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Spring brings toxic algae to Cedar Lake

by Jeanette Colby

The water in Cedar Lake this spring is not only ugly, it’s toxic.

“We have lived near Cedar Lake for over 30 years and have never seen the water quality this bad! It looks like a giant mud hole,” observed Robert Lazear on Nextdoor.

Last week, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) confirmed that an exceptional algae bloom has contaminated the lake early this year. The MPRB warned that “[t]his type of algae is actually a bacteria that produces cyanotoxins, which can make humans and animals sick. Symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache.”

It’s called blue-green algae, but it’s manifesting as reddish-brown. It sometimes looks like spilled paint or chemicals.

Why the algae is blooming so vigorously this spring remains unclear for now. The MPRB is conducting more tests and should have lab results soon (by the week of May 25). Like all urban waters, though, Cedar Lake suffers from non-point pollution — especially nitrogen and phosphorus from our streets and lawns — so the heavy rains of the past few years may be part of the explanation. Typically, though, large algae blooms occur in late summer and fall.

Did SWLRT construction play a role? Questions have arisen about whether the Southwest LRT construction has contributed to the problem, especially considering the near absence of water quality safeguards in the 2016 SWLRT Environmental Impact Statement.

The SWLRT’s David Davies wants to assure neighbors that an independent consultant’s “review of data confirms water pumping activities remain consistent with permitted allowances per state and local agency standards.” Since the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) issued local permits for the construction, the MPRB has coordinated with that agency to inspect the channel worksite. The inspection occurred on May 13th, and results are pending.

The community looks forward to the MCWD’s find-



Dead Carp



Red scum



Dead Carp/catfish



Photos courtesy of MPRB

ings. In light of past mistakes and misrepresentations, park users remain vigilant about the \$2 billion SWLRT’s potential negative impacts on the surrounding area.

Water quality declining. LRT construction aside, the MPRB’s analysis shows that Cedar Lake’s water quality has been trending downward for 20 years, with the last three years being particularly bad. Cedar Lake was at its clearest in 1997, a year after it was treated with alum, a nontoxic material that removes phosphorus in the water. That period also saw construction of the Cedar Meadow wetlands on the southwest side and preservation of undeveloped land on the north and east; these permeable surfaces filter rainwater and snowmelt as it moves through the watershed.

Master Plan in the works. After years of inattention, it’s time for water quality in Minneapolis lakes and streams to become a real priority again. In fact, most aspects of Cedar Lake need improvement. The MPRB has just launched a master planning process to identify priorities for both Cedar and Lake of the Isles, with an environmental consultant providing input. For the sake of the entire Chain of Lakes, this plan should include aggressive measures to reverse Cedar Lake’s decline, and be acted upon quickly.

Pandemic Exposes Deep Cracks in Monopolistic Meat Supply By Brad Trom

As large corporate meatpacking plants close across the nation, the pandemic exposes deep cracks in the nation’s monopolistic meat supply. Allowing a handful of multinational corporations to control the meat supply impairs the public safety during our hour of need. The combination—monopolistic control and sick laborers—does not work well to ensure production and public safety in a pandemic.

During his 90-year lifetime, my father farmed in southern Minnesota. He watched as multinational corporations forced independent farmers off the land, replaced by industrial-sized factory farms. As 11 swine factory farms circled our farm within a 3-mile radius, my father frequently proclaimed that “Small farmers will feed this country when it gets into trouble.” My father was right. The country is in trouble and small farmers are feeding this country—not multinational corporations. As America slowly emerges from this crisis, we must re-examine the sick dependency upon corporate titans to feed America and rely, once again, upon small farmers to feed America.



Lake of the Isles

Photo by Sheri Ettinger



Remember this photo from April? Roger Childers sweeping snow?

We invited readers to respond and the best response we had was from Craig S <swan@umn.edu> who said,

"Now they want us to bag the snow".

Great response. Thank you, Craig.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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

Usual Neighborhood monthly meetings

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison Wednesday, April 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m., location to be determined.

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

LHNA: 1st Tuesday, 7pm Kenwood Rec Center



Volunteers for Cedar Lake Park. See page 3.

