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Meet Your Neighbor, The North Star Flag

By Craig Wilson

The first time I encountered the Minnesota state flag was in high school after relocating to Minnesota from out of state. I was offended by the American Indian riding off into the sunset with the white farmer plowing a field from a deforested landscape with his gun and gunpowder leaning against a tree stump. Even in the 1980s this struck me as racist and offensive. I probably had greater sensitivity to the subject as a Native (indigenous) Hawaiian who had relocated from living in Honolulu with my father to living with my white mother and stepfather in suburban Minneapolis. I love Minnesota but I have always hated our flag, ranking right up there with Mississippi on the offensive scale.

I challenged a friend of mine named Troy Larson, an authentic 'Norwegian bachelor' and Minneapolis based graphic designer, to create a better flag. Troy created this beautiful flag based on a Dakota star for our 'North Star' state. I really like it because it is simple yet has layers of meaning, emphasizing our State's native origins (people have been living in Minnesota for 10,000 years) yet it's still Nordic influenced (see Greenland's flag).

Troy's design inspiration for the new and much improved State Flag is described in the text below:

1. The Star of the North: Dakota Star/Nordic Star and pattern appears in multiple cultures and represents the state motto "L'Étoile du Nord" (The Star of the North).
2. The water state: white is for snow and ice and blue is for sky and water.
3. Our Native heritage: white also represents the Ojibwe to the North and East; Blue represents the Dakota to the South and West.
4. Underground railroad: North Star (Evening Star/Star) was used to guide escaped slaves to follow the North Star northward to freedom.
5. Our flag heritage: white honors the first Minnesota flag and blue honors the current flag
6. Our arts and pioneer heritage: traditional quilt pattern celebrating arts and crafts as well as our pioneer heritage
7. M for Minnesota: Designed with the Letter M architecture detail from the Minnesota State Capitol rotunda (see M pattern in Star)



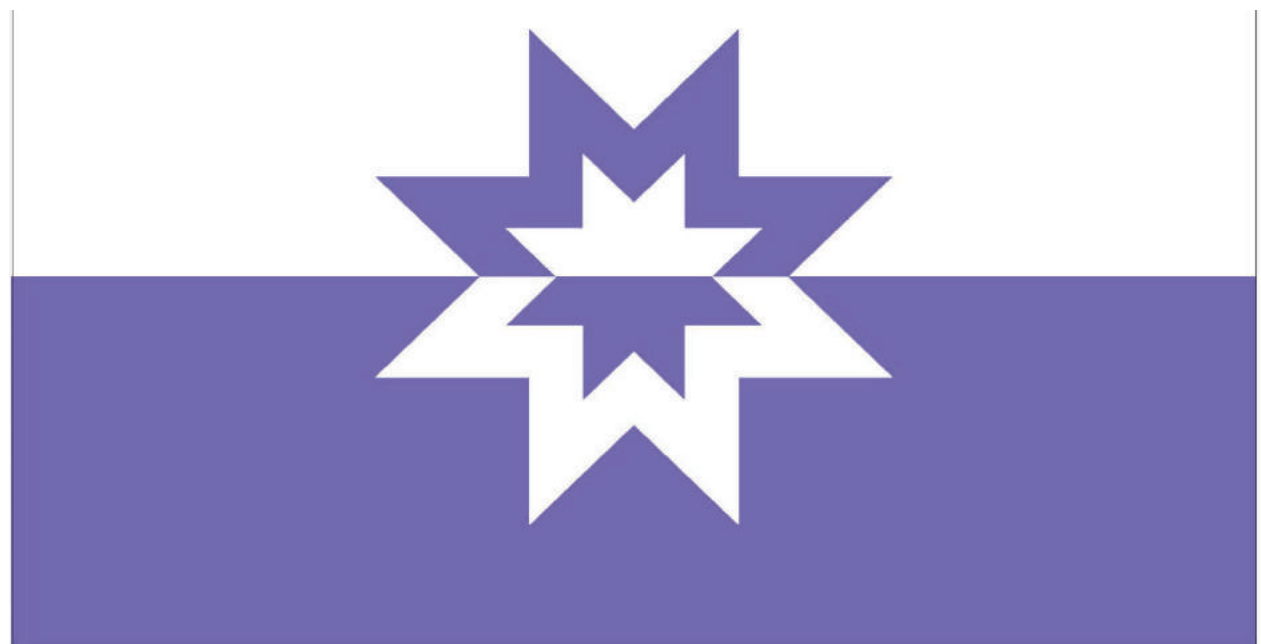
A Halloween Trip Down Memory Lane



Collage courtesy of Dorothy Childers

Halloween will be somewhat different this year. Greg Froehle, pumpkin-carver extraordinaire, will have a much smaller display and his creations will be placed along the city sidewalk, instead of in his yard. They can be seen on 21st Street, near Drew Avenue South. He lights the pumpkins on Halloween and continues to do so daily, weather permitting. This vintage collage of Froehle's carved pumpkins was created with photographs taken in 2005.

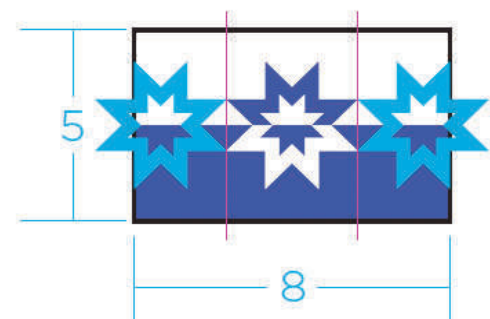
The North Star Flag by Troy Larson



A 5x8 ratio to celebrate the year Minnesota became a state in 1858

8. 1858: 5x8 ratio in honor of the year MN became a state in 1858
9. Nordic: Simple, yet bold two-color solution to reduce production cost

In case you can't picture it, here's the seal of the current Minnesota State Flag. (To the left.)



Thomas Lowry Park's Valiant Volunteers

By Suzanne Payne

Season 2020 in Thomas Lowry Park was unique in our history, on many levels. One that stands out is the unprecedented number of visitors. In addition to the usual park activities, many safe distancing get-togethers for social and business purposes were held throughout the park on any given day. Though the absence of water in the pools was disappointing, visitors found other delightful ways to enjoy the park.

A core of wonderful volunteers stepped up to make Thomas Lowry Park more attractive, peaceful and inviting than ever before. With more time available from our loyal volunteers, several major projects that rejuvenated and enhanced landscaping in the park were undertaken. Among significant endeavors was the total renovation of the two pergola iris beds and the distribution of truck-loads of mulch throughout the park. Also, watch next spring for the emergence of newly planted perennials in the gateway bed and pergola.

Approximately 500 total volunteer hours of labor in Thomas Lowry Park were documented for MPRB in the season of 2020. Thank you to the following neighbors/volunteers, who ranged in age from 6-90; Jean Bass, Kathleen Bottini, Shirley Cardozo, Tom Dokken, Cathy Gasiorowicz, Hilde Gasiorowicz, Kathy Gaskins, Steve Gaskins, Neal Gunderson, Sandra Gunderson, Dwight Haberman, John Haberman, Chad Harkin, Kathy Kerr, Karen Linder, Mickey Levine, Patrick Pautz, Suzanne Payne, William Payne, Ted Pender, David Piper, Abigail Shaffer, Elizabeth Shaffer, Peter



Shaffer, Steve Shaffer, Mark Tierney, Susan Trondson, Tom Trondson, Jess, Nicola, Tia, Joe, George and Girl Scout Troup # 10398. A special shoutout to William Payne, for logging just under 200 volunteer hours, and for overseeing park needs throughout the season.

