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## SWLRT contractor error causes homes on Kenilworth Corridor to start shaking

*Residents apprehensive: what next?*

By Michael Wilson

"It felt like an earthquake" is how Cedar Lake Shores townhome resident Matthew Dahlquist described the heavy vibration shockwaves on Friday, November 15, as he and other residents on both sides of the Kenilworth Corridor at Park Siding Park grabbed at things falling off shelves, tried to rescue a mirror which smashed to the floor, watched kitchen cabinets pull away from the wall, and as one resident put it, "ran outdoors in a panic."

It turned out not to be an earthquake, of course, but something even more unsettling and potentially damaging: contractor error, another in a series of errors made by companies working on the Southwest LRT line through the Kenilworth Corridor.

Pile driving for the LRT tunnel through the 59-foot-wide "pinch point" between the Cedar Lake Shores townhomes and the Calhoun Isles condominium towers has been a fiercely contested issue. The vibratory hammer technique used on the Foundry (aka Trammel Crow) apartment building in 2016 caused damage to numerous Calhoun Isles condos 180 feet away. With LRT tunnel pile driving occurring as close as 24 inches from the condo towers' foundations, the vibratory hammer technique was clearly unacceptable.

SWLRT construction documents thus specified press-in pilers for use in tunnel construction. "These advanced pieces of machinery generate less noise and vibration than traditional piling methods," the Met Council writes on its SWLRT website. Indeed, they've posted a short video showing a press-in piler happily at work near 21st Street. A glass of water in the foreground with nary a ripple on its surface demonstrates that townhome and condo tower residents will hardly even know that pile driving is taking place.

Vibratory hammer machines are explicitly barred – prohibited – from tunnel construction work, according to Sophia Ginis, Met Council's manager of public involvement for transit system development.

The problem is, the construction crews and their supervisors didn't get the message. Or maybe they did, but decided the prohibition was merely "guidance" and they could use whatever method they wanted.

The press-in piling method is not quite as easy as slicing through butter, despite what the Met Council video suggests. The sheets will always encounter subsurface "debris," as Ginis calls it. Often the debris can be pushed aside with continued pressure from the press-in machine. When that doesn't work, a giant auger stands ready to bore down and dislodge the impediment. But that wasn't good enough for the construction crew on November 15.

### Residents apprehensive: what next?

Project officials no doubt have had stern words for the contractor, and the vibratory hammer machines will probably not reappear, or so residents would like to believe. But Cedar-Isles-Dean and Kenwood residents are left shaking their heads and wondering apprehensively: what'll it be next time? The flagging contractor that had to be fired because its employees didn't adequately warn construction workers to get themselves and their equipment out of the way of approaching freight trains. The crews that ruptured recently-installed water mains on Burnham Road. What next?

Vibration sensors have been installed on buildings fronting the tunnel construction zone and on the upper floors of the condo towers. Project officials have told residents at public meetings that if the sensors detect any vibration above a certain minimal threshold, construction activity will be shut down immediately. But that didn't happen on November 15. The earthquake-like vibrations continued for up to a half an hour. Townhome resident Gary Zywojko, recuperating from recent heart surgery, went out on his deck and shouted and waved at the workers to stop. They waved back.

Dahlquist called the construction hotline (612.373.3933) immediately but received what he considered a dismissive response. We'll look into it and get back to you, he was told – not good enough, he said, given that houses were at risk of being shaken apart.

All in all, November 15 was not a banner day in the once-beautiful Kenilworth Corridor. Once again, residents witnessed the misalignment of promises and reality – or as one resident put it more simply, "We can't trust a single thing they tell us."

And tunnel construction has barely even begun.

**CIDNA board member James Reid, who lives right next to the tunnel construction zone off Park Siding Park, points to the press-in piler that is supposed to be used in the Kenilworth Corridor. The vibratory hammer pile driver is prohibited from tunnel construction work – except the Met Council's contractor went ahead and used it anyway on November 15, rattling surrounding houses**



**These machines moved into place next to Park Siding Park during the week of November 11 to begin Phase 1 sheet pile installation). Actual work began November 15 but quickly went terribly wrong due to contractor error. Shown are the press-in piler (blue), the auger boring machine (yellow), and the derrick (red).**

**Gary Zywojko's townhouse on Lane 1 (closest to Cedar Lake) sits a few feet from the tunnel construction zone. Did the vibration detector work as intended on November 15 when his house started shaking? Perhaps – but not as quickly as residents have been promised.**



Pumpkin carving by Greg Froehle.



**and shaking residents' confidence once again that Project Office promises and plans can be believed.**



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**10:00 am**

Have you stopped to consider for whom and for what you are thankful in contrast to what you still pursue, what you need, and what you most desire?

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Friends of Walker Library co-president (and retired Walker head librarian) Maryann Weidt, treasurer Brian Haskell, and co-president Cynthia Haskell want all Hill & Lake Press readers to help fill the Friends' Book Cart. All proceeds go to support Walker Library purchases and programming. **Photo: Dorothy Childers.**

**Friends of Walker Library want your gently-used books**

By Michael Wilson

Thinking of winnowing out your bookshelves? Need some motivation? The Friends of Walker Library can help you free up some space while doing a good deed for our neighborhood library.

