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Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season to all of our friends, neighbors, and advertisers.



Cedar Lake Park Association: Thirty Years of Citizen Activism

By Neil Trembley

In 1989 a group of citizen activists banded together to create a nature conservancy out of an old abandoned railroad yard just north of Cedar Lake. They claimed it, named it, and raised over \$500,000 to save the land for public use. They raised another half a million dollars to help fund an award-winning trail that would wind its way along the edge of the park. Since then day thirty years ago, the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) has continued its mission to “Nurture Nature.” Here are some of activities in the park the group carried out in 2019.

Over one thousand native-species flora were planted last spring in the Cedar Lake Prairie —continuing an effort that started in 1998. This year’s rains fostered tremendous new growth. Since the earth there is mostly gravel and railroad fill, the survival rate for new plants is usually about 25%, but this year the rate has been 70%. While your basements may not have like all the rain, the prairie sure did.

Efforts continue around the lake to beat back the buckthorn. Battalions of volunteers have slashing and uprooting this pernicious pest. These efforts have produced a large area of open space, especially on the east side of the lake, and we’ve been quick to replace the buckthorn with native trees and shrubs to create a healthier biome.

On the educational front, years of effort have led to an officially designated School Forest in the area around East Cedar Lake (Hidden) Beach. Working with the Kenwood Elementary School, CLPA has created a place for students to come and learn about the natural environment—as well as learn how to dig in the dirt. They have planted and “seed bombed” areas to promote healthy growth. These young people will be the future stewards of Cedar Lake Park.

The Mound Project has entered its fifth year. Our plan to eradicate buckthorn and establish a more balance and verdant plant life around the Mound on the north side of the lake has been successful. Under the auspices of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB), CLPA has partner with Prairie Restoration Inc. in this effort. We provided funding and a vision of what we hoped the Mound can become: a more open and inviting space where people can come and reflect. We are pondering another long-term plan for the area.

CLPA has been working on documenting developments in the Kenilworth Corridor. A few years ago, we purchased a Go-Pro camera and took videos of the corridor. Our thought was to provide a history of what the Kenilworth Corridor was before the construction of the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT). Recently we



Path at Cedar Lake

Photo by Dorothy Childers



“CLPA Volunteers planted over 1,000 native specie flowers and grasses in the Cedar Lake Park Prairie in May 2019”

went out and shot footage of what has happened this year as clearing has begun in advance of construction. We will be out there once construction is over so we can get a “before, during, and after” view of the corridor. We also commissioned paintings of the corridor and we plan on making prints of them to put up in the corridor.

We still have items on our plate.

CLPA has been in the forefront calling for the Met Council and Hennepin County to cede the thirty-eight acres of remnant land in the Kenilworth Corridor to the MPRB. This is land purchased for construction of the SWLRT, but not needed once the project is complete.

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"Observations: A Sense of Place"
Paintings by Chris Childers

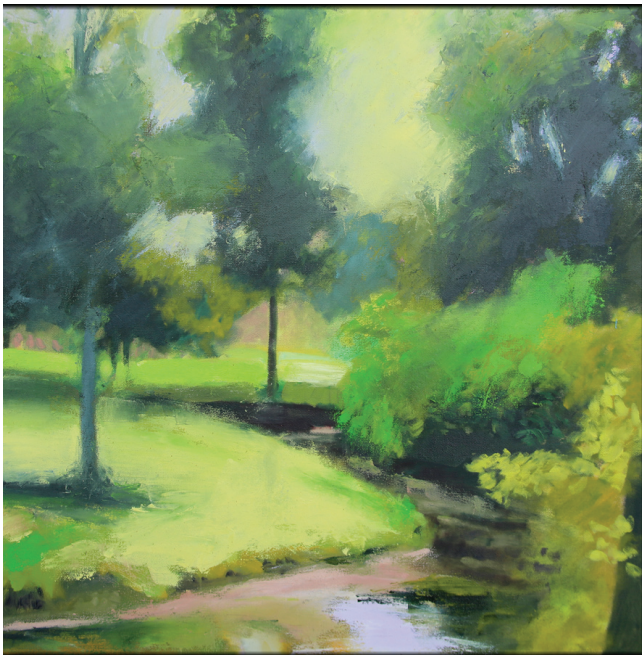


Photo by Dorothy Childers

Chris Childers' paintings will be featured in an art exhibition at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis from January 6th through March 9th, 2020. His images are impressionistic oil paintings of Midwest landscapes depicting places he has visited. Chris was a long-time resident of Lowry Hill where he grew up. An artist reception will be held on January 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, open and free to the public. The Woman's Club of Minneapolis is located at 410 Oak Grove Street. www.womansclub.org

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORH
Chris Childers paintings at the Woman's Club: Jan. 6 through March 9th. Artist reception Jan. 9, 5:30 to 7pm.
Annual ice-skating party with CIDNA, EIRA, LHNA, and KNO is January 26, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Lake of the Isles.
Lunch with Lisa, January 29, 2020.