Thanks to all neighbors and visitors to the park who contributed to its upkeep by respectfully cleaning up afterwards. Your efforts are greatly appreciated in keeping this historic treasure beautiful.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa will resume through ZOOM. Robert L, Economic Development with Indigenous. October 28th Send Link for people to sign up. Wednesday, October 28, 12:00 – 1:00) Guest Speaker is Metropolitan Council Member, Robert Lilligren, President and CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI). He will share about the amazing work being done to build a 21st Century American Indian Community including their work on the American Indian Cultural Corridor.

Lunch with Lisa events are online during the pandemic. Check out Lisa's website for details at mneapolismn.gov/ward7. The tour of the Dayton's project downtown will be online via Zoom.

Neighborhood Meetings

CIDNA next meeting will be held virtually on: Wednesday, November 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on via GoTo Virtual Meeting. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Because of the coronavirus, we are staying home, staying safe, and meeting via the internet, telephone, Zoom, and virtual meetings. Please check for changed meeting times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA's websites or monthly minutes.

Collection Saturday @ St. Paul's on Lake of the Isles 24 October 2020: 10:00am - 4:00pm, 1917 Logan Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Fall is a great time to help our neighbors in need prepare for the winter months ahead. Hope you can join us this Saturday, October 24th. Our outreach partners, Books for Africa, Southside Care Center, St. Stephen's, and Joyce Uptown Food Shelf are incredibly grateful for your donations. And this month we add our new Little Free Library to the list of donation needs. It is a beautiful addition to the peaceful gathering place on our front lawn.

Please carefully review the list below to see how you can help. Thank you for thinking of your neighbors, locally and throughout the world, during this time of need.

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

Shelters, Care Centers, New housing: seasonal jackets, ponchos, 1-2 person tents, new (or laundered) sleeping bags, blankets, new packs of white t-shirts (XL-3XL pref.), new packs of underwear (XL-3XL pref.), travel sized toiletries, individually packaged snack items (non- perishable – nuts, granola bars, etc.), bus passes/tokens, cell phones, calling cards, new cleaning products, new bathroom supplies, small electronics, garbage cans, totes, new personal hygiene items (no used, opened, or expired items, and please note the very limited clothing requested and that there is no need at this time for linens).



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Beautiful Fall colors graced the Hill and Lake Press neighborhood at Penn Avenue South and West Lake of the Isles Boulevard.

Little Free Library: children's books, young adult books (gently used/new, culturally sensitive books – no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please)

Books for Africa: popular fiction & nonfiction reading books, primary, secondary, & college textbooks (published in the last 15 years), reference books such as

encyclopedias & dictionaries (published in the last 15 years) (all gently used/new, culturally sensitive books - no mildewed, dirty, or torn books, please)

Donations are gathered at curbside, for the safety of all, during this time of COVID.



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We hope you have fun with this Coloring Eye Spy Challenge of the Kenwood Water Tower. Post your completed coloring page on the Thrill Kenwood Facebook event page for a chance to win a mystery gift.

THRILL KENWOOD

COVID Edition 2020 Week of Thrilling Fun!

- Saturday, October 24th, 5pm - Thriller Community Dance through
FB Live on event page
- Sunday, October 25th - Monster Cookie Challenge
- Monday, October 26th - Favorite Cereal Joyce Foodshelf Challenge
- Tuesday, October 27th - Spooky Storytelling
- Wednesday, October 28th - Zombie Make Up & Hair Tutorial
- Thursday, October 29th - DIY Zombie Craft
- Friday, October 30th - Halloween Decor Photo Challenge

STORYBOOK WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, October 31st: 3:00 - 5:00pm

Come dressed in costume and bring your favorite cereal to the Joyce Foodshelf Fill the Van event!

Walk through the Storybook Woods (Socially Distanced)

Watch a performance by Minnesota Dance Collaborative at 4pm



Hands and Heart Together: Daily Meditations for Caregivers
 by Patricia Hoolihan
 (Holy Cow! Press, November 2020, \$15.95)
 Reviewed by Beth Dooley

Patricia Hoolihan (Patty to us), teacher and memoirist, writes reflectively and poetically about the challenges and rewards of caregiving in *Hands and Heart Together: Daily Meditations for Caregivers*, due out by early November—which happens to be National Caregivers Month. Each short, lyrically written entry begins with an excerpt and closes with encouragement to honor the burdens and gifts of the journey. “Some people go far afield to hike on unknown trails; in caregiving we are adventuring through the sacredness of small steps. What shines through it all is love,” she writes in her meditation on the concept of adventures. In closing, she asks the reader to “honor the sacredness of my chosen journey and open my heart to this shining day.”

The passages are strung together by her curious and creative mind and have the effect close to reading letters, finely honed ones, from a caring and mature friend. Patty is a writer willing to patiently sift through her years and a variety of experiences caring for her mother and other family elders to find meaning in the events tied to this work. Consider her meditation on surrender. She writes of recognizing that she could no longer impose her will on her mother’s day, of letting go of her need to fight for specific outcomes. She then writes that, when at one’s wits end, surrender is calling and that it’s okay, even beneficial, to allow “its sweet relief.”

As she address universal emotions – fear, frustration, exhaustion, exhilaration, gratitude, and kindness – Patty’s tone is essentially congenial; ultimately these passages are as compelling as they are pleasing to read. With practical philosophy and simple language, she calls us to mindfully cherish the odd, idiosyncratic moments and find humor and delight in caring for a loved one as well as for oneself.

In one memorably uplifting passage, Patty recognizes the humanizing effect the Pandemic is having on all of us as it shines a “spotlight on how human beings care for one another in times of duress ... There has rightfully been much attention paid to how we care for one another, especially the sick, the vulnerable and the dying.” She then reminds us that the role of caregiver is “deeply rooted in a personal and yet universal response to a loved one’s suffering.”

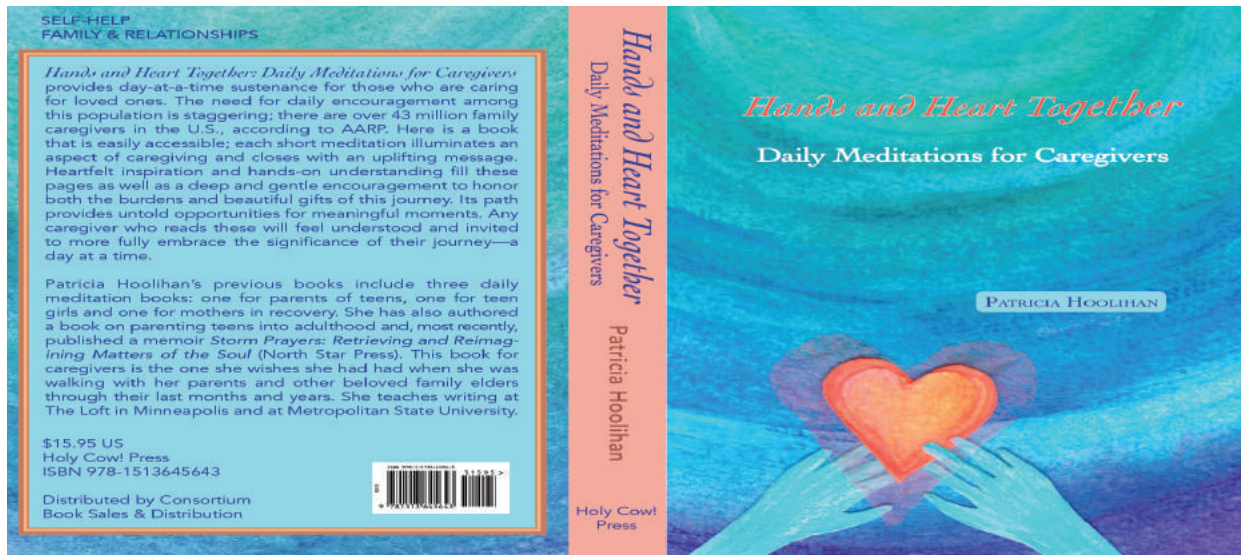
Addressing the subject of tears, she calls on us to see them as an opportunity, thus to resist the urge to fix what is “wrong.” Rather, she says to consider tears as an opportunity to connect in a tender moment, and ask what our loved one is seeing. “To hope for the strength to let go of fear and embrace the opening.” In another passage, addressing gratitude, we are led to acknowledge that time with a loved one is precious, a simple gift for both the loved one and caregiver.