When the Walker Library moved into its new building in 2014, the gargantuan Annual Book Sales that the Friends had been staging in the old underground building were no longer possible, according to Friends co-president and retired Walker head librarian Maryann Weidt. Although it was a great community-building event, Weidt says, it was also a huge amount of work which no one much misses.

Wanting to replace this valuable source of revenue to continue their support of the Walker, the Friends worked with the Walker's ever-creative reference librarian Sandra Roback to acquire and decorate a library cart and create a

permanent, year-round opportunity for patrons to donate and buy gently-used books. Funds raised annually from the Book Cart are about the same as the proceeds from the once-a-year Book Sale, according to Friends treasurer Brian Haskell.

Talk about a win-win-win-win situation!

- Many of us have bookshelves overflowing with wonderful volumes that we haven't look at in years, while others have already started the inevitable downsizing that eventually awaits us all.

- Our books get a chance at a second life.

- Library visitors can do a quick, convenient browse for titles that catch their eye.

- All proceeds are donated by the Friends to purchase materials and support programming for the Walker Library based on the requests of the Walker librarians.

A request from the Friends: please, no magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks! Friends co-president Cynthia Haskell says that the categories always most in demand are travel books, cookbooks, children's books, and recently-published novels.



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Elizabeth Whitbeck died Oct. 9 at the age of 98. A 63-year resident of East Isles and a former Marine, Elizabeth spent her life as an activist. She and her husband Bill founded the East Isles Area Association, she was a board member of the Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library, and a longtime member of the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. Her community activism knew no bounds: chair of the League of Woman Voters, National Women Marines Association and she organized the first library book sales. She was honored with the MN Humanities Center's 2017 Veteran's Voices Legacy Award, and in 2008 she was honored by the MN State Legislature for her WWII service.

Elizabeth had a loving and inquiring mind and was known and loved by many in the Hill and Lake Press community. Her husband Bill died in 2013, but she is survived by her daughter Betsey Whitbeck and her husband Jim Nelson. Her internment was held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on November 1.

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— Thomas Lowry

## How Safe is SWLRT? Met Council Meets with Community to Discuss *Does flagger failure incident mean safety is secondary concern?*

By Mary Pattock

Of all the issues related to Southwest Light Rail (SWLRT), none elicits more passion than safety: car, pedestrian and bike safety, the risk of 200-plus electric-sparking LRT trains a day running adjacent to freight trains carrying hazmat, and emergency evacuation plans in the event of a freight-LRT hazmat catastrophe.

The risks are so significant that Rep. Frank Hornstein and Sen. Scott Dibble authored legislation requiring the City of Minneapolis to convene, annually during SWLRT construction, a meeting to discuss them, inviting representatives from all the involved public agencies, contractors, railroads and neighborhood associations.

The first such SWLRT Safety meeting, chaired by Minneapolis Fire Department Chief John Fruetel, was held October 30 at the Jones-Harrison Residence.

About 40 area residents attended, along with a bevy of public servants. They included Mayor Jacob Frey; Minneapolis Council Member Lisa Goodman; City fire, emergency preparedness and intergovernmental relations staff; County Board Chair Marion Greene and county legal and emergency staff; then-Met Council Chair Nora Slavik; District Six Met Council Member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson; SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander; Rep. Frank Hornstein and Sen. Scott Dibble. Contractors Lunda/McCrossan, and TC&W Railroad President Mark Wegner also attended.

Shawn Smith and Mary Pattock represented, respectively, the Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood organizations.

### Commitments

Discussion focused on issues identified by the community and provided in advance to the public officials. Since virtually none of the questions could be resolved at the meeting, Smith and Pattock obtained specific commitments from Alexander:

- 1- Include residents in regular traffic coordination meetings (city, county, met council)
- 2- Review the transportation study that was done as part of the City-Met Council Memorandum of Understanding — with an eye to improving the Lake Street station design. This review was requested because even though existing lanes at Lake Street will be used for the BRT Blue Line and private auto drop-off at the station, there will be no cut-outs to allow these stoppages to take place off the already congested route.
- 3- Develop, with neighborhoods, neighborhood-specific evacuation planning, and emergency/disaster planning; share the plan with residents and businesses.

4- Settle an issue between the Met Council and Calhoun-Isles Condominium Association: CICA wants a binding commitment from the council that it would be liable for building damage due to construction of SWLRT (only 18 inches away from one of the CICA towers).

5- Explore potential land-use issues that may arise as a result of SWLRT construction.

Chief Fruetel said the community should expect a report back from the SWLRT Safety Meeting committee by December 1.

### Is safety the top priority?

Community concerns about safety have only grown since last summer, when, on two occasions in June, Met Council flaggers (safety personnel) failed to notify construction workers of an oncoming freight train. The incidents did not come to light until mid-August, in a story in Minneapolis-Saint Paul Business Journal, even though questions about flagger qualifications, raised repeatedly throughout July and August by CIDNA Chair Mary Pattock, were dismissed by the Met Council.

According to a Met Council report on the incident, heavy equipment left on the tracks put workers at risk and could have caused a collision or derailment. Residents opposed to locating SWLRT immediately adjacent to freight trains (including mile-long trains carrying exclusively explosive ethanol) have long warned of the risk of such a catastrophic event, which, in the worst instance, could incinerate everything within a quarter-mile radius of the accident.