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

Next Lunch with Lisa is on January 29, 2020, with guest presenter Frank Martin, landscape historian. He will be presenting and showing a slide show on the Historic Grand Rounds

Later with Lisa December 9 at City Club Apartments
By Jean Deatrck



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Left to right: La Donna Meinecke, John Beal, Barbara Brin, Jean Deatrck, Lisa Goodman, Ryan Smith, and Lindsay Terzich.

What a night! Again Lisa hosted a fabulous winter event. And it really was winter. We walked the wrong way and were very cold from wind and snow by the time we found the right building. We parked at the Hilton and were right across the street so it should have been easy. How could we not have seen the City Club sign across the street? When we arrived we were greeted by hosts who took our coats and showed us to the elevators to the top of the building where we enjoyed beverages and delicious Hors d'oeuvres.

A highlight of the evening was that we were invited to tour apartments. City Club Apartments promotes smaller ways of living. We saw a very small apartment, and another two-bedroom. Both interesting. Another highlight was that there were many attendees who lived in downtown and in Loring Gables. We met interesting people, neighbors, friends, important people. Such a great social evening.

It was a fun opportunity to chat with Lisa Goodman our great Council Member who continues to help make Minneapolis an exciting and good place to live.

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Meet Your Neighbor, Dan Rice and Bar Brava

By Craig Wilson

Meet Your Neighbor, Dan Rice, the natural wine enthusiast and co-owner of Bar Brava, Minneapolis' first natural wine bar located at 1914 N Washington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411 (www.barbravamn.com).

Where did you grow up and attend school? I grew up in Apple Valley and studied Finance and International Business at the U of M. The highlight of college was a fantastic and hugely formative study abroad experience in Barcelona, Spain.

What was your career path to wine? It was NOT the typical one. I came to wine because I loved learning the stories of the producers/vignerons and understanding how they literally put their passion into the bottle.

What is Bar Brava? Minneapolis first natural wine bar!

What is natural wine? Natural wine is wine made with organically farmed grapes and no additives, chemicals or preservatives. Like organic produce or food, many people find natural wine to taste better and to be healthier than conventional wine, which is often heavily processed with additives.

How can people best be introduced to and experience natural wine at Bar Brava? Stop by on Tuesday from 4-6 PM when we offer "flight school", which is typically 3-4 wines for \$20 with some wine knowledge to boot. We host with a round table format and provide snacks.

Where is Bar Brava located? Bar Brava is just a hop and skip from the Hill Lake area—literally one exit north (Broadway) on I-94 from Hennepin-Lyndale in Lowry Hill. We are located at the intersection of Washington Ave and Broadway, right next to the old BJ's bar at 1914 N Washington Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411 (www.barbravamn.com).

Bar Brava



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County Board Adopts 2020 Budget

The Hennepin County Board approved a 2020 budget of \$2.5 billion. The budget includes an \$869 million net property tax levy, a 4.75% increase from 2019.

The budget focuses on reducing disparities that impact many residents in the areas of education, employment, health, housing, income, justice and transportation.

In addition to investments in public safety and transit, examples of some key budget drivers include:

- Child well-being – continuing to transform the child welfare system to a child well-being model
- County workforce – recruitment and retention of diverse county employees
- Shelter – increasing investment in shelter, to improve and expand service, and better support people securing permanent housing
- Elections – preparing for the 2020 presidential election and addressing election security
- Census 2020 – establishing the Complete Count Committee 2020 to maximize the number of county residents surveyed in the 2020 census
- Service centers – meeting increased demand and providing better customer and employee experience
- Affordable housing – establishing unprecedented funding for affordable housing and continuing investment strategies that spur the creation and preservation of affordable housing
- Sustainable future – completing a carbon emis-

sions inventory study that will empower the county to act on reducing our carbon footprint

More about the budget process

Budget adoption follows more than six months of budget preparation and hearings.

View details at hennepin.us/budgets.