As a guidebook, this will appeal most to those seeking the internal meaning of caregiving. The meditations recognize the hidden holiness and complex interi-



Many writers live in our four great neighborhoods and I urge you to check out these two interesting books Jennifer Universe lives in Lowry Hill. Her book is directed towards young people with wonderful illustrations that I wish we had space to share.

Jennifer reports that for many, 2020 has been a year more difficult than any before it. Strange, overwhelming and unpredictable, which is tough not only for children, but for everyone. *Make it a Good Day*, while a children's book, is really an everybody book. It's simple and affirming, and serves as a guide to creating a positive routine for all who read it. Jennifer says “It's truly a work from my heart to the world to find little bits of peace within ourselves. Recognizing the importance of slowing down, taking care of ourselves so we can put our best foot forward for others.” I've worked in many different industries and this book finding a little bit of good/joy/calm/respite for all. **By Jean Deatrick**



ority required of a caregiver; it acknowledges the critical importance of so many small, trivial, and tiring tasks involved in this spiritual and elemental work.

Patty’s memoir, *Storm Prayers: Reimagining Matters of the Soul*, and her three collections of meditations on subjects of motherhood, raising teenagers, and for teenage girls, address life’s biggest questions using empathy and wit without claiming to have answers. *Hands and Heart Together*, provides day-at-a-time sustenance in passages that will make readers feel understood and encouraged. It’s a book that the author says she wishes she’d had at her side while caring for her own mom and other aging loved ones.

NOTE: Birchbark Books will have signed copies of *Hands and Heart Together - Daily Meditations for Caregivers* available by early November. The book can also be ordered through Holy Cow! Press, via their website.

NOTE: Patricia (Patty) will be teaching a (virtual) writing workshop for caregivers at The Loft on Sat. Nov. 21 from 9:00 to noon. Great for those caregiving currently and also for those who have done so in the past and are still processing the experience. To register, go to Loft. org and look for classes!

Starting year forty nine,
 I guess I found some bliss
 And can't define the finish line!

Every day brings something new,
 Mechanical problems may baffle you,
 But it gives us lots to do-
 Integrity is our motto through!

Since fall is here
 You ought do your part
 Before the cold is out there
 And your car won't start!

Some folks claim
 I should retire-
 But I am still in the game
 Finding younger folks to inspire!

Planning to take the boards down
 That cover my window glass-
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HAVE A HAPPY (PANDEMIC) HALLOWEEN! (WEARING A DR. FAUCI MASK!)
by James P. Lenfestey www.coyotepoet.com

A lot of neighbors are scratching their heads about how to participate in Halloween this October 31, in the midst of pandemics political and viral. Coyote's answer to the first is obvious – VOTE by mail or in person on or by Tuesday, Nov 3. If all eligible Americans take this prophylactic step, the disease known as Trump will recede into an ugly asterisk in history, down there with racist Andrew Johnson who, after Lincoln was assassinated, attempted to undo the victory against slavery in the Civil War.

But what about our beloved Halloween holiday during a coronavirus pandemic?

HALLOWEEN is the most democratic of celebrations, open to all, a thrill ride of American childhood filled with ghosts and candy, costumes and graveyards, treats for tricks, a generous gift exchange, the happiest undead day of the year. And so much has been canceled already that breaks our neighborhood hearts, while some events that should have been canceled were not, like the Vikings' season. Stay Home, Vikings! For the rest of us, that sad advice is appropriate for so much this socially distanced year. But the Urban Coyote refuses allow this killjoy pandemic to crush this happiest of holidays. Below are steps the Urban Coyote will be tak-

ing for a Happy Pandemic Halloween, delicious, scary and safe. Hope all children, parents and guardians will visit, wearing Dr. Fauci masks!

I will carve pumpkins. Kowalski's has a nice selection. I'll clean and dry the seeds, dredge them in oil, sprinkle with salt and chipotle powder, and place them in a moderately hot oven. Turn them several times and keep an eye for burning. Remove and let cool, and place in a bowl. We will have a delicious snack for weeks. You can do it too!

On Halloween eve, I will light the carved pumpkins with candles and place on the front porch as always, where they can be seen by passersby. (Note: I do NOT place them outside a day or two early, as the excitable squirrels and festive masked raccoons love to begin the holiday early!).

I will purchase ALL the wrapped candy I had in past years, this year placed in bowls outside the front door, where adventurous ghouls and critters can dine until the bowls are empty. Leftovers if any will be donated to the Groveland Food Shelf at Plymouth Congregational Church.

As a treat for courageous adults on the Halloween circuit, I'll place on the porch stairs a generous wine and cheese platter with slices of rare roast beef, smoked salmon for the pescatarians, and black bean salsa and dip for the vegans. Just kidding! But you deserve it!

If costumed gremlins ring the bell, I will wave through the window, wearing my coyote skin headdress, accentuated by a Dr. Fauci mask. Ahh, Dear Dr. Fauci. This smart, decent public servant, who feared exactly this epidemic four years ago and worked so hard to prepare our nation for it, has been rewarded in ghoulish Trumptime by death threats on him and his family. Instead, he deserves all honor in our land. Other masks are welcome at the door as well, although the scariest of all, the hydra-headed Trump/Pence mask, may give me a heart attack on the spot!

BONUS. The Polar Coyote Club is offering a prize – a copy the upcoming URBAN COYOTE collection, due out next spring – if you jump into Cedar Lake for a swim on or after October 31. Text me photo proof at 612-730-7435. The last day I jumped in so far was Sunday, October 11. I rated the water temperature "Spiritual." Didn't want to get out!

BONUS 2. My short poem below celebrates the glorious fall we have experienced this year, none more beautiful in my memory.

WIND FALL

Leaves race along the hillside, a flight of startled birds.

Two yellow leaves court midair, mating butterflies.

The tallest trees shed hair in roaring gusts.

Fallen flames of maple ignite the forest floor.

Burnt orange berries call in the migrating hermit thrush.

A turkey struts vainly the leaf-strewn street, dinosaur feet leaving no tracks.

In the morning, heavy pawprints of oak leaves tread the sill,

tell me we've been visited, and that I am lucky to be alive!

For the time of towns is tolled from the world by funeral chimes, but in nature the universal hours are counted by succeeding tribes of animals and plants, and by growth of joy on joy. — Emerson, "The Poet"

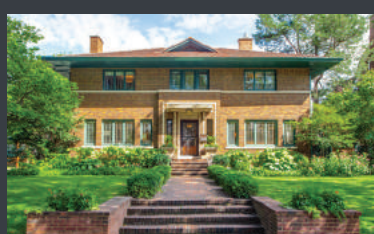
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Where we are Now, By Jean Deatrick

While doing the September issue, I encountered major software problems with my file. I was unable to finish proofing the issue so there were errors that went unnoticed. I apologize.