On August 28, the Met Council voted, on an emergency basis, to terminate the flagging contract with Trackworks, LLC, a Sleepy Eye-based railroad construction company, replacing it with a \$500,000 contract with TC&W for the remainder of 2019. In addition, it contracted with TC&W for flagging duties for the duration of SWLRT construction for an additional \$9.5 million.

At the community meeting, Alexander was asked why the flagging contract was awarded to Trackworks, when the Met Council's own Transportation Committee says "operator-provided flagging services" (in this case, TC&W) are the standard.

Alexander said the safety contract was awarded elsewhere because at the time the Met Council was negotiating with TC&W on other matters.

This led to challenges from the community about whether safety was of primary concern to the Met Council.

Here is Alexander's complete explanation:

"We originally had the flagging responsibility with Lunda-McCrossan. I'll just be open. That was the situation TC&W and Met Council were in at the time, where we didn't necessarily have an agreement. We do now have an agreement — we're friends now and we're shaking hands and all that and we're working together. But at the time we didn't have TC&W and their flagging.

"We would prefer to have that happen but just due to circumstances in the legal area, we didn't have flagging by TC&W.

"So the next option was to have Lunda-McCrossan do the flagging. Now, admittedly, looking back on it, that was not the preferred route and we have a couple of instances back in June where the flagger had let the train come through while there were construction workers in the area.

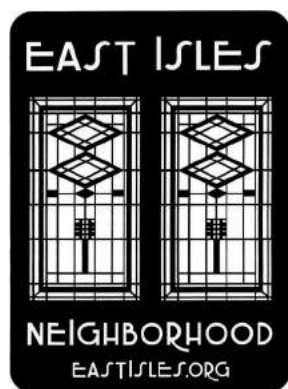
"They weren't actually working on the tracks but they were still close enough where proper protocol would have the flagger stop construction activity until that train passes and that didn't happen.

"It happened over a weekend and it really took us by surprise. And we had to sit down with our contractor, Lunda-McCrossan, we had to sit down with TC&W. We met with the FRA, the Federal Railroad Administration — they were dialed in on this as well and we had to reassess what we were doing here and we need to have a safe operation.

"So, dialing it back, we said, Mark [Wegner, TC&W president], we need to figure out a way to get you under contract to do flagging because it makes sense that you do the flagging and you control the trains. You control your operation. We want a safe situation during this construction. We don't want construction workers to be injured nor do we want someone on the train injured.

"So that's how we moved to that. I think now it can be said that things are working very well. And it was just that it was a lesson learned in the situation we're in and I'm not happy about it but I feel we have remedied the situation and we are moving on and I think we are safe in moving on."

## 'Tis the Gift to be Simple, 'Tis the Gift to be Free



### Notice of Special Meeting

**East Isles Residents Association**

**December 10, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Grace Trinity Community Church**

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For information please see our website:

[eastisles.org](http://eastisles.org)



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Dance, then, wherever you may be.....

## GASSED

By James P. Lenfestey

Start with this: I love my furnace. Its whir and hum as the fall weather stiffens to frost makes my inside days a sweet and cozy delight. The spiderweb of natural gas pipelines that feed it from Canadian and Dakota gas wells is a 20th century industrial era miracle.

And a 21st century idiocy.

Gas pipelines are on the mind of Lowry Hill residents these days because our natural gas utility, Centerpoint Energy, with its subcontractor Michels Pipeline, is digging up our streets and sidewalks to replace existing gas mains and house connections with new plastic versions.

According to one of the workers I chatted with, such a replacement regime is required by state law, damn smart of our far-sighted forebears to make sure the infrastructure for transmission of explosive natural gas is up to date. IF we were living in the last century!

But this is the century of recognized climate change. This is the century that tells us it is MAD to invest one penny in climate-changing fuels of the past now that we have evidence all around us of fossil-fueled calamitous effects (viz raging fires in CA and Australia, heat waves all over, drought the same, glacier collapse, sea and lake levels eating shorelines even in Minnesota). As my wife says, it's as if we are erecting new telephone poles to support land lines when the world has gone cellular!

Make no mistake, I have the utmost admiration for the hard-hatted, hard-working crews of Michels pipeline putting in 12 gritty hours a day in our unseasonable October and November cold, then forced to rough patch the replacement sidewalks and curbs with asphalt until the better weather of spring and summer presumably arrives

But today we should be tearing up gas infrastructure and installing high capacity electricity transmission lines to feed our new electric furnaces and water heaters and cars as well as our existing LED lights and computers and washing machines.

The heavy irony of this massive utility idiocy fell fully upon me on September 26, the day I hosted at our house an event for award-winning Bengali novelist Amitav Ghosh. Ghosh had been a featured speaker at the Nobel Conference in Northfield the day before on the topic of climate change. RainTaxi Review of Books, a smart new member of state's remarkable literary ecosystem, arranged for him to stay an extra day to speak about his newest novel, Gun Island, at Grace Community Church in the neighborhood. I eagerly agreed to host a reception before the event.

Within Ghosh' soon-to be Nobel Prize string of novels is a book-length essay, The Great Derangement: Climate Change and The Unthinkable. For Ghosh the word "unthinkable" has two meanings: that what we "civilized" humans are doing to destabilize our home planet is in fact unthinkable. And that most of us literally can't think it – simply cannot see/imagine/believe what all science and now all our senses are telling us, that climate change is an existential crisis that requires chang-



Photo by Dorothy Childers

ing... everything.