Rabbi Michael Lerner presents Revolutionary Love: A Political Manifesto to Heal and Transform the World

Wednesday, January 29, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

Cynthia Anderson presents Home Now: How 6000 Refugees Transformed an American Town

Thursday, January 9, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

Chris McCormick launches The Gimmicks

Tuesday, January 7, 7:00pm at Magers & Quinn Booksellers

TIPS FOR MID-WINTER SURVIVAL

By James P. Lenfestey

Winter has fallen hard on HPLand. Though not as rigorous as winters of yore, still a couple dozen degrees below zero puts a crunch in your boot step, you betcha. So here are a few tips that have allowed the Urban Coyote not only to survive but thrive when the neighborhood is cold temperature-challenged.

Men — Grow a beard. I learned this lesson the winter of 1968-9. My wife, baby and I had rented an old farmhouse for \$90/month on the wrong side of the tracks in River Falls where I was a brand-new instructor in the art of the English language. Walking home from work that winter sent me trudging across an open field where the Western Wind sang into my teeth with neither house nor tree to distract it. I felt my face was going to fall off! The next summer we set out to visit anti-war refugee friends who decamped to Vancouver Island, our first stop a treeless campground on the banks of the Missouri River. The next morning I dipped my razor in the cold waters of the Missouri. Ouch! That was the end of my shaving. Flash forward to the winter of 1970, no less glacial (we brought our new baby daughter home in -35 degrees F). Yet when I walked across that same windswept field, my face was no longer cold. Bonus: a beard keeps one's face cool in the summer as well!

Women — Do NOT grow a beard! Even in our neighborhood of relentlessly good progressive activism, neighbors might have a hard time with the womanbeard (but if circus sideshow work is your dream job, go for it). Instead wrap your face in a soft scarf exposing only eyes and frozen lashes. You too will survive the winter in medieval style.

Shovel snow. I have long been a proponent of this healthful, rhythmic exercise, in

spite of convincing data that it induces heart attacks in geezerly males of the species. I have written ecstatic poems praising it. True, when our last child left the house for college, we immediately hired a service. But I do miss the rhythm of the blade, the thrust in the snow, the aching back, the exhausted nap.

Read a long novel. Some say summer is novel time, a beach read. But why read on the beach when you can swim! Winter is the Season of the Big Novel. Get up in the dark, read in the dark, go to bed in the dark, *Moby Dick's* ocean waves leaping before you, Captain Ahab at the helm leading you on toward disastrous whiteness.

Take a winter trip. But not South, murky with humidity and backward politics. Instead, trek North! For nearly 30 years my posse of friends has snowshoed along Superior's North Shore in February, followed by a sauna and a dip in Lake Superior. Madness? Look at me, 75, fit as a fiddle! OK, an out of tune, warped and cracked fiddle, capable only of tremulo. But still....

Dine sumptuously on leftovers and accumulated frozen foods. Let no scrap nor expiration date get in the way of winter nourishment. Pick that chicken carcass clean, then throw it in a boiling pot with water and soft carrots and soggy celery. Later boil up that large bag of

frozen pierogis the dynamic demonstrator at Costco charmed you into buying three years ago. So much to devour in the freezer before the spring thaw appears.

Gin! This suggestion came to me under the influence of Anthony's Lane's deeply researched, drop-dead hilarious article on gin in the Dec. 9 *New Yorker*. In our household gin and tonics are a year-round refreshment. Out for dinner, my wife orders a concoction called a "corpse reviver 2." I can speak to its effectiveness. She pinks right up.

There may be one or two more tips to survive the winter season I have missed, and I endorse everyone. Like Tiny Tim, the Urban Coyote wishes a happy winter to all! And like Santa after his Christmas deliveries, he looks forward to a long winter's nap.

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James P. Lenfestey
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"The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope." — Wendell Berry

Cedar Lake from page one

We have met with county commissioners and MPRB staff to state our case. We have even petitioned the MPRB commissioners to do right by the Kenilworth Corridor. We will continue to hold elected officials feet to the fire on this issue that is so vital to Cedar Lake Park.

We will participate in the upcoming the MPRB's Cedar Lake—Isles Citizens Advisory Committee, where we will be advocating our long-standing goals. We believe that Nurturing Nature needs to be championed in this changing climate where there are people who advocate more activities-driven programming in the park, like putting volleyball courts. Activities are great, but there needs to be a place for people to contemplate nature and we've believed that Cedar Lake Park is one such place.

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Civil Disobedience Protest

By Brian Pettee

WASHINGTON DC, FRIDAY DECEMBER 6— Two Minneapolis women, Joann Martin and Kitty Westin, protested alongside actor and activist Jane Fonda on Friday, Washington, DC today.

