointing to represent in Ward 7.

Senior Advisory Committee (Over 50)

Ballots will be mailed as early as September 17th. You will need to request a ballot.

The City is still looking for Cannabis Party and Republican Party election judges.

Comment period has been extended to September 30th for the Neighborhood 2020.

Question - Evelyn: Neighborhoods 2020 What is open for comments? Answer: Draft program guidelines and funding is what is being asked to comment on.

Park Update – Jono Cowgill

The Park Board has approved a 1.18% tax levy increase. There will still need to be a reduction in service staff as this levy increase will not cover this. The park board won't be able to plant as many trees next year which will lead to a push for community support to continue the tree levy.

Priorities will be made with youth programming and keeping Rec Center staffing for the upcoming budget.

The Board also passed the Ecological Systems Plan which will assist in maintaining sustainable spaces with native species.

SW Master Plan will be coming forward in mid October and is inclined to support the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Question – Evelyn – Very few people are wearing masks on LOI or social distancing you have to walk off the path. Bicycle traffic has increased as well. How to deal with this with upcoming winter?

Question – Will – What will happen with the tree stumps down by East Cedar Lake Beach? What will become the extended shoreline now that the trees are gone? Now that there is extra shoreline how can we help direct the flow of the kayaks, canoeing and beaching these watercrafts at East Cedar Beach? Can we budget out a sign to encourage and direct boat traffic to dock on the north side of the beach? Answer – Jono- There is a budget for stump grinding so will look into that and get an answer.

Question- Mark – What is happening with the delay on the planning process for Parks for All? Answer – Jono - Expect to have votes on the Comp plan early next year.

SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.

Labor Day weekend had some successes and deficiencies for the work that was done in terms of commu-

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nication.

21st Street project on the whole was a success. Lake Street restricted to 10pm and the 21st street Southern part of the corridor was not communicated to and sincere apologies go out to the residents that were affected by the overnight hours. The communications should have been more conservative in the area that was communicated with adjacent to the corridor.

During the normal construction hours there is not much noise restrictions that can be made to the Contractor.

Since the crane incident the contractor has been ingrained on making sure that multiple eyes on equipment moving through the corridor or adjacent to a corridor and public right of way.

The reason why over work had to happen over Labor Day weekend was the work could not get done within the normal construction hours due to the scope of work as well as the freight rail outage that was scheduled.

FTA announcement on SWLRT funding here Rail Safety

City of Minneapolis is coordinating the upcoming September 30th meeting revolving around Rail Safety.

Questions are being asked of the community to be addressed at this upcoming meeting.

Question – Jeremy - Are we talking about rail safety during construction, after construction and when rail is in use with freight and light rail?

East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud

East Cedar Beach had a peaceful summer and continued to be a place for families and the community to gather outdoors.

Next month there will be a report from Lt. Noble regarding the crime report at ECLB.

How can we engage the north end of the beach with the Park Board to put into use? Looking for resident input.

Reduce police funding for patrolling and continue to increase programming for community engagement id the goal for 2021.

Question – Melinda – What kind of programming happens during the colder months? Melinda would love to help in a winter program down by the beach.

Kenilworth Channel Naturalization and Shoreline Stabilization Project

https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/kenilworth-channel-stabilization/

CAC project page here**FRIENDS**

How do you feel?

Isn't all this just unreal?

In March we got the COVID word-

Now it's August- that seems absurd!

What have you done

To have some summer fun?

I have stayed pretty close to home-

No place I care to run!

We at Quality Coaches are getting by-

If you need some help give us a try;

Until things get better, no place to fly- When I see the news I want to cry!

In October, I will start year forty-nine, By my reckoning I am doing fine- Somehow after all this time, I can't seem to find the finish line!

I think I just carry the auto lust-

Thankfully I haven't begun to rust-

I am glad I haven't lost your trust,

And the pandemic hasn't caused me to go bust!

My building has wooden masks over the glass windows-BE SAFE- they say!

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Upcoming CAC meeting links here

Encampment Update

MPRB encampments status/updates here

City of Minneapolis - Homelessness Response page here

Questions

Mark Brown– Would like to follow up for a community forum that's not a board mtg to discuss livability issues? It's been 4 years since a survey has been conducted and it is about time. Survey? Events? Should a special meeting be planned and should we shoot for October and what should the focus be.

Jeremy – Concerns about increase in crime. Amanda Vallone suggested inviting Jessica Kawas, Crime Prevention Specialist to October's meeting to discuss safety tips and crime stats.

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

Will give full update next month.

Board Motion –

Discussion about moving the meeting up to an earlier start time was suggested.

Evelyn Turner made a motion to move the Kenwood Neighborhood Organizations meeting to begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm. Matt Spies 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Motion passes and will be announced to the public on KNO website, fb page and

email blast.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 9:03pm.

Action Between Meetings - All

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues

- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment

- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety

- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events

- Contract consultant to assist with communication/c

Updates: Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on October 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. via GoTo Virtual Meeting. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodmpls.org

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Open Letter to Supporters of Antone Melton-Meaux

My name is Lacy Johnson, and I am writing to appeal for your vote in the November 3 general election.

In last month's primary over 63 thousand of you voted in the Democratic primary to change our district's representation in Washington to a voice for solutions, a voice in service to the district, and a voice for priorities that we share. With your vote, I can win the general election and deliver on that desire.