Arriving at my house at the corner of Girard And Lincoln on September 26th, Ghosh, the RainTaxi crew and guests had to thread their way past a gaggle of Paleozoic reptilian machinery tethered for the evening all around the corner – A scampering one-armed Deere with its prominent claw; the brilliant, rube-Goldberg underground drilling Triceratops; one or two seemingly innocent (but in fact vicious) Bobcats; a brontosaurus dump truck – the concrete evidence of an obsolete civilization replacing obsolete technology with obsolete technology!

At the door I laughed with him at the obvious irony, though I should have cried. Ghosh, a quiet, gentle man, just looked at me, at us, at all of us. What is there to say? Evidence of the Great Derangement was right before our eyes.

After the reception, we repaired to Grace Community Church where Ghosh read from his newest novel, Gun island. What he wrote and said felt like a nightmare, and a beautiful prayer.

Take the time this winter to read The Great Derangement. Then read Gun Island, a brilliant novel showing how the Great Derangement plays out in real time.

And in the spring let's get out our shovels and set the foundations for 100 new solar gardens and wind machines all around the town, for there is nothing more beautiful.

GREETINGS!

I JUST STARTED YEAR 48  
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IF YOUR CAR NEEDS SOME HELP  
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On October 22nd, members of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board delivered an initial payment to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for the rebuilding of Seven Pools. We could not have gotten this far without all of you! You cannot read the number on the check from here, but it was a big one....\$62,500!

Our donations continue to grow with \$190,000 pledged to date and \$60,000 left to goal. As our donors share with others about the campaign, we see this inspirational, organic, ripple-effect...even to other parts of the country. Read about one of our latest Seven Pools Century Club members, Dave Kasper, who was featured on the third page of the October issue of the Hill and Lake Press.

We have a few current campaign initiatives we would like you to be aware of. Coming the end of November, our board will be doing a literature drop in Lowry Hill as an encouragement to remember the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools in year-end giving. We also are an active member in the Minnesota Give to the Max campaign coming up on Thursday, November 14th. If you or your employers are looking for a worthy organization to support through this initiative, please have them look us up! The last initiative we could really use your help with is to promote our Facebook page. If you could please "like" our page and share the post about our campaign, it would help us spread the word, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park.

As far as a project update, the pools have been drained for the season and MPRB will complete the boring process to look at soil conditions and composition of the current pool material. Once this is complete, they can begin dialog with potential contractors sometime this early winter.



Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Shaffer, FTLP President, MPRB Superintendent Al Bangoura, Paul Pender, FTLP Treasurer, Jeanne Scheiderer, FTLP Treasurer, MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Shaffer.

Lastly, for those of us with Save the Seven Pools yard signs, we plan to leave them out over winter. If yours is in a poor location for winter snow, please let us know and we can try to pick it up before the ground freezes. We would like to save them and replant (no pun intended) next spring.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Shaffer

President, Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board



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For information: [twincitiesoperaguild.org](http://twincitiesoperaguild.org)



TCOG Board Member Gisela Corbett and Peter Hyman, East Isles residents, at TCOG Candlelight Dinner in October.



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## Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amy Noble

### November 2019 Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes

#### KNO Board met November 4, 2019, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Marc Brown, Kyle Leier, and Aria Christenson. Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Marc Hotley, Sam Murphy, and Emma Pachuta

One item, City of Minneapolis Audit of our Financial Practices, was added to 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 in January 2020 and the discussion topic will be public realm spaces in the 7th ward

Later with Lisa will be held on December 9th, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, on the top floor of the City Club Apartments building

All water meters in the City of Minneapolis are being replaced and the initial neighborhoods targeted are Kenwood, Lowry Hills, and East Isles; watch for a flier from the city with details on how to call and schedule your meter replacement

Fall Street Sweeping is currently in progress; residents can search online by street address to determine service date

Yard waste collection will end the week of November 18 – 22nd

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

Snow emergency information has been mailed to residents

Metro Transit and SWLRT have a hotline to call for updates: 612-373-3933 or you may sign-up for email updates at [www.SWLRT.org](http://www.SWLRT.org)

Lisa responded to a board member's question regarding permit parking near the 21st Street Station; once SWLRT is running and if parking proves to be an issue, Lisa outlined the process for the neighborhood to request permit parking. This would entail 75% of residents within 8 contiguous blocks to support permit parking and then the City Council would vote on the petition.