The protest was held not be on the Capitol steps where recent previous demonstrations were held. Instead, the women, part of a Fire Drill Friday's group, joined with Shut Down DC and youth climate strike actions to focus on the connections between migration, human rights, and climate change.

The activists planned a civil disobedience action to shut down the building of a corporation doing business related to fossil fuels, based in downtown Washington near 14th and K Streets, yet report, no arrests for civil disobedience were made.

Martin, 85, a former Minnesota social worker and resident at The Kenwood retirement community in Minneapolis, joined Fonda today in DC at the request of her friend of over thirty years, Minneapolis resident Kitty Westin, an activist and friend to Fonda.

Fonda began her most recent civil disobedience protests at the US Capitol in Washington October 11, calling them "Fire Drill Fridays" in reference to Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, who said "our house is on fire". Fonda thereafter announced she would hold more Friday protests, wearing the color red, during her day off from filming a television show she has produced since 2015, "Grace and Frankie".

In October, according to news accounts, Fonda was arrested three times in consecutive weeks protesting climate change outside the Capitol. She was arrested October 11, with Grace and Frankie co-star Sam Waterston, on October 18, and with actor Ted Danson on October 25. On November 1, Fonda was arrested for the fourth consecutive Friday.

Westin, who is Martin's personal link to Fonda, is a psychologist and nationally recognized speaker on eating disorders, who established a foundation following the death of her daughter from anorexia in 2000. Westin

and Fonda know each other from their shared interest in mental health, as Fonda has spoken openly about developing bulimia in her adult years.

Martin and Westin said they decided to let themselves potentially be arrested. "I've never been arrested before but the inconvenience of being arrested will be nothing like the inconvenience my grandchildren will have if they don't have clean air and clean water," Westin said.

Like Fonda, Martin and Westin are grandmothers and great grandmothers, and quote Jane as "feeling far braver now" with "nothing to lose and this is it". Martin, who has been active in voter registration in previous years, said that she was motivated to protest today because she believes her generation should act for change alongside the younger generation, yet "if we do not show equal energy, it is not a good effort."

As a lifelong Minnesota resident, Martin said that she invited her Minnesota Senators, Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, and her Representative, Ilhan Omar, to join her group at the Capitol protest, and said that while she realized "getting arrested was a possibility, arriving home back in Minnesota was our goal".



Photos by Joann Martin



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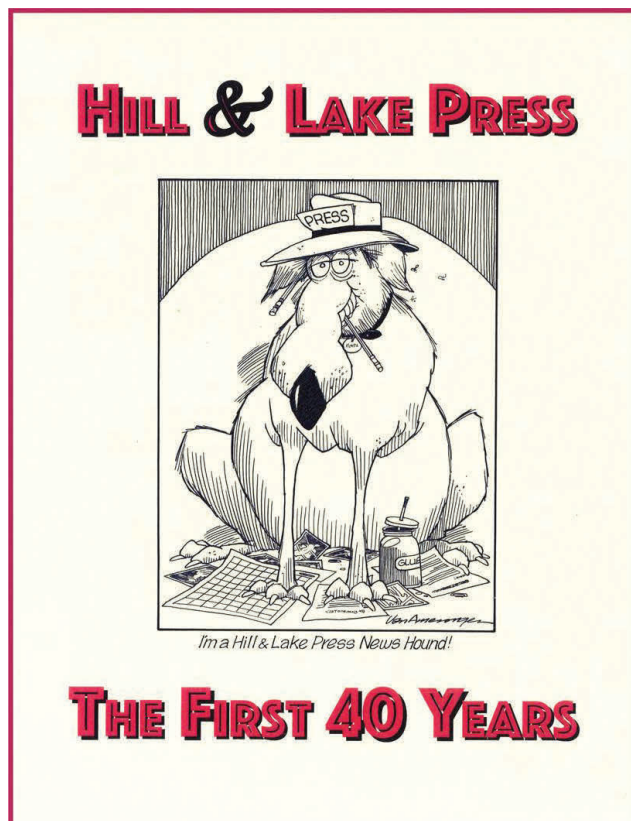
Hill and Lake Press and History

Michael Wilson compiled an extensive history of Hill and Lake Press for our 40th birthday party which was held in 1916. The history is now in the reference section at Walker Library.

Recently, Andrew Hazzard of Southwest Journal interviewed Michael Wilson, and Jean and Heather Deatrick and wrote a compelling story on how Hill and Lake Press has survived 43 years. He kindly disclosed the financial issues that have plagued HLP for the last few years.