We appreciate the support that our neighborhoods have given...residents, advertisers, and readers, And especially our many contributors...most recently Sally Lehmann. Thank you. And please VOTE.



First time voter, my grandson Andrew, who is 18 years old.

Halloween Day Fill the Van Event

As part of this year's THRILL KENWOOD 2020 Covid Edition the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization is asking residents to support our non profit partner this year, Joyce Uptown Foodshelf. On Halloween Saturday, October 31st from 3-5pm down at the entrance of East Cedar Lake Beach please bring your favorite cereal as well as any of the items on the list below. Let's fill their van for Halloween! You can also walk the Storybook Woods in a socially distanced way.

- CEREAL, Non Dairy & Dry Milk, Peanut Butter
- Cooking Oil, Baby Food, Cleaning Supplies
- Diapers (esp. sizes 4,5,6)

An Apple Orchard Grows on West Lake of the Isles Boulevard.

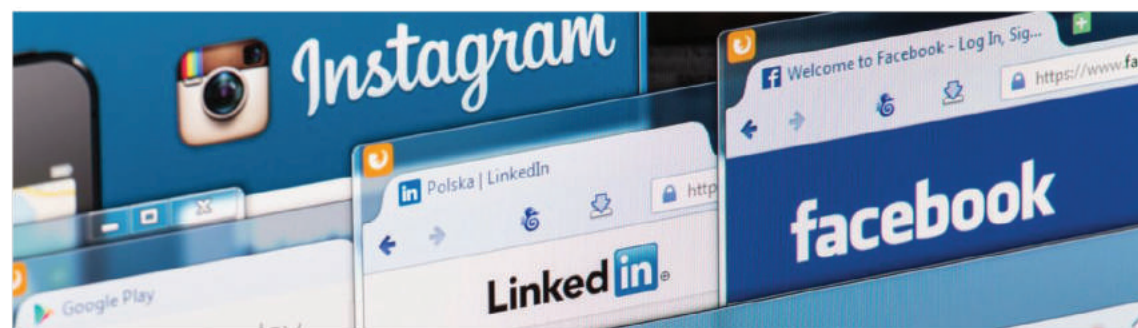


Collage by Dorothy Childers

In lieu of picking apples early, Sheila and Scott Mitchell of West Lake of the Isles, invited people to gather on September 26th for an Apple-Picking Party. Participants filled bags of apples to take home, and enjoyed an array of Fall treats while they were there. All of the apple trees are Minnesota bred and grown varieties from the University of Minnesota Research Center at the Arboretum. Sheila started planting the trees after clearing buckthorn from their property in 2001. She planted one each year and now there are twenty.

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Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

There's a hole in the bucket, dear Liza, dear Liza
There's a hole in the bucket, dear Liza, a hole.

—Harry Belafonte and Odetta Fellous Gordon

When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.

—Maya Angelou

“We can do anything to you that you can't stop us from doing.”
—Joseph Heller
“Catch 22”

“But who will bell the cat?”

—Aesop

And I don't know a soul who's not been battered
I don't have a friend that feels at ease
I don't know a dream that's not been shattered
or driven to its knees...

—Paul Simon
“American Tune”

An' here I sit so patiently
Waiting to find out what price
You have to pay to get out of
Going through all these things twice

—Bob Dylan
“Stuck Inside of Mobile with the
Memphis Blues Again”

We are living under a reign of tyranny and tantrums, petulance and pandemic, fear and fury. Our leader has an insatiable, pathological need for power and affirmation. He is exhausting us with his rants and clumsy chicanery. He has been analyzed and diagnosed endlessly. Our best and bravest have faced him and been thwarted not by his intelligence, but by the seemingly limitless power of the executive branch, coupled with the collective cowardice of his obsequious minions.

Inured to his tricks, millions of us have been beaten down by his relentless lies. Even pre-pandemic, after hearing his jarring and outrageous statements, I often felt in need of a shower. For many of us sleep is no escape. I fear for my three young grandchildren. My middle of the night fits are

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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen

CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, October 14, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board members attending: Chair Mary Pattock, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Clem Foltz, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, James Reid, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone; Coordinator Deb Jessen. Absent: Gabriel Andrews

Invited guests: Retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page; Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 7; Marion Greene, Hennepin County Chair and District 3 Commissioner; Scott Dibble, Minnesota State Senator, District 61; Frank Hornstein, Minnesota State Representative, District 61A; Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) President and District 4 Commissioner

Total Zoom attendance: 52 CIDNA members and guests.

Chair Mary Pattock called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The board approved the agenda and the minutes from the September 9, 2020, board meeting.

Annual Report, Mary Pattock

Mary delivered CIDNA's annual report. It covered an extended time frame (June 2019 to September 2020), because the annual meeting was delayed by the pandemic. The theme was "Making the world a better place, starting here, in CIDNA." Mary reported on how the board met the six goals it set for the year and thanked all who worked on them.

Planning: Revised vision, mission, and set goals based on a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis.

Strengthen the organization: Hired Deb Jessen as new coordinator and contracted with professional accountant, did outreach to renters, developed new funding sources (grants), improved internal processes.

Strengthen and celebrate neighborhood: Held traditional CIDNA events until prevented by pandemic, continued E-News and added special bulletins, created Facebook page, launched Facebook TLC (Take a Look at CIDNA) photo project. Communication is critical in a neighborhood without an indoor, four-season public gathering place.

Work with City, to balance quality and life and environment with development: Minneapolis 2020 Plan (maintained balance of 52% single-family housing with 48% rental); Neighborhoods 2020 (working to continue stable funding for all neighborhood organizations and give additional funding to those in low-income areas); responded to requests for building variances, monitored pedestrian safety.

Work with Park Board, to balance environment with recreation: Represented neighborhood desire not to overbuild parks, seeking to replace estimated 1,500 trees lost to SWLRT; volunteers cared for Park Siding Park gardens.

Work for SWLRT safety: Held two community meetings to identify resident concerns, represented neighborhood at safety legislatively mandated accountability meetings with government officials and contractor.

In addition, CIDNA responded to City crises:

Pandemic and civil unrest: Donated to Jones Harrison Residence and Joyce Uptown Foodshelf.

Racism: Wrote and sent anti-racism policy statements on policing and police reform to city officials, purchased anti-racism books for Little Free Libraries.

The annual report, in PowerPoint, can be found at cidna.org.

Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

Deb described her professional background and gave a brief outline of the Coordinator position duties.

New Business

Members elected board members for 2020-2021: Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Kevin Johnson, Dean Kephart, Mary Pattock, Claire Ruebeck, Tim Sheridan, Amanda Vallone. The board will elect officers at the November meeting.

Members approved an amendment to CIDNA's bylaws, changing the fiscal year from June 1-May 31 to January 1-December 31.

Guest Speaker, Retired Supreme Court Justice Alan Page

Justice Page discussed his proposed Minnesota constitutional amendment to guarantee a quality public education for every child in Minnesota. He and Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari are proposing the amendment to help close our educational achievement gaps. Only 37 percent of low-income Minnesota students are proficient in math and reading, versus 68 percent of higher-income students, and 39 percent of African-American students perform at grade-level versus 65 percent of white students. He and Kashkari welcome any language changes to improve the amendment. People who support the amendment should contact their legislators; if the legislature approves the amendment in its next session, it will appear on the ballot in 2022. Justice Page responded to questions and comments from CIDNA members.

Report of Elected Officials

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Member, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa returns in a virtual format on October 28 with Robert Lilligren, Metropolitan Council Member and President and CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute.

Street sweeping begins on October 20.