There was discussion about the continued closure of Burnham Road and future closure of Cedar Lake Road, specifically how this impacts safety

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board 2021 Comprehensive Plan (Parks for All) – Emma Pachuta, Park Board

The park board has initiated its comprehensive planning process, Parks for All, which will set priorities and policy direction for the next decade of Minneapolis Parks

The park board has been and will continue to seek community input through many different types of engagement opportunities

It was brought to the KNO board's attention that while there is an agreement that the Kenwood Corridor should return to parkland following the construction of SWLRT, the park board does not own the land. Therefore, this land is not in the current plan and the park board would have to buy it

#### Community Engagement Plan, Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake – Emma Pachuta, Park Board

The park board is seeking community members to become involved in the planning process by volunteering to be a member of the Community Advisor Committee (CAC)

Some CAC members will be appointed by the board of commissions and some CAC members will be chosen by a selection committee; approximately 50% of CAC members will be from local communities and 50% from the region

Neighborhood organizations may also appoint a representative to attend open meetings to share input and to foster community engagement

KNO is seeking volunteers to serve as the CAC for both the comprehensive plan and for the Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake community engagement plan; interested parties should email [kiaa55405@gmail.com](mailto:kiaa55405@gmail.com)

### City of Minneapolis Audit of our Financial Practices – Shawn Smith and Matt Spies

Shawn Smith and Matt Spies met with the city auditor to review best practices of accounting and to complete the required neighborhood organization audit

In response to the audit, all board members reviewed and signed the KNO Conflict of Interest Policy, bylaws were updated, and KNO email accounts will be created for officers and one for invoices to assist in tracking and maintaining a paper trail

#### Treasurer Update – Matt Spies

There was no financial activity to report

#### Bylaws Update – Shawn Smith

Current KNO bylaws were reviewed and updates were recommended

KNO replaced KIAA

The term “members” was changed to “community members”

4.13 Informal Action of Directors was removed from the bylaws

The term “simple majority” was added to 4.14a for clarification

Removed references of Kenwood as an “area” and referred to it as a community or neighborhood

Addition of signature area for all officers to sign

A motion was made to amend the bylaws as proposed, the motion was seconded. The bylaws were amended by unanimous vote

The bylaws will be filed with the city and posted to the website

#### Other Business

Shawn Smith provided a brief report on the SWLRT safety meeting that took place on 11/30/19

The KNO fall newsletter will be mailed soon

Shawn Smith will meet with Jean Deatrick to gather information and discuss the Hill and Lakes Press financial situation

Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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 Neighborhood Events
- Contract consultant to assist with communication/c Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2017-2020

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/compliance

#### 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](http://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 December 2nd 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 in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at [kenwoodminneapolis.org](mailto:kenwoodminneapolis.org)

## East Isles Residents' Association

By Ellen van Iwaarden, EIRA President

The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) Board met on Tuesday, November 12, the deadline for this month's issue of the Hill and Lake Press. Full minutes of the meeting will be published in the December issue.

### Notice of Special Meeting and Vote on Proposed EIRA NRP Plan Modification

The Board would like to provide notice to the neighborhood that a special meeting of members has been called for December 10, 2019. Any individual sixteen years of age or older who resides or maintains a domicile within the boundaries of EIRA is eligible for membership and can become an EIRA member by attending the meeting and signing in with their name, address, and email address.

The meeting will be held at Grace Trinity Community Church at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to have the neighborhood vote, as required, on a proposed \$40,000 EIRA NRP plan modification to reallocate funds from other un-allocated funds in EIRA NRP accounts into the EIRA NRP public safety account. This would provide the funding necessary to support the purchase of six security cameras to be placed in East Isles and monitored by the Minneapolis Police Department. The Board previously approved a resolution to make that purchase, subject to posting and a vote by EIRA members on the necessary plan modification.

After the vote and a short break for holiday refreshments, the regular monthly meeting of the EIRA Board will be held. The chief matter under consideration at that meeting will be whether the East Isles Farmers Market will continue for the 2020 season. Please see the EIRA website [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org) for the agendas of the special meeting and the regular Board meeting on December 10.

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer  
Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2019  
Kenwood Recreation Center

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Breitingner, Craig Wilson, Toni D'Eramo, Bob Hinck, Justin Baylor, Fran Davis, Jody Lichtor, Kathleen Bottini, Lee Switzenberg, Tom Huppert, Thomas Regnier, Chas Scheiderer

Board Members Absent:

Sam Ellingson, William Reyelts, Evan Stern

Others in attendance:

Council Woman Lisa Goodman, MPD Inspector Amelia Huffman, Crime Prevention Specialist Jessica Kawas, Mohsen Sadeghi, Julie Sadeghi, Ryan Sadeghi, Kristine Anderson, Craig Martin.

Call to order at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes approved from October 2 meeting.

**Council Woman Lisa Goodman provided a city update.**

All residents are invited to “Later with Lisa” December 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 downtown at the City Club Apartments. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The city is replacing all water meters in a technology upgrade. If you haven't received a letter from the city asking you to schedule the replacement you will shortly.

Street sweeping in our district is complete. If you have any questions or concerns contact 311.

Please be reminded yard waste pick-up ends the week of November 18.

City budget hearings are scheduled for December 4 and 11.

### Crime and Safety

We welcomed the new Inspector for the fifth precinct Amelia Huffman. She and Crime Prevention Specialist Jessica Kawas explained that the biggest criminal problem in Lowry Hill is property crime. They shared with us some tips regarding prevention and safety. For further information check the [LowryHillNeighborhood.org](http://LowryHillNeighborhood.org). To interactively view Minneapolis reported and mapped crime locations, and crime statistics you can go to:

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## Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Monica Smith



### CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 13, 2019

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Gabriel Andrews, Clem Foltz, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone, Michael Wilson.

Coordinator: Monica Smith

Absences: Treasurer Taylor Pentelovitch, Evan Carlson.