For more information, contact Sherry Brooks · Coordinator · Garden & Environmental Volunteers Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board · 3800 Bryant Ave S · Minneapolis · MN 55409 ph 612:313-7778

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

Many people responded to my plea for contributions, but along with contributions, I received touching notes of support. Not for me of course. People love Hill and Lake Press because it is our neighborhood newspaper and we report on what is happening in our neighborhoods. We are stable for now. You may still make contributions to Hill and Lake Press. Checks can be mailed to Hill and Lake Press, 1821 Dupont Ave S, Minneapolis 55403. As expected, advertising is down this month due to the coronavirus. We are grateful for your support. As I said last month and I will say it again, we live in a wonderful neighborhood. Unbelievable!!

We have learned that several small newspapers that have gone out of business this month in Minnesota since the coronavirus. Very sad. They leave an abrupt absence in homes of readers. One of the great joys of newspapers is opening one's front door and there they are..The Minneapolis Star Tribune, The New York Times, and often, Hill and Lake Press and Southwest Journal.

And friends, neighbors, advertisers, and readers of Hill and Lake Press. Thank you.

And especially

Susan Lauer,

Alex Dietz & Patricia Schmitz,

Andrew Benson.

CIDNA sponsored the annual May Day basket making for Jones Harrison Residence for the 5th year in a row. This year looked a bit different as the community was not able to gather at JHR to create these beautiful spring surprises. CIDNA pulled in the help of local business, ARTrageous Adventures to purchase the flowers from another local business, Indulge & Bloom and ARTrageous staff designed the paper baskets and arranged small floral bouquets for each that were delivered on the eve of April 30th. The JH staff then delivered them to each of the 160 residents on the morning of May 1st. Now more than ever our small businesses need your support and our community senior residents and their care givers need extra smiles. Please consider purchasing flowers from Indulge & Bloom, who has always donated a batch of flowers to this May Day project. Indulge & Bloom can be reached at (612) 333-1091. ARTrageous Adventures is also taking donations for the Senior Group Center Art Boxes they are providing to local Senior Centers throughout the area. You can check out their website at www.ARTrageousAdventures.com/shop to find out more details.



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Meet Your Neighbor, the “Replanting a Minneapolis Forest!” effort at Cedar Lake

Craig Wilson reruns a Facebook post from Angela Erdrich regarding reforestation efforts in Cedar

“Cedar Lake Park is a nature park featuring wooded walking trails, native habitat, prairie restoration and a natural lake shoreline. The Kenwood Elementary School community and the Cedar Lake Park Association would like to invite the public to help in the Cedar Lake Park DNR School Forest with an ongoing forest canopy project. In 2019 elementary students planted over 120 ferns that have emerged beautifully one year later. In 2019, volunteers rescued and transplanted over 100 prairie plants from the SWLRT construction area and school children planted thousands by seed as well.

This year we are again seeking volunteers to donate and plant ferns.

You can help by:

1. Donating ferns. Drop off potted/bagged ferns (message me for details).
2. Planting. We will hook you up with donated ferns and provide planting instructions.
3. Sharing knowledge in the neighborhood regarding the importance of Native plants for native bees and other pollinators and the history of volunteer efforts in Cedar Lake Park. www.cedarlakepark.org and @cedarlakepark on Facebook

4. Removing Buckthorn and other invasive species. Volunteer by emailing info@cedarlakepark.org
5. Extending park habitat by transforming your yard into watershed-friendly chemical-free habitat for pollinators and insects that constitute the food chain for birds and wildlife. These creatures need our help now more than ever. Learn more at Lawns to Legumes - Minnesota Native Landscapes: Your Ecological Restoration connection in the Upper Midwest <https://www.beelab.umn.edu/flowers>
6. Donating other Native Plants. If you have other Native prairie and forest plants (see list) to donate or would like to share your knowledge and get more involved in the reforestation and prairie restoration, please contact me with information about your ideas and I will connect you with opportunities.
7. Being aware of natural places in Minneapolis and being prepared to defend nature as a priority for public land use.