He also included photos of several former issues including a front page with a story "Kenwood Secedes". Another issue told of Joan Mondale's letters from Japan which were published in Hill and Lake Press.

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The First 40 Years by Michael Wilson


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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

December 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

KNO Board met December 2, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Aria Christenson, Will Stensrud, and Angie Erdrich. Absent: Jack Levi, Marc Brown, and Kyle Leier. Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, and 4 guests

One item, NCR Presentation, was removed from the agenda. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman

There is no Lunch with Lisa in December, the next meeting will be held January 29, 2020, with guest presenter Frank Martin, landscape historian. He will be presenting and showing a slide show on the Historic Grand Rounds

Later with Lisa will be held on December 9th, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, on the top floor of the City Club Apartments building; please bring a donation of dog/cat toys or treats to support the Minneapolis Animal Care Control

The City of Minneapolis is currently in budget negotiations; public input will be allowed at the City Council meetings on December 4th and 11th at 6:05 PM; final adoption of the budget will take place on 12/11

Hennepin County is no longer accepting single use alkaline batteries in recycling, please place in garbage. Lithium and rechargeable batteries should not be placed in garbage and can be dropped off at recycling centers

In January 2020, the city will require retailers to charge 5 cents per plastic bag; the fees collected will be retained by the businesses

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Update – Jono Cowgill, Park Board

The park board's annual budget hearing is 12/4/19; priorities include replanting the city's tree canopy, expanding the Teen Teamworks program, and updating Ideation Centers

The park board will be recommending a ban on single use plastics at events held within the park system

The first Community Advisor Committee (CAC) meeting for the general comprehensive plan will be in January 2020

Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake CAC Discussion, KNO Representative – Shawn Smith

Will Stensrud will apply to serve as a CAC for the Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake community engagement plan

KNO is seeking a volunteer to be a representative on

the CAC selection committee; Marc Brown or Matt Spies may be interested in volunteering for this position

Any community members interested in serving as a CAC for either the comprehensive plan or Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake community engagement plan should email kiaa55405@gmail.com

Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

There is no update from the city on the recent KNO audit

KNO received \$75.00 in donations

There will be a PayPal link on the KNO website for future donations

Other Business

The Lake of the Isles ice skating party will be hosted on 1/26/20

The KNO newsletter will be mailed out the week of 12/2/19

Shawn Smith met with Jean Deatrack of Hill and Lake Press to discuss the paper's financial situation; KNO is seeking more information on monetary needs and long-term plans for the publication

Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Action Between Meetings

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

KNO Board/Volunteer Leads

SWLRT – Evelyn Turner

East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud

Recruiting/Diversity – Aria Christenson

Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown

NRP/CPP – Amanda Vallone and Jeremy Nichols

Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran

In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

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 January 6th at 7PM at the Kenwood Recreation Center. 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 for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith and Deb Jessen



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 11, 2019

The meeting was held at Calhoun Isles Condominium Association

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

Coordinators: Monica Smith and Deb Jessen

Absences: Clem Foltz, Michael Wilson, Claire Ruebeck, Gabriel Andrews
Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 was not present.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Recognition of Monica Smith's excellent work, grace and generosity during her nine years as the CIDNA Coordinator. Monica was presented with a gift to acknowledge her contribution to CIDNA and told her she would be missed.

Monica Smith thanked the board, saying it had been a pleasure working with CIDNA board and volunteers.

Welcome and introduction of Deb Jessen, new CIDNA Coordinator.

Taylor Pentelovich has resigned from the board, leaving the position of treasurer vacant. The CIDNA board approved a motion to appoint Clem Foltz treasurer.

Status report on CIDNA priorities identified at June 2019 board retreat; the board was pleased that there is progress on the priority list. Priorities are posted at <http://www.cidna.org>.

Report on Neighborhoods 2020 meeting on November 21: Monica, James and Mary attended. Monica and James had no comments. Mary reported: most of the attendee's comments were critical of the process; her tally of city-provided attendee scores showed that attendees gave the program a low approval rating —1.9 out of 5. The City has announced that the next two meetings will each have two different meeting

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Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2019

Kenwood Recreation Center

Board Members Present: Jennifer Breitingner, Toni D'Eramo, Bob Hinck, Thomas Regnier, Tom Huppert, Lee Switzenberg, Kathleen Bottini, William Reyelts, Jody Lichtor, Sam Ellingson, Justin Baylor, Chas Scheiderer

Board Members Absent: Fran Davis, Evan Stern, Craig Wilson

Others in attendance: Council woman Lisa Goodman, William Goodman.