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

The board approved the minutes from the September 2019 board meeting. A quorum was not present in October 2019.

**City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

2020 Budget hearings: Wednesday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 11 – meetings are at 6:05 p.m. at City Hall.

**Later with Lisa will be Monday, December 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at City Club Apartments, 95 S 10th St.**

Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is waiving adoption fees for all pets on November 22.

The City is replacing residential water meters city-wide. The project will take five years to complete.

Street sweeping continues.

Yard waste collection ends for the season the week of November 18.

The Board of Adjustment approved a variance for 2747 Thomas Ave.

The Community Connections Conference will be Saturday, February 1.

Centerpoint Energy is replacing natural gas mains in the neighborhood. The work will conclude in early December.

**2020 Census, David Rubedor, Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR)**

The City is seeking help to make sure that everyone is counted in the 2020 Census to protect federal funding and congressional seats.

The Census Bureau is projecting that Minneapolis is at risk of being undercounted by 95,000 people which equates to losing over \$2 billions in federal funds in a 10 year period.

Census questionnaires will be available in mid-March. Census day is April 1, 2020. This is the first time the census will be available online.

Information at [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

**2020 Elections, Casey Carl, Minneapolis City Clerk**

**Minnesota will hold a Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020.**

You will be able to vote beginning January 17 by mail or at the Early Vote Center or in person at your polling place on March 3.

When you vote in the primary, you must choose which major party's ballot you want. Which party you choose will not be public information, but it will be available to each major party.

**The MN state primary is August 11 and general election day is November 3.**

Mr. Carl responded to a question about changes to the election cycle for Minneapolis City Council due to a state law relating to census-driven redistricting of council wards.

**Chair's Report, Mary Pattock**

Monica Smith reported that in October, the CIDNA Board electronically approved a motion to transition the financial records from Excel to Quickbooks Online (yearly subscription is \$50) and to hire Robert Thompson as a consultant to set up Quickbooks Online and provide 2-3 hours per month of financial services at \$60/hour.

**Rosanne Halloran reported on the status of the coordinator search process.** The board approved the

following motion: The CIDNA Board authorizes the Coordinator Search Committee to complete the search process for a new Coordinator, establish the hourly pay rate somewhere between \$25-\$40 as advertised in the job description and depending on experience and qualifications, and to hire the candidate.

**Recap of Southwest LRT Safety Meeting held on October 30:**

The meeting was well attended by City, County and Met Council representatives and residents and was facilitated by Fire Chief Fruetel.

The neighborhoods asked for the following commitments:

Include residents in traffic coordination meetings between City, County and Met Council.

Review the transportation study for the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Lake St Station.

Develop neighborhood specific evacuation plans.

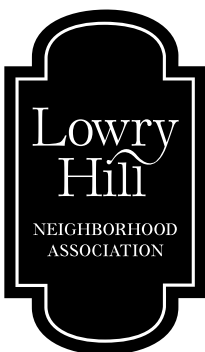
A planning group of residents from CIDNA and Kenwood will work on next steps with Representative Hornstein.

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## The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is committed to serving you.

The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. If you have a concern, question or wish to be on the agenda, contact us at [lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org](mailto:lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org).

### LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



#### Giving Thanks to Those Who Keep Our Neighborhood Safe

Each year on Thanksgiving Day, the LHNA shows communal gratitude to our 5th Precinct police officers and Fire Station 6 firefighters by delivering delicious pies and ice cream on behalf of Lowry Hill residents. While we celebrate with family and friends, these dedicated men and women continue to keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Be Notified When a Snow Emergency is Declared

By now you should have received a Snow Emergency instructional postcard from the city. We've also posted the rules on the LHNA website. Be notified by signing up for an email or phone alert. You can also sign up for email or text alerts at [minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow\\_subscribe](http://minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_subscribe)

#### “Leave A Light On” and Help Deter Crime

Property theft is one of the biggest crime issues in our neighborhood. Light is a BIG deterrent and low cost. Leave front and back porch and yard lights on all night.



#### More tips:

- **Call 911** if you see suspicious persons or activity. Renters you're residents too! Do not hesitate.
- **Cars** - Lock and do NOT leave anything visible whether you're parking in a neighborhood restaurant lot, on the street or at home. Laptops, phones, tablets, and briefcases are frequently stolen from vehicles.
- **Windows** – Lock or pin all first floor and easy access windows.
- **Garage Doors** - Close and lock garage doors.
- **Porches/yards** - Don't leave items of value on porches or in yards.
- **Alarms**: Keep armed at all times.

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http://www.ci.minneapolis,mn.us/police.

We are in need of block leaders in Lowry Hill. Being a block leader is a great way to get to know your neighbors and be involved in the neighborhood. Block leaders are needed in Lowry Hill. A list of the blocks needing a leader follow:

17xx block of Logan, 17xx block of James, 17xx block of Humboldt, 19xx block of Girard and the 16xx/17xx combined blocks of Dupont. For more information contact our Crime Prevention Specialist, Jessica Kawas, at [jessica.kawas@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:jessica.kawas@minneapolismn.gov). Also see the Lowry Hill neighborhood association website for more informations.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bills are current, we have an adequate balance to conduct business. Current balance in the checking account is about \$27,000 which compares favorably to previous years.