Community engagement on reimagining community safety has begun.

The City is working with other jurisdictions to ensure that voters will be safe on Election Day, November 3. No poll watchers are allowed in Minnesota.

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Chair and District 3 Commissioner

She expressed her gratitude for CIDNA and all Minneapolis neighborhood associations.

The County is disbursing \$221 million dollars of federal funds for Hennepin County to respond to the pandemic.

The County has provided between \$3 million to \$5 million of county funds in addition to \$7 million to 14 million dollars of private funding to preserve local property ownership post-civil unrest.

The County is responding to unsheltered homeless by leasing (rent to own) small hotels and multi-unit buildings for shelter.

Scott Dibble, Minnesota State Senator, District 61

The Legislature is currently in special session to extend Governor Walz's emergency powers for a fifth time.

He expects the bonding bill to pass.

Frank Hornstein, Minnesota State Representative, District 61A

The bonding bill will create new jobs, transportation, and infrastructure.

He thanked Mary Pattock and Claire Ruebeck for leading the CIDNA response to safety issues of the Southwest Light Rail Transit construction and operation, and reported that the transportation bill, if passed, will provide bus rapid transit in the City.

Jono Cowgill, MPRB (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board) President and District 4 Commissioner

He thanked CIDNA members and Claire Ruebeck for their work on the several MPRB master plans.

The MPRB passed its Ecological Systems Plan, which will make incremental changes to the amount of "mowable" land in the park system, converting it to natural plantings.

The budget will be presented at the next board meeting and he expects to continue MPRB's investment in young people and the environment.

Regarding the proposed bike path along Kings Highway, opposed by the park board's Forestry department because it would destroy some 60 trees, he said:

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO Minutes)

By Amanda Vallone

Monday, October 5th 2020

KNO Board met on October 5th, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Directors present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Kyle Leir, Will Stensrud,

Jono Cogwill (President, Commissioner Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner) Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, Eric Larson, Carl Goldstein, Jack Levi, David Davies, Jim Barnett, Lana Baggenstom.

Jeremy Nichols moves to adopt the September minutes, Melinda Platt seconds the motion and all approves.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa will resume through ZOOM. Robert L, Economic Development with Indigenous. October 28th Send Link for people to sign up. Wednesday, October 28, 2020 (12:00 – 1:00) Guest Speaker is Metropolitan Council Member, Robert Lilligren, President and CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) Robert will share about the amazing work being done to build a 21st Century American Indian Community including their work on the American Indian Cultural Corridor.

Street Sweeping begins on October 20th – Click here for the Street Sweep Interactive Map/Schedule

CENSUS new deadline is October 31st 2020

Early Voting is now happening. Early voting continues at a record pace in Minneapolis. As of the end of the day Oct. 14, 82,941 early votes have been received for the 2020 election.

The City Council's Budget Committee has begun reviewing departments' proposed 2021 budgets and will continue through November. The City Council is scheduled to vote on budget adoption Dec. 9.

Federal Award to 6.7 million for electric vehicle charging stations. Expansion of these charging stations will benefit our City to begin the transfer to electric vehicles.

Inspector Amelia Huffman from 5th Precinct MPD

Highlights from Crime Stat Report:

Thefts from unlocked vehicles continues to be an ongoing issue. 4 motor thefts this year compared to 3 last year. 8 violent crimes which is the highest it has been in 5 years.

Kenwood has not seen the uptick in crime that other parts of Minneapolis has seen. Burglary in multi unit buildings make up a large part of the property crimes.

Significant burglaries from juveniles has been trending in nearby neighborhoods, particularly Lowry Hill. Many of these juveniles have been arrested.

Question – Angie – Why are the vehicles being stolen so random? Crime of opportunity – joy ride –

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"There's a fair concern that we don't want to lose mature trees. We're not at the point in the process where that's clear. Having a detailed design is the only point at which we could see any conflicts with trees."

After their presentations, the panel of officials responded to questions and comments from CIDNA members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held virtually on:

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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

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transportation – No proof of organized rings with these youth.

Question – Do you think there is a false sense of feeling unsafe? Whittier and Lowry Hill are the most affected by the increase in crime in the neighboring communities. The unrest we have seen this year has contributed to the feeling of not being safe as well as the uptick in crimes, but social media tends to put emphasis on this and not all the good things happening in the community.

Question - Do you feel most crime incidents are being reported? Apps like Nextdoor and Citizen are not always correct. Citizens is notorious for mixing up the North and South sides. You can always call or email Jessica Kawas if you have a question about a particular incident that you have read about on social sites.

Question – Is there a correlation between the crime and homeless problem happening? The encampments can be problematic with drug use, assault and trafficking behavior but it is not the sole cause of the uptick in crime we are seeing.

Question – With the LRT Greenline opening in 2023 with 3 different jurisdictions, do you see this as a potential issue? MPD works closely with Park Police and Metro Transit. There are issues with transit stations along the line with crime and when the LRT opens the greenline those areas will be monitored.

Jessica Kawas, Crime Prevention Specialist Civilian from MPD

Tips to Stay Safe When You Are Out and About

Carry only what you need. Do not take large amounts of cash or unnecessary personal items with you. Pay attention to your surroundings. Trust your instincts. Be aware of strangers loitering in your area.

Don't get distracted: keep your eyes open and off your phone. Keep your phone and other electronics out of sight so you don't tempt thieves.

Call 911 for any suspicious activity, such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, the sound of glass breaking or loud banging, and unfamiliar trucks or vans lingering in your alley.

Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner

Preservation of investment of youth programming will be focused on to eliminate low level crime opportunities. The Park Board is inclined to support CAC recommendations and will be taking public comments very seriously.

Resident Voices

A discussion regarding the redistricting of schools for our families should be presented in the near future.

SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.

21st Street Station looking at getting concrete poured before winter sets in for platform work.

Vibratory rolling as earthwork continues to happen with storm water work. You can always reach out to the project office if concerns about possible damage due to vibratory rolling.

Excavation will be happening on the bridge over the channel and will be a bit disruptive.

September 30th was the Rail Safety Annual meeting coordinated through the City and Legislative Office.

Will there be meeting minutes or a link to this meeting? Mark will follow up on this.

Amy Morgan, City of Minneapolis Public Works

Franklin Ave Project – 2021 Resurface. Pull any PDF of this project available. Ask for the project timeline to share in the meeting minutes.

Thrill Kenwood 2020, Amanda Vallone

A request that the annual Halloween themed event that usually takes place at Kenwood Park move forward with a Covid Conscious event plan. This event would be transformed into a Virtual event and the dance Thriller would be performed through live facebook rather than a real live audience on Saturday, October 24th with a week long of daily family fun challenges to do from home. This would conclude on Saturday, October 31st at East Cedar Lake Beach with a socially distanced Walk in the Storybook Woods and a special Fill the Van event with Joyce Foodshelf, this year's non profit organization as we stock them up with some of

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

By Chas Scheiderer

Board Meeting Minutes, October 6, 2020

Internet Enabled Remote (Zoom) Meeting

Called to order by Jennifer Wirick Breitinger at 7:05 P.M.

Board Members attending: Jennifer Wirick Breitinger, Bob Hinck, Toni D'Eramo, Chas Scheiderer, Fran Davis, Jody Lichtor, Justin Baylor, Craig Wilson, Kathleen Bottini, Lee Switzenberg.

Board Members not in attendance: Tom Huppert, Sam Ellingson, William Reyelts, Thomas Regnier.

Also attending were Minneapolis Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Jessica Kawas, civilian crime analyst for the Minneapolis Police, and the MPD Fifth Precinct Inspector, Amelia Huffman, as well as Courtney Kiernat representing the Peris Apartments project. Several residents not named also attended via zoom.