Council Woman Lisa Goodman provided an update.

All residents are invited to "Later with Lisa", December 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 at City Club Apartments; participants are encouraged to bring toys and treats for Minnesota Animal Care and Control.

Lunch with Lisa resumes January 29 at St. Thomas with a presentation by Frank Martin concerning historic

landscape preservation and design in the Kenwood area. At the February meeting Robert Lilligren, director of the Native American Community Development Institute, will be the featured speaker.

City budget hearings are underway in December. Also, the city will start to review preliminary plans for 1930 Hennepin Ave. South. The Historic Commission will begin to review plans for 35 Groveland December 17.

We are also reminded that Minneapolis will no longer recycle batteries. We are to place batteries in the trash.

Treasurer's report:

Toni D'Eramo presented her report.

Committees:

Neighborhood Priorities and Historical committees- Nothing to report.

Zoning-We had discussion concerning the process for our review of variance requests. Is the general consensus of the board that we will make sure we have all

materials in advance of consideration and allow time for board members to reflect on variance request before we make recommendations.

Crime and Safety-

Flyers are being prepared and we will publicize the need for block leaders.

Events- Ice Skating Party is scheduled for January 26. Tom Huppert has agreed to assist at the event. The skating party is a collaboration of Cedar, East Isles, Kenwood and Lowry Hill neighborhood associations. An ad will be appearing in the Hill and Lake Press.

Next LHNA board meetings are scheduled for January 7, February 4 and March 3, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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East Isles Residents' Association

Submitted by: Debbie Gold, Secretary, EIRA Board of Directors

dates and locations; this has produced concern in some neighborhoods that all attendees will not be gathered together to hear what each other have to say.

Mary, Claire Ruebeck and Shawn Smith from Kenwood Neighborhood Organization met with Frank Hornstein to discuss how to move forward with the neighborhoods' requested emergency evacuation plan. Amanda reported that at the KNO December 2019 meeting Council Member Lisa Goodman seemed to indicate that such a plan was not a City of Minneapolis priority.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Steve has been monitoring pedestrian and bike safety at 3100 W Lake construction site on an ongoing basis. He said general contractors are doing well applying sand/salt as necessary.

Steve understands that the new traffic island at Lake and Excelsior will be landscaped and maintained by the new hotel to be built at current BP station location.

Coordinator's and Treasurer's Report, Monica Smith and Deb Jessen

Board approved CIDNA's 2020 annual report to the Minnesota Attorney General.

Board approved CIDNA 2020 calendar year budget and funding source report.

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations office completed a routine low-level audit of CIDNA: a written report will be forthcoming; there may be a few, small suggested changes of procedures.

Board approved a 40-hour increase to Monica Smith's coordinator contract for 2019. Mary noted there were extra demands on Monica's time, including the retreat, work on the coordinator search committee and training in the new coordinator.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

Evan was contacted by an architect who requested to meet with the Land Use Committee about an unnamed mixed-use development in the neighborhood. Evan will schedule a meeting and contact any other affected neighborhood associations as appropriate.

Evan requested that the January 2020 agenda include light rail safety concerns.

Communications Committee, Mary Pattock

Deb will set up a CIDNA Facebook account. Amanda volunteered to maintain the account.

A group will be formed to help with the neighborhood survey. James asked that a question regarding interest in rain gardens be added to the survey.

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Art Mart went well. There were 16 vendors. Total cost was approximately \$92, well under budget. The Board approved musician stipends of \$225 (from unrestricted fund). Jones-Harrison residents and staff enjoyed early shopping in the half-hour set aside just for them before the event opened to the public. Wider aisles and spacing better served those with special access needs.

The annual ice-skating party with CIDNA, EIRA, LHNA, and KNO is January 26, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Lake of the Isles.

Amanda wants to start a CIDNA Youth Board. She will present a proposal regarding this to the board.

The board discussed developing a format for proposing new programs/activities; Mary is developing a form; Amanda will share a form she has from a national conference. The form will be archival, will provide event planners with a convenient check list, and will serve as accountability documentation.

CIDNA's total revenue from the 2019 Wine Tasting is \$1,926.26. This is down from last year's total of \$3,200. There was discussion as to how to make this fundraiser more successful.

Mary would like board to consider other ideas for fundraising. There was discussion regarding different ideas for fundraising and whether or not to add fundraising components to existing CIDNA events.