Toni D'Eramo made a motion to provide funding to Hill and Lake Press as we have done previously. Hill and Lake Press is not for profit and depends on contributions of the residents it serves. We feel it serves a crucial role in our community.

Motion: Contribute \$1500 to Hill and Lake Press.

Motion Passed unanimously.

**Zoning and Planning**

We had residents attending to present two requests. Before we started discussion President Jennifer Breitinger clarified our responsibility. People seeking variance requests inform the LHNA board regarding variance requests. LHNA does not have regulatory authority but expresses opinions to the Planning Commission for their review.

Mohsen Sedeghi presented plans for their home at 35 Groveland. Assisting in the presentation were his wife Julie and son Ryan along with representatives of the architectural firm they are using. They plan to demolish the home they have lived in for 37 years and build a five-unit condominium on the property. The existing property requires major repairs, the highly sloped driveway is unpractical. Real Estate brokers value the property only at the value of the land. The zoning is R2. The architectural rendering is attractive and fits in the context of the area quite well.

Craig Wilson made a motion: Motion to not oppose the demolition permit and design proposal for 35 Groveland Terrace. This motion is made in consideration of the owner's plans to occupy a unit, the hardship of the driveway, lack of parking and the context sensitive design paying tribute to that part of the neighborhood.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Craig Martin represented a landscaping variance for 1314 Mt. Curve. The property is in a steep slope overlay district for Spring Lake. Any landscaping repair needs a variance. The property is at least a block away from Spring Lake. The existing landscaping is in poor condition and repair is needed,

Craig Wilson made a motion: LHNA will not oppose the variance request for landscaping renovation at 1314 Mt. Curve.

Motion passed unanimously.

Also, related to zoning, we discussed the air quality in the area. The highways and the local asphalt plant contribute to poor air quality in the area. Air quality may need to be taken into consideration in future zoning decisions.

**Neighborhood Priorities**

We discussed the successful Hennepin Lyndale cross-roads project. For details one can refer to the minutes from last month's LHNA board meeting.

Craig provided an update regarding the parks plan for 2040.

Friends of Thomas Lowry Park have made the first payment to the city of \$62,500 for Seven pools planning and design. Fund raising is progressing.

**Historical** Nothing to report.

**Events**

Justin will work with East Isles to develop plans for the skating party.

**Communications** Nothing to Report

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.



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1770 Bryant S #21	\$162,000	\$0	37	\$162,000	C	1/1	782	\$131,500	\$1,963	###	
48 Groveland Terr #402	195,000	0	105	177,500	C	1/1	774	151,045	2,296	###	
3145 Dean Crt #901	299,900	0	109	296,000	C	2/2	1,209	285,500	4,264	###	
3339 St Louis Ave	399,000	1,000	69	365,000	TWN	3/3	1,513	483,600	7,223	###	
1929 Girard S #1	525,000	0	25	525,000	C	3/2	2,140	411,295	6,220	###	
2401 Lake Place	609,000	0	28	580,000	H	2/2	1,902	450,000	6,718	###	
2449 W 22nd St	625,000	1,500	16	600,000	H	4/2	2,220	574,500	8,820	###	
1922 Penn S	700,000	0	38	648,500	H	5/4	2,723	705,000	11,191	###	
2449 Girard S	995,000	0	67	965,000	H	4/4	3,940	924,000	15,668	###	
2101 Irving S	1,295,000	1,800	57	1,164,000	H	6/5	4,400	896,500	15,433	###	
2749 Dean Pkwy	2,250,000	0	98	1,920,000	H	4/6	5,643	1,324,000	22,439	###	
1785 Logan S	2,275,000	0	278	1,875,000	H	6/8	8,179	2,125,500	36,984	###	
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CIDNA and Kenwood will work with the involved agencies and public officials to obtain a progress report for the neighborhoods by December 1.

**Coordinator's Report, Monica Smith**

A proposal for an NRP Phase II Plan Modification was introduced at the September board meeting requiring a 21-day notice before a board vote. The board approved a motion to approve the Plan Modification to move \$7,394.93 from unspent categories to the Coordinator and administration line item.

CIDNA currently has a loan of \$130,000 to Propel Nonprofits to support affordable housing in Minneapolis. The contract is due to expire 12/31/19. The board is considering extending the contract one additional year assuming that the City provides funding to neighborhood organizations in 2020 (pending approval of the 2020 City budget on December 11). The decision to extend the loan needs to be made by December 1. The CIDNA Board will take an electronic vote to extend the loan once the contract termination clause is reviewed.

**The board voted to extend the term for Southwest LRT Neighborhood Priority Plan contract.**

Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) had been selected as the consultant to help finalize the Neighborhoods 2020 program. Neighborhood representatives are invited to three meetings "to help co-create" Neighborhoods 2020: November 21, December 12 and January 9. Meeting times for all will be 6:00-8:00 p.m.; the locations will be announced. CIDNA will send two representatives plus the Coordinator to these meetings.

Neighborhood organization are invited to facilitate a break-out session or table at the Community Connections Conference.

NCR will be conducting a routine internal financial and programmatic review with CIDNA.

**Land Use and Zoning Committee**

No report.

**Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry**

The City repaired a leaky fire hydrant that was flooding the detoured sidewalk around the 3100 W Lake St development.