Representative Omar had a chance to appeal for your vote but chose instead to characterize you as pawns of "organized money". This accusation disrespects your genuine desire for change and underscores how readily she resorts to disturbing anti-Semitic tropes. It also reminds us of Representative Omar's belief her job is to represent herself, her new husband's Washington consulting firm, and a hardened set of activists, not you -- her constituents in Minnesota's 5th district.

It is now my turn to appeal to your sense of reason, decency, and priorities. Undoubtedly, we will have disagreements as even the closest of friends do, but I want to assure you that my door will be open to ALL of you to hear your concerns and engage in a full and honest discussion as to how to best achieve what we want for our families, our community, and our country.

I came to Minnesota forty years ago to attend the University of Minnesota and Brown Institute of Technology, and I have spent over three decades as a technology manager in leading Minnesota companies, including Control Data, Northwest Airlines, and Xcel Energy. I retired from corporate life a few years ago to focus on building companies in North Minneapolis and encouraging entrepreneurship. I have been blessed with my wife Betty and our two sons and community support earned through decades of service. The tremendous hope, promise, and enthusiasm that I see in our youth is only dampened by the dysfunction and division I witness coming from our political leaders. That is why I am running for Congress. I'm not a politician, but I am a believer that a government that focuses its attention and resources on a few critical tasks can be a positive instrument for change.

In the months to come, you will be hearing more from me. I share with you a love of freedom, along with an appreciation that freedom brings alongside a sense of duty and responsibility.

*Yours Truly,
Lacy Johnson*

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As of today, September 8th, there are only 22 days left to complete the 2020 census. Participating in the census is critical to the future of our communities, our economy and our safety. Not only does the census count determine our political representation, but data that is obtained by the census also helps to allocate over \$800 billion in federal resources that our communities rely on. Programmatic support for services like SNAP, CHIP, Head Start and housing and food assistance all rely on population statistics derived from the census. In addition to political representation and resources that help support community, the census also effects our economy and public safety. When businesses are determining where to place new offices or factories, they rely on census data. When real estate developers are deciding where to build new homes, apartment complexes or

affordable housing, they too rely on the data from the census. City planners and public safety and health officials also rely on census data to ensure their emergency preparedness during times of crises. During the COVID-19 pandemic, census data was used to determine how many ventilators were needed in Minnesota. Our transportation systems, our roads and even our parks are dependent upon accurate census data.

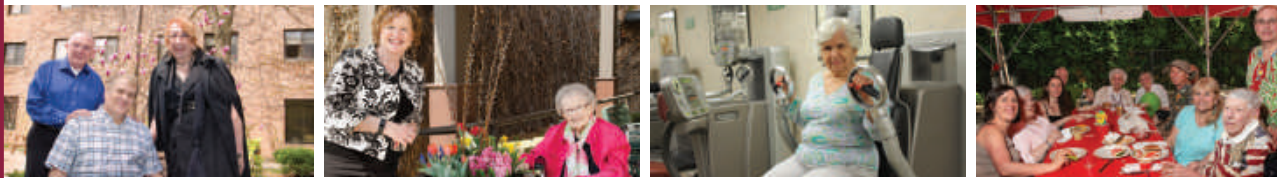
In Minneapolis, we currently have several neighborhoods that are beneath a 50% census response threshold, which if not counted could have long lasting and devastating impacts on our communities. Without an accurate count, our city will go the next decade without the proper resources that are needed to meet our needs. Historically, children under 5 are the larger undercounted group in the nation and are too often left off of the

census form.

If you haven't yet completed the census: Be sure to complete the census for you, your entire family and for your community. You can get counted today by visiting my2020census.gov or calling 1-844-330-2020 where assistance is provided in several languages. Make sure that you include every person that is living in your household.

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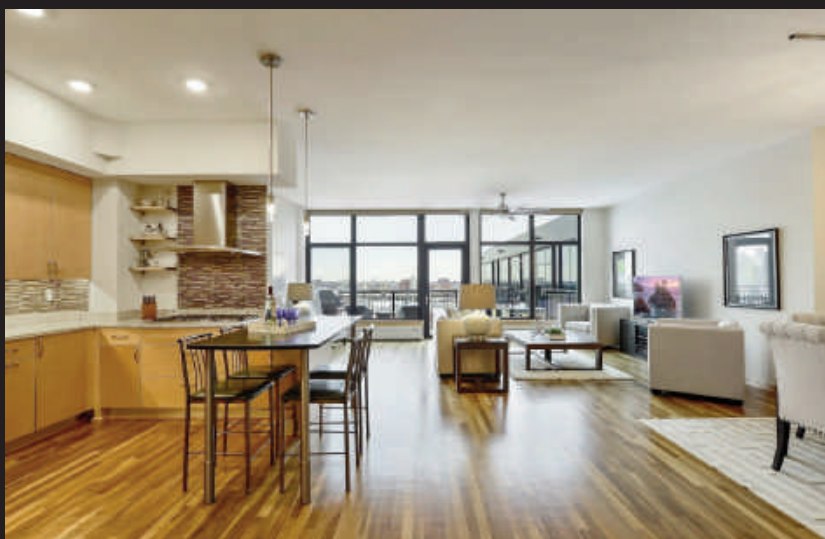


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