SUPER IMPORTANT: We ask that people follow the instructions below regarding social distancing, working in household groups and bringing your own clean tools.
*Plant just after a heavy rain or bring a water container to water the fern (lake water or pump water when/if it gets turned on).
*Remove weeds and make sure there are no hitch-

hikers on the ferns (creeping charlie, lily of the valley or garlic mustard which are incredibly aggressive).”

Angela Erdrich, MD
Kenwood Elementary School DNR Forest Volunteer
angie_sandeep@yahoo.com

MPRB

Please follow the MPRB COVID-19 Guidelines for Safe Volunteering.

Guideline highlights:

- *groups of 10 or less; 2 or less for at-risk volunteers
 - *socially distanced tasks (6' minimum)
 - *no tool sharing, ask volunteer to provide their own gloves/tools
 - *bring sanitizing wipes for accidental cross contamination of tools/supplies
 - *have hand sanitizer handy
 - *Stay on the paths as much as possible and walk gently on forest floor.
 - *work in household groups if possible
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Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2020

Internet Enabled Remote (Zoom) Meeting

Called to order by President Jennifer Breitingner at 7 P.M.

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

Board Members not present: Tom Huppert, Sam Ellingson, William Reyelts

Others Present: Minneapolis Councilwoman Lisa Goodman, Courtney Kiernat representing the Peris project and Lowry Hill resident Jen V.

March minutes were approved.

Lisa Goodman presented the city council update:

During the lockdown, the city council is meeting remotely twice per week

Street sweeping is being completed on the usual schedule.

Residence at 2105 Irving received zoning variance for minimum yard.

Peris project at the current Bradstreet Craffthouse location has been approved by the planning commission.

Since we will not have vote by mail voters are encouraged to get absentee ballots.

Treasurer's report by Toni D'Eramo:

Tax reports for 2019 have been filed, all bills are current. Paperwork is complete for the allocation of Neighborhood Revitalization Funds (NRP) to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park for the Seven Pools (\$25,000) and to the Minneapolis Police Department for surveillance cameras along Hennepin Avenue in addition to a \$5,000 grant

to Green Minneapolis to enhance the Dunwoody underpass.

Jennifer Breitingner presented the executive report:

In spite of the lockdown, activities related to the running of our neighborhood association are continuing.

Annual filings to the city are complete, our major highlights for the year were the allocation of funds to Thomas Lowry Park and the Lyndale Crossroads project.

Board Members whose term expire in May include Justin Baylor, Kathleen Bottini, Jennifer Breitingner, Fran Davis, Toni D'Eramo, Evan Stern and Chas Scheiderer.

We had an extensive conversation discussing how to handle board elections and nominations in recognition of our delayed or canceled physical annual meeting. We will decide at the June LHNA Board Meeting. Board members with expiring terms are asked to send a note to Chas Scheiderer stating whether they intend to run for election or not. All board members are encouraged to send their committee preferences to Chas Scheiderer as well. All resident members of LHNA are eligible to serve on committees.

Neighborhood Priorities presented by Craig Wilson:

With the recent investments in the surveillance cameras and the Seven Pools at Thomas Lowry Park we have exhausted our NRP funding. We are pleased that we were able to use all of the funds for improvements in our neighborhood, Lowry Hill.

We are in the third year of a three-year commitment to the Hennepin-Lyndale corridor of \$2500 per year. The corridor is severely underfunded. Several businesses and institutions in the area have supported the corridor but ongoing commitments are unknown. If we are not able to support the Hennepin-Lyndale corridor with proper maintenance funding in the future the area could be covered in weeds. David Wilson, president of Green Minneapolis, has generously provided personal funding to get maintenance started. Craig will bring some ideas for funding to our June meeting.

Historical Committee:

Bob Hinck and Thomas Regnier led a discussion concerning how we can assess the interest in the neighborhood concerning historical designation. We hope to make a decision regarding how to assess at our next meeting.