Environmental Preservation Committee, James Reid

CIDNA will put forth a recommendation for the Cedar-Isles Master Plan CAC selection committee. That

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mackenzie Nelson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary) Mike Erlandson, John Morrow, John Grochala

Board Members not present: Kate Svitavsky, Emma Erdahl, Steve Havig, Julia Curran. Alternates not present: John Erlandson

Guests: Council Member, Lisa Goodman and Lauren Campbell, Resident

Welcome & Call to Order: Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker, Council Member Lisa Goodman, City of Minneapolis.

Lisa invited residents to her December event, Later with Lisa and invited all to attend the gathering on December 9th from 4:30-6:30 at City Club Apartments for food, wine, and conversation.

Water meter replacement is happening throughout Minneapolis at no charge to property owners. Letters have been mailed with directions on how to schedule your replacement. More information about this project can be found at www.minneapolismn.gov.

All street sweeping is now complete.

There are 2 remaining city budget meetings to be held on 12/4 and 12/11.

Snow emergency information is now available online. Residents are encouraged to check for parking

name will be brought to the January board meeting.

The committee is encouraging people to apply to be a member of the Cedar-Isles Master Plan CAC.

James urged everyone to complete the MPRB survey on the future of the Cedar-Isles area parks, which is available online, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cedar-Isles>.

People can fill out a separate survey for each park area that they wish to comment on. An article and the link were included in the December CIDNA newsletter.

No update regarding tree initiative. Although the Met Council is charged with environmental remediation for SWLRT, the soil in the tunnel area (which is public land) will be too shallow to grow trees. CIDNA is working to have the trees replaced on nearby private land instead.

Transportation Committee, Mary Pattock

The Met Council is adding nearly \$21 million to its contract with AECOM, the SWLRT design and engineering firm.

Mary, Claire, Shawn Smith of KNO, and Rep. Frank Hornstein have pressed Jim Alexander from the SWLRT Project Office for solutions to the issues raised at the legislatively mandated safety meeting on October 30, but they do not consider his response satisfactory.

Old Business

none

New Business

The board approved reimbursing Rosanne for the amount of the gift to Monica Smith.

Thanks to Nancy Nikora for arranging the meeting location at CICA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence.

Notes to CIDNA residents: Contact info@cidna.org

To sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

If you are interested in serving on one of our new committees,

If you are interested in being a board member (there are four open seats).

The CIDNA board has provisionally approved these minutes and will give them final approval at the next board meeting.

restrictions to avoid being towed.

President's Report

President Ellen van Iwaarden reported that with the new deadlines for the Hill and Lake Press, it would be extremely difficult for EIRA to finalize its meeting minutes before the November deadline. EIRA will submit its minutes for the November meeting to be published in the December issue.

She also reported that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will be beginning a planning process for Lake of the Isles, Cedar Lake, and the park land surrounding those bodies of water. EIRA will have an opportunity to have a representative on the selection committee for the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) that will advise the MPRB in this planning. Interested residents should contact Ellen at info@eastisles.org to volunteer to represent the neighborhood on the selection committee. Residents interested in serving on the CAC itself can apply here: https://www.minneapolis-parks.org/project_updates/cac_application/

The City of Minneapolis is asking neighborhoods to continue the Neighborhoods 2020 planning process by attending three meetings to take place in November, December, and January. Andrew Degerstrom and Ellen van Iwaarden have volunteered to attend the three meetings on behalf of EIRA.

Finally, EIRA's new accountant has begun work on the financial sections of IRS Form 1023, which EIRA will be filing to request 501(c)(3) status.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Andrew Degerstrom, reported that the Attorney General's Report is now complete. The board approved the report. Andrew handed out an EIRA financial report as prepared by EIRA's new accountant. As of 11/12/2019, EIRA has a positive balance of \$48,146.73. Andrew and Ellen have scheduled an appointment at Wells Fargo Bank in Uptown on November 16th to close our restricted checking account.

Secretary's Report

Secretary, Debbie Gold requested that all chairs submit their reports/notes to her via email for expediency in preparing the minutes. Some discussion took place regarding EIRA's absentee policy for board members.

Committee Reports

NRP

Chair, Mike Erlandson, reported on the following:

Levin Triangle Park Shade Structure

EIRA support for an appropriate shade structure includes \$40,000 from park dedication fees as proposed by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and initially \$25,000 from EIRA's NRP funds. The MPRB Request for Qualifications for the structure was issued on Oct. 21st. Design applications are coming in. In addition to MPB staff, EIRA community members Amy Sanborn, Sarah Bronson, Harvey Ettinger, and Mike Erlandson will serve on the initial review panel.