**Social Committee**

Elaine May provided the final accounting of Fall Festival expenses. A planning committee will be formed next year.

CIDNA earned \$2,000 from the Wine Tasting Fund Raiser. Next year's event is being planned for October 8. CIDNA will need to decide if it wants to participate in the event by having a representative on the planning committee, selling tickets and providing volunteers at the event.

Amanda Vallone reported that Art Mart, featuring 15 artists, is Saturday, November 23, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Thrill Kenwood was a success. Prior to the event, the CIDNA Board electronically approved a donation of \$250.

**Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck**

The committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica. All are welcome.

The Southwest Service Area Master Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) process has closed. The master plan is being drafted and will be published for a 45-day comment period. For more information and to sign up for email updates, go to [minneapolisparcs.org/sw](http://minneapolisparcs.org/sw).

The committee will focus on a tree initiative with the massive loss of trees due to SWLRT and reduced canopy city-wide. The committee is working on making a case to use NRP funds to plant trees on private property as mitigation for SWLRT.

The Cedar Lake - Lake of the Isles Master Plan process is beginning. The committee submitted comments for the Community Engagement Plan. The application

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**Where we are now! by Jean Deatrack**

Readers know that I reported that we were not doing well financially. Hill and Lake Press focuses on events and issues in our four neighborhoods: Cedar Isles Dean, East Isles, Kenwood, and Lowry Hill and I believe that is what we should continue to do. Traffic, light rail, development, and Thomas Lowry Park are some of the ongoing issues that residents need to know about.

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 need to find a stable base. We just need to be able to pay our bills. Thank you kind friends. The following people generously sent checks in October and November. We are grateful. We live in a wonderful neighborhood.

- Cheryl B. and Harvey J. Simer,
- Robbie and Gail Blake,
- Monica Murphy,
- Philip K. and Beverly J. Jacobson,
- Elizabeth and Jonathan Beck,
- Edward and Peggy Pluimer,
- Russ and Mary Horsch,
- Patricia M. Shirley, donation for Liz Whitbeck and also for HLP,
- Sally Anson,
- Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association,
- Fran and Barb Davis,
- Chas and Jeanne Scheiderer,
- John and Christine Kitchener,
- Miriam Segall.

**THANK YOU!**

period to serve on the CAC will be late November through the end of January. CIDNA has been assured a seat on the CAC Selection Committee. For more information and to sign up for email updates, go to [minneapolis-parks.org/cedar-isles](http://minneapolis-parks.org/cedar-isles).

**Transportation Committee** No report.

**Old Business**

The CIDNA Board approved a motion to donate \$250 of unrestricted funds to the Seven Pools project in Lowry Hill.

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

Next meeting

**DUE TO LOAD MANAGEMENT, TOM H. COOK'S COLUMN SAND UPON THE WATERS WILL NOT APPEAR THIS MONTH.**

**Halloween Neighborhood Block Party**



**Thriller event photo by Dorothy Childers**

Amanda Vallone and costumed children performing the Michael Jackson Thriller dance at the annual Halloween Party at Kenwood Recreation Center. Every year there is a Global Simultaneous Thriller Dance performed around the world. This is the 11th Anniversary of this event, sponsored by the LHNA, KIAA, and CIDNA neighborhoods and local businesses.

**CIDNA concluded**

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Jones-Harrison Residence.

Notes to CIDNA residents: Contact [info@cidna.org](mailto: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.

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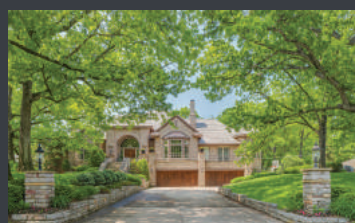


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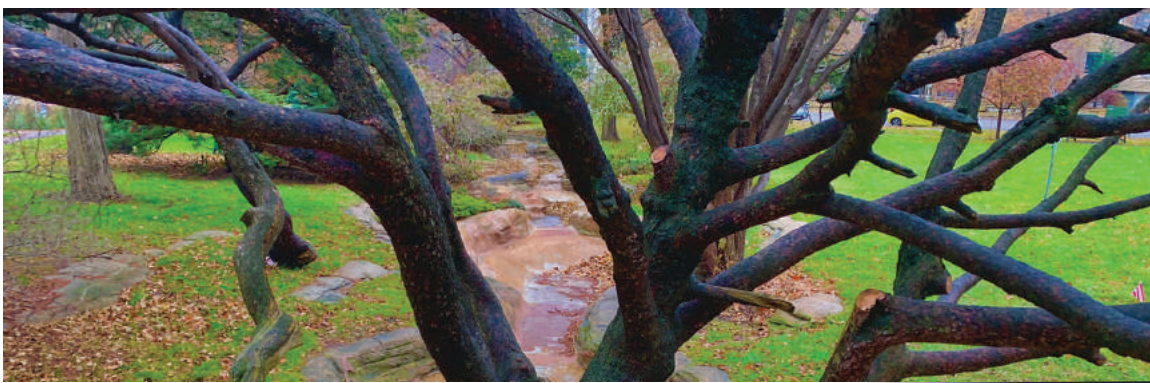
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Fall comes to Thomas Lowry Park and the Fremont Triangle. The urn installations were paid for by Friends of Thomas Lowry Park and designed by Tangletown Gardens.

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