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Councilwoman provided a community update, some highlights include:

Lunch with Lisa events are online during the pandemic. Check out Lisa's website for details at mneapolismn.gov/ward7. The tour of the Dayton's project downtown will be online via Zoom.

A zoning variance for a steep slope at 6400 Groveland was approved, but the side yard extension was not.

Fall street sweeping is starting; you can check the schedule for your street at minneapolis.gov/public-works/streetsweeping.

The city is increasing the tax levy next year, but most people will not see a tax increase since the tax base has increased.

The mayor is including three Minneapolis Police Department recruiting classes in the new city budget.

their needs.

Board Motion – Angie Erdrich made a motion to approve the \$1,000 for Thrill Kenwood annual event to happen virtually with a covid conscious in person event at East Cedar Lake Beach. Jeremy Nichols 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Ask Mark to add the verbiage regarding the committee being formed for the community engagement opportunity.

Neighborhoods 2020

Evelyn Turner submitted comments on the Neighborhoods 2020 on behalf of KNO. She also reported that it appears that funding to most neighborhoods is proposed to be cut, and it is not clear what the city's expectations for the use of funding would be.

Now that the public comment period has closed on the Neighborhoods 2020 draft program guidelines, the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department (NCR) reviewed the 244 public comments received and is creating a summary. The comments and summary will be available on the Neighborhoods 2020 webpage before the City Council takes action.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:16pm.

Action Between Meetings - All

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

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
 - Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
 - East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
 - Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
 - Contract consultant to assist with communication
- Updates: Please visit our website at <https://www.kenwoodmpls.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 via GoTo Virtual Meeting. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodmpls.org

The Tiny Villages Homeless Shelter is well on its way to full funding. The city has committed \$2M to the project and the state has committed \$2.2M in addition to generous local contributions. Also included will be a shelter for Native Americans in the Cedar Lake area.

Toni D'Eramo described the free-to-all Thrill Kenwood halloween event. LHNA has supported it in the past with a \$500 contribution. Toni made a motion for LHNA to contribute \$500 to the event. The motion was seconded and approved.

Courtney Kiernat informed us that Peris Apartments closed on the former Bradstreet Craffhouse property September 14. Demolition is beginning. All updates will appear on a Peris Hill Apartments Face Book page maintained by Courtney.

Toni D'Eramo voiced her disappointment in the appearance of the Peris project from Colfax. Three utility poles are clustered in front of the property. Courtney explained that at least one pole will be removed by Xcel.

MPD Inspector Amelia Huffman and Jessica provided an update from MPD. Property Crimes in Lowry Hill are down this year with 122 incidents compared to last year's 132 incidents. Violent crimes are 15 incidents compared to 13 last year.

The number of police patrol officers in the precinct decreased to 58 from last year's 77 primarily due to attrition. A minimum of eight patrol officers are scheduled per shift. Shifts overlap in the evenings during prime time.

The cameras along Hennepin Avenue that have been funded by LHNA NRP funds have been delayed. Inspector Huffman is asking the department to expedite the installation; she will keep us informed.

Treasurer's Report: Toni explained that all invoices are paid and forms are submitted to Green Minneapolis; tax forms are complete.

Annual Meeting:

Jennifer asked all committee chairs to send a summary of the past years activities to her for inclusion in an annual report we will provide to the community in lieu of the annual meeting.

Historical Committee:

Bob Hinck explained that he and Thomas Regnier are creating a survey to be used in the community to see if there is interest in historic designations.

November Meeting:

A motion was made to move the November meeting to November 10 to avoid conflict with the November 3 election. The motion was seconded; motion passed.

Zoning and Planning:

Lee Switzenberg spoke about the Hennepin Avenue reconstruction project. The planning map shows the Hennepin Avenue entrance to the Lowry Hill Liquors store and the entrance to the shared lot of The Lowry Restaurant and Scottish Rite to be closed. Lee suggested the board send a letter in support of businesses that the entrances remain open.

Craig Wilson is representing Lowry Hill to the city for this project. Craig is going to invite the planners to our next (November 10) meeting. The board will delay any action until after the November meeting.

Crime and Safety:

The community is concerned about recent high-profile incidents in the area. We had a discussion concerning what the board could do. Public safety and enforcement is a controversial subject with numerous opinions. We agreed that a specific statement may not be representative of the community. All individuals are encouraged to send their comments to city officials. Toni suggested we send a letter to the city council expressing our concern. Jennifer agreed to draft a letter to be reviewed by the board.

Events:

Justin Baylor described the successful Super Garage Sale that was completed in collaboration with East Isles. There was good participation and attendance.

We discussed what we could do for Halloween; the consensus was it is too late to plan an event. We further decided that we will not sponsor a skating party due to the pandemic.

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Communications:

We discussed content for the October Hill and Lake Press advertisement. The annual report will be ready in November. Committee chairs were reminded to send their reports to Jennifer.

Neighborhood Priorities:

Craig Wilson informed the board the Hennepin - Lyndale landscape improvements are in critical need of funds. Several neighborhood institutions that had committed to fund landscaping maintenance have not fulfilled their obligations. One generous neighbor floated a \$10,000 loan for maintenance, but it has not been possible to reimburse him due to the lack of funds. Everyone affiliated with the institutions along the corridor are asked to see if they can help by speaking to the various institutions.



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East Isles Residents Association

By Jenna Egan

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7-9 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Board Members Present:

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

Guests present: Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 City Councilmember, Debbie Gold (East Isles Farmers Market Chair), Kate Sandweiss, Jerry Richman, Ellen van Iwaarden (Green Team Co-Chair), Barb Nesheim, Rochelle Diver, Dominic Sposeto

Welcome & Introductions

Emma Erdahl, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Guest Speakers

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council Member (10 minutes)

Council Member Lisa Goodman gave the following announcements:

Monthly Luncheons with Lisa will move to Zoom in October and a field trip of the new Dayton's Project, date has not been set yet (to learn more and sign up for Lisa's newsletter, contact Judy Sherin at judy.sherin@minneapolisnmn.gov).

Public meeting with the Native American Community Development Institute, to learn more about what they are doing, no date set yet.

The City of Minneapolis seeks people to be on boards and commissions. 24 boards and 97 open spots. Lisa, is personally looking for a 7th Ward Representative on the Public Health Advisory Board. Learn more about open positions here.

September is National Preparedness Month. It's through FEMA. Learn more here. If interested in being trained in this area, contact Lisa at judy.sherin@minneapolisnmn.gov.

The State of Minnesota has extended its lost wages program. May be eligible for \$300.00 a week. Learn more here.

Mail-in ballots can be received starting September 18th. Learn more here.

National Night Out is on the 15th of September. Some events are happening, and have COVID guidelines. Learn more about NNO

Public Comment period for Neighbors 2020, strongest supporters of neighborhoods, one of the only City Council Member that attends neighborhood meetings. During the civil unrest "neighborhoods were the ones out making a difference, and there should be a baseline of funding", and Lisa will be advocating for that .

Questions/Comments: Ellen van Iwaarden, what is the most effective thing we can do to move this process forward to change the police? Lisa - that's a tough question, what she is doing is meeting with Communities Against Police Brutality and looking at their document for ideas on reform. She is going to make suggestions on her own. Recommends reading documents on your own (neighbors). Colleagues are

in the process of creating a plan for community feedback, three months two late, and in the meantime lots of crime and violence. We have to be able to do lots of things at the same time. We have to keep the city safe at the same time as finding what kind of person would be the best person in the public safety sector and how can we transfer that work to provide public safety? At the same time people need to feel reassured and EIRA residents do not feel reassured. Not everyone feels safe calling the police.