Public Safety Cameras

EIRA and NRP have been working with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) Precinct 5 (P5) to support public safety. The EIRA Board is calling a special meeting of members for Tuesday, December 10th to vote on a proposed NRP Phase II Plan Modification. The Plan Modification is necessary in order to fund the purchase of security cameras for the public safety of the neighborhood. The cameras will be for the use of the Minneapolis Police Department. The meeting will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W. 28th Street. The details of the proposed Plan Modification are below.

The EIRA board is proposing plan modifications to reallocate funds between existing strategies in the neighborhood's Phase II NRP Plan. The funds to be reallocated will come from unused funds, including completed affordable housing initiatives. The proposed modifications would shift funds as follows:

\$37,000.00 from NRP Phase II:

Housing — 2.1.1. Affordable Housing Loan

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Program (\$3079.49)
 Community Building — 4.2.1. Community Building Activities (\$3,000.00)
 Community Building — 5.1.1. Services for Seniors and Other Residents in Need (\$1,360.00)
 Public Land — 7.2.1. The Mall Improvements (\$1,756.40)
 Public Land — 7.4.1. Public Space Improvements (\$26,481.40)
 Public Land — 8.1.1. Staff and Administrative Support (\$1,322.71)
 \$37,000 to NRP Phase II:
 Crime and Safety — 3.3.1. Crime Prevention Activities (\$37,000)

East Isles Farmers Market

Having now completed the 2-year pilot with MPRB partners, Debbie Gold, Director, reported about their meeting held on October 21st. Representatives from the MPRB expressed satisfaction with and a willingness to continue another season of the East Isles Farmers Market. In tracking the impact of events such as noise, trash, and safety, the market came in at less than zero impact, i.e. lower than most other events the MPRB oversees. The MPRB also appreciates the activation of The Mall Park, the accessibility of the market to bikers and walkers, and the market's contribution to bringing healthy food into the Park system. Gold notified the MPRB that she had given notice to EIRA of her decision to resign as director at year's end and of EIRA's discussion as to whether and how to continue the market moving forward.

EIRA plans to send a survey to residents to gauge their interest in continuing the neighborhood market. The board discussed structure, timing and possible alliances to pursue. If you are interested in being part of a future farmers market committee, please email: director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com

Search Committee

Chair, Mackenzie Nelson, said the search committee plans to meet on November 19th to discuss the search for a new EIRA coordinator.

Social Committee

Amy Sanborn reported via email on the wine tasting event that was held on October 11th at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Approximately 400 people attended from surrounding neighborhoods. EIRA sold 28 tickets to the event and raised \$813.81, less than in past years. Few volunteers from EIRA participated, it was reported. Sanborn suggested that EIRA review their interest in participating in this event moving forward, given the time and effort that goes into planning it. EIRA pays an administrative assistant to attend most of the planning meetings and calls on volunteers, as well.

There were no items in Open Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. The EIRA invites and encourages participation by all residents to every program, service and event organized by EIRA.

The Basilica welcomes all for Christmas.

Saturday, December 21, 8:30am-Noon:

Greening of The Basilica

Volunteers place 30 foot evergreen trees, bows and other decorations throughout the Church.

Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve 3:00pm

Christmas Vigil Eucharist 5:30pm

8:00pm 10:30pm Prelude for Christmas

11:00pm Choral Music 11:30pm

Vigil of Lights

Midnight Solemn Eucharist

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The 5 p.m. Longest Night service gathers those who may be mourning a loss or feeling a need for spiritual uplift during our darkest time of the year. It will be led by Plymouth ministerial staff Beth Hoffman Faeth and Seth Patterson.

As part of the 7 p.m. Winter Solstice concert, Sara Thomsen also will be releasing her latest CD, "Song Like A Seed." She will be joined by her spouse, Paula Pedersen, singing harmony vocals. The solstice concert will also include a selection of songs that have been part of Thomsen's annual winter concert.

Everyone of any (or no) religious affiliation is invited. No admission is charged to attend the Longest Night Service, which begins at 5 p.m. For the 7 p.m. Winter Solstice concert, a \$20 admission will be requested; for advance tickets, please go to https://songlikeaseed.brownpapertickets.com.

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Many people responded to my plea for contributions. Along with the contributions, I received touching notes of support. If you want Hill and Lake Press to continue, please consider supporting our newspaper. We just need to be able to pay our bills. Thank you kind friends. The following people generously sent checks in November and December. We are grateful. We live in a wonderful neighborhood.

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- And others who wish to remain anonymous

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