Steven Gallagher - Neighborhood & Community Relations representative to give overview on Neighborhoods 2020 (10 minutes including questions):

What does the next reiteration of funding look like from the city to neighborhoods? City went through a series of open houses and work groups of feedback. Draft of the 2020 Neighborhood Guidelines. City of also contracted with the Center of Urban and Regional Affairs to come up with a program that would amplify equity and inclusion within the neighborhood system. Essentially, it creates a base funding level amount, which starts at \$20,000.00 and progressively goes down. In 2021, scheduled to receive \$22,000.00. 2022 - \$17,000.00. 2023 - \$12,000.00. Lisa, talked about how she doesn't agree with the formula, and would like the neighborhood to respond that there should be a higher level of base funding. There's another bucket of funding where neighborhoods can partner with organizations for further equity engagement in the neighborhood, that all neighborhoods could receive.

Questions/Comments: Andrew - attended CURA meeting about base funding and equity, can you explain more about that? Steve - If the base level funding, \$4.1 million that the City Council allocates to neighborhoods, if we maintain or increase base funding, the equitable distribution of dollars goes down because there's not enough dollars in the system to have a stagnant amount of base funding and allow for an inequitable system. The \$4.1 million budget is where the council locked us in to look at funding arrangements, based on that number. Previous work from the work groups and NCR, was to increase funding available in the pot, by 3.1 million and bring it to a more equitable level throughout the enterprise. Staff is going to be laid off, taxes will increase, so there's no funding room in the enterprise. Hopeful to get the 4.1 million funding. Learn more about Racial equity analysis from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

Emma - the funding pool will be decreased? All neighborhoods will have less money? How the money is going to be distributed is what this Neighborhoods 2020 project is all about? So when we are having conversations, about base level funding and continuing to do our programming, we recognize that our neighborhood comes from wealth and privilege and we can do a lot of what we are doing with less funding. We are put to the challenge to have equitable goals for our neighborhoods and help those who have had historically less to work with. Will help us make informed decisions, for Neighborhood 2020. Kate - not clear about Neighborhoods 2020, and what is inequitable about the system? Steve - suggests looking at the document (link above). Example, Under old system and NRP system, LHNA and Longfellow received \$3,000.00 per person. Hawthorne and Jordan received \$20.00 per person. We are looking at resetting that focus where the

need is. The old NRP system is an inequitable system. City staff are taking pay cuts, being furloughed 7 days this year, and 15 days next year. Cutting back as much as possible to money back into the neighborhoods. Steve, hosts Neighborhood Network meetings once to twice a month to build a relationship between neighborhoods and the city. To learn more and attend the next meeting email Steve at steven.gallagher@minneapolisnmn.gov.

3. Reports

President's Report: Emma Erdahl, President (10 minutes)
Approval of August Minutes - Andrew moved to approve, 2nd by Natasha. 9 yays, 0 nays. Minutes approved.

Board Member Training with Jess Birken - highlight training. Jess Birken is a lawyer who contracts with the neighborhoods to do board training and other work. Nine board members attended. Learned about financial responsibilities and duty as board members. Thank you to Ellen for making that connection and recommendation. Thank you to Andrew for assisting with the finance and coordination. Will send thank you to Jess and her assistant.

Armatage Neighborhood 2020 Letter - comment period ends September 30th. Encourages everyone on the board and neighbors to read through the webpage, think about what you want Minneapolis neighborhoods to look like and submit your comments. We can be agents of change for the distribution of wealth.

Staff Report: Jenna Egan, Coordinator (10 minutes)

Respond to neighbors emails and requests.

Create and share content on EIRA's social media channels
Updating website content with events, meetings. Met with Erik to discuss website updates and creating a new EIRA website.

Working with the Green Team for their Supersale - collecting SuperSale registrations, promoting on social media, newsletter, and emails.

Working with the Social Committee to create and coordinate the Ice Cream Social (with Distance). Ordering ice cream, creating and dissenting promotional content, and coordinating volunteer efforts, and supplies.

Updating my EIRA calendar - my hours, EIRA meetings, and when things are due.

Attending meetings with committees, and neighborhood network meetings.

Creating and disseminating the monthly newsletter.

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

Finance report is in the EIRA Board Google Shared folder - lots of transactions from the Supersale. Paid insurance policy renewal. Paying contracts down.

New portable credit card reader, used at the farmers market last week. At the farmers market, many vendors are cash only so we added an option where shoppers who don't have cash do have the ability to pay farmers market, and then the farmers market uses petty cash to pay the vendors. A lot more popular than originally expecting. Also will accept donations with credit card reader at the SuperSale and Ice Cream Social.

Andrew moved to approve the August finance report.

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2nd by Laney. 9 yays. 0 nays. Motion passes.

BET Committee: Andrew Degerstrom, Chair (5 minutes)

No BET meeting in September.

There are two virtual open houses for the Hennepin Avenue South Reconstruction Project. The first one is on Sept. 22nd from 4:30 - 5:30p.m. The second one is on Sept. 30th from 6:30 - 7:30p.m. The meeting is to introduce the background, potential timeline, potential design, receive feedback and answer questions. Learn more here. City staff will be coming back to the BET meeting in Oct. or Nov. to discuss the reconstruction process and project.

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

SuperSale still will be held on Sat. Sept. 12th. We have 50 places signed up. Smaller than last year, but a nice big group considering COVID. Sent out messages to registrants to be safe when selling. All sales will be outdoors. We also are delivering everyone their signs this Friday and a map. The map will be on our website too. Many more EIRA than Lowry Hill sales. Ask to send notes out to your friends about the sale. Spread the word.

Social Committee, we ended up having the ice cream pop-ups on the SuperSale day. One is on Irving Ave. and one is on the end of Lake Place. Andrew and Erik have signed up to be volunteers. Could use one more volunteer to help out during the morning on Irving. Ice cream is from La La Ice Cream - it's prepackaged. Really could use the board help.

4. Action Items

YWCA "It's Time to Talk About Race" virtual event. It's about racial justice and engagement with the community.

Discussion: Eric - supportive of this idea, these are high quality events. It would be nice to facilitate for our neighbors. Becky - where will the funds be taken out of? What budget? Andrew - as a non-budgeted expenditure the resolution that we pass will allow that because it's \$500.00 and could be covered by CPP. Will check with NRC. John - clarifying, the virtual table would be limited to 10. Yes. Erik - wondering if it's not eligible for CPP, what fund would it come from and what would that leave for EIRA's budget? Andrew - EIRA's balance of unrestricted funds is \$30,047.27. Erik, do you know what we are on track for spending? Andrew, we are going to finish 2020 under budget because a lot of our events have been canceled or reduced due to COVID. Erik - is all for it if the budget allows. Becky - when is the table registration deadline? Kate - is it first come, first serve? Emma - imagining registration form, and 1st ten that register would have access to that event link. Does anyone else have any ideas? Andrew - Alternative would to have people enter, and have names drawn randomly. Emma - more fair to have a drawing. Good idea. Eric - if it works timing to do some physical flyering to get the word out for the people that aren't connected. Emma - we have time before the event to flier for the event. Kate Sandweiss - You could also encourage folks to attend on their own.

Emma - Resolved that EIRA authorizes no more than \$500 to purchase a table at the YWCA "It's Time to Talk About Race" event and offer the tickets received to East Isles residents for free through a random drawing. 2nd by

Andrew. 9 yays, 0 nays. Motion passed.

5. Open Forum

Andrew - now have received a Conflict of Interest Statement form from everyone on the board and from everyone for the additional information requested for the 1023 application. Ellen - Board will see the application before it is sent.

Laney - check in about doing a get together with the board? Emma - is going to work on that by doing a small outdoor gathering. Laney - is willing to help out with that.

Erik - refresh of the EIRA newsletter. Welcome any assistance or input on that.

Eric - Outreach and Nominations Committee (4th Tuesday of each month) but NRP meeting at that time. 5 Tuesdays in September, so need to move it to the 28th.

Laney - introduces Slack to board to collaborate. Andrew - loves the recommendation. Emma - happy to give it a try. Andrew - we can try it out and see how we like it as a board. John - what is slack like? Laney - a check client a lot of work places use it. Emma - look into setting something up for the board to demo.

Becky Accettura - Does anyone know how East Isles is doing on census completion and if we should be doing some outreach/education about that? Kate Sandweiss - EIRA was not noted in a recent email identifying low ranking responses. Erik - looked into the EIRA response rate for the census, and was pretty far ahead of the city and state. 7% response rate for EIRA.

Rod - any updates on the homeless encampments at the end of the block? Does anyone know what the park board plan is? What is their planning in terms of ending the year/winter? Has anyone heard anything? Emma - haven't heard anything about it since the previous board meeting. Andrew - Jono did say the permits are 14 days at time, last meeting Jono also said there were 14 permitted sites, and 15 pending. Link to find out more about the encampments. Laney - haven't heard anything either, but want to know about housing and homelessness, and if you want to team up, let me know. Rod - I've been emailing, but responses have been finger-pointing. Jenna - Jono said, could try and coordinate to meet the person who requested the encampment permit. Kate - can contact Marion Greene. Jenna - will forward. Natasha - a lot of discussion on this topic on Facebook and Nextdoor, and a lot of it is inaccurate, and to stay updated as a board to disseminate correct information.

6. Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Fall street sweeping is starting; you can check the schedule for your street at minneapolis.gov/public-works/streetsweeping.

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We encourage residents to leave the front light and back porch light ON ALL NIGHT, EVERY NIGHT.

Light is a BIG deterrent to criminals. It will not cost you more than a few dollars increase in your monthly electric bill.

Other tips we encourage are as follows:

- Lock all first floor or easy access windows
- Close and lock garage doors and car doors. Don't leave valuables on porches or in yards. Lock bikes with a U-lock in the garage.
- Make sure alarm systems are armed at all times.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- CALL 911 if you see suspicious persons or activity – don't hesitate, make the call.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Street Sweeping Starts in October – Don't Get Towed!
The fall street sweep takes four weeks, and visitors to this website can find out which week their street is scheduled to be swept: minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping

Halloween Party: Thrill Kenwood 2020 Edition
Lowry Hill residents are invited to participate in these FREE activities. VISIT OUR THRILL THE WORLD Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/34Tv8IT> for instructional dance videos, a Facebook LIVE Thriller Dance on Oct 24, daily virtual Family Fun Challenges and prizes Oct 25-30, AND ON HALLOWEEN — mask up, wear a costume, and bring non-perishable food to East Cedar Lake Beach for Joyce Food Shelf. Take a socially distanced walk through the Storybook Woods to see characters and hear a story. Sponsored by LHNA and KNO.

Election Day is Tuesday November 3rd
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LHNA Board Meeting Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00p.m.:
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not calmed by waking up. Sometimes the light of day is worse. Other nights I get no sleep at all, worried sick about the rest of us. We are a hunkered down, jaded, terrified, isolated, apathetic, and depressed citizenry. We are nine months into avoiding strangers, fearing our neighbors, and not trusting our friends. Orwell was an optimist.

Because of our naïveté and first world standard of living, we have been caught flat-footed, unable to fathom or recognize pure evil. Our xenophobia pointed us to the Middle East and beyond. We missed the “tells”: uncaring cruelty, disregard for human life, undemocratic ideas, boundless greed, divisive speech and actions. While we were protecting ourselves from foreign hordes at the gate, he was already inside getting a “no bid” contract to erect a grander one. Likely, he collected payment for the gaudy new fortress, affixed his name, and stiffed the workers who actually built it. What if our greatest threat did not wear a turban, but a shiny blue suit and an extra-long tie. What if our fall as a nation has been an “inside job” all along. I cannot believe a foreign power

run amuck could create more squalor, death, and turmoil. We have scoured the medical journals for an explanation. How can a person walk among us and exhibit no shame, guilt, or even a hint of remorse? Imagine having no feelings or empathy for others.

I suspect the meteoric rise in popularity of true crime writing is in part an attempt to understand individuals whose actions are so abhorrent they are unbelievable to us. The hook is, the more the villain shares our background and the appearance of normalcy, the scarier they are. (How do you get from having a nagging mother-in-law to a freezer full of relatives and neighbors, while working in accounts receivable at Bear Stearns?) In “B” movies the caped mustachioed killer telegraphs his intentions, or is 40’ tall and green. In a cerebral classic whodunnit we focus on the sullen Bavarian gardener, alone in his dilapidated shed, sharpening his tools late at night. We don’t suspect the quiet, scholarly pipe-smoking milquetoast. (A sharp-eyed detective finally notices fragments of Roanoke-Cherry Blend tobacco by the scene of a crime).

In the HBO series Succession Logan Roy, the aging patriarch (a thinly veiled Rupert Murdoch) suffers a stroke and is rumored to be unwell. Disregarding physician orders, Roy returns to his palatial office high atop the city. He is seated regally behind his massive desk. Suddenly the great man rises, shuffles to the corner and urinates. Power move

or pathology? His eager heirs are totally confounded. Our leader pulls comparable and often more egregious stunts because there is no law against it. (See George Costanza and the cleaning lady episode of Seinfeld). Next he will rummage through the Smithsonian looking for items for a garage sale on the White House lawn?

Forgive all of my tangents; I hoped you enjoyed some of them. It’s what I do when I am terrified. The institutions and traditional belief systems designed to protect us lay in tatters. The notion of checks and balances is a sick punchline. When we as a nation have been challenged, whether by World Wars, a stock market crash, or threats from a homegrown demagogue, we have always had a Jimmy Stewart (Adam Schiff) to save us in the last reel of the movie. As I write this our future is unsure. We could vote for herd immunity, business as usual, a further curtailment of civil rights, and a codified kleptocracy to replace our democracy. We could surrender our two hundred and fifty years of liberty to a flimflam man. A self-absorbed, character-disordered sociopath. A grifter with a fragile ego, a racist heart, and an unquenchable thirst for wealth and acclaim.

Thankfully there is an alternative. A man name Joe who does not require headlines and constant attention. Think Eisenhower without the putter. A man who would build consensus by filling his cabinet with women and men of character, talent, diversity and expertise.



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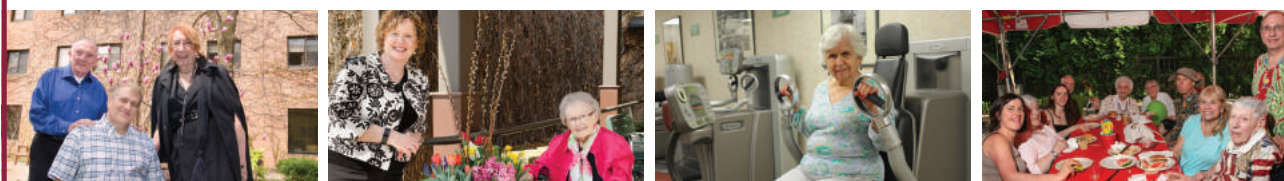


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