Zoning Committees

Lee Switzenberg introduced Courtney Kiernat who represents the Peris project which is replacing the Bradstreet Craffthouse building. The planning commission has approved the affordable housing project which will have 45 affordable housing units, of which 15 will be reserved for minors aging out of the foster care system. We expect demolition to begin in July; the construction project will last 14 months.

Events presented by Justin Baylor:

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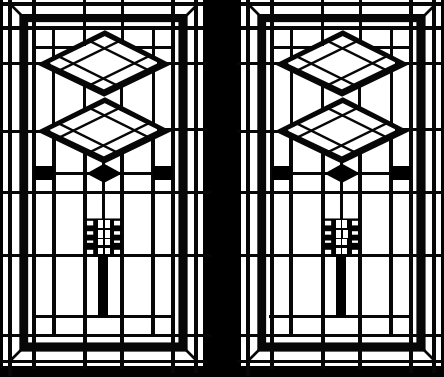


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Sally Anson



Sally Anson, who died on April 30th at the age of 89, is the reason I moved to Lowry Hill. I just didn't know it at the time.

In 1972, husband Jim and I briefly rented an apartment in the 1900 block of Fremont Avenue so that I could give birth to child #3 in a hospital and not in the VW van which we'd been traveling in for much of the past year.

After baby Max was born, we moved to a farm/commune/school in Western Massachusetts where I quickly developed a dislike for rural life in general, and goats in particular.

Two years later we were ready to decamp. Although neither of us grew up in Minnesota, we decided to move to Minneapolis and put down roots. This time, we'd buy a house. But where?

We had loved our time on Fremont, but we could get way more bang for our limited buck in some other neighborhoods. Yet I kept coming back to Lowry Hill.

Maybe it was the Elm trees that spread majestically over the streets, or maybe it was the bricks that paved Franklin Avenue, but as it turned out, it was really because of Sally Anson.

Sally played a key role in stabilizing the neighborhood at a time when city-living was not seen as attractive to families. The suburbs were still the place to be if you wanted yards, dogs and kids. And a certain unspoken homogeneity.

As a result, many old and historically significant homes had been lost to the wrecking ball, including over 100 houses in East Lowry Hill, aka, the Wedge, where zoning changes allowed for them to be replaced with 3-story apartment buildings, some of which ran half the length of the block, obliterating trees and gardens, and drastically changing the visuals and the vibe of the neighborhood.

In 1959, developers had purchased the Dunwoody mansion on Mt. Curve and torn it down to make-way for a high-rise apartment building. The residents of Lowry Hill took note and said no thanks.

What ensued was a 20-year battle over zoning, which culminated in a settlement with new developers who built the 41-unit townhouse project that is there today.

Sally Anson joined — and later led — that battle and many others. With little fanfare she presided over countless meetings with city leaders, developers, and various disgruntled neighbors. She didn't just lay down the line on zoning, she was there to protect our parks, our lakes, our trees, and the fabric of our community.

It was her persistence and hard work that had made Lowry Hill the neighborhood I wanted to live in. We bought our first house on Girard (for about the cost of a car today, sorry kids) and it was the best decision we ever made.

A few years later I was asked to join the board of the Lowry Hill Homeowners Association, as it was then called, and that is where I met Sally.

At my first meeting in the living room of a Mt. Curve manse, she proposed to the board that the association should include renters, who, she said, are as invested in neighborhood issues as homeowners are. The board at the time was, shall we say, a tad stodgy, but she had such natural authority that there was little push-back. We became the Lowry Hill Residents Association, thanks to Sally.

She was a Patrician, but never a stuffed shirt. In 1971 she organized a party to celebrate the opening of the Lowry Hill Tunnel on I-94 — in the tunnel.

During my time on the board she enthusiastically supported the first Lowry Hill festival in 7 Pools Park that later became a part of Palio. She was always open to crazy ideas, like having the board sponsor a neighborhood newspaper that would become the Hill and Lake Press!

She conveyed disapproval with a raised eyebrow, not with a raised voice. And she offered her opinions and advice with droll humor.

I was the youngest member on the board, so if chairs were in short supply at our meetings I would sit on the floor. Sally took me aside after a meeting and told me that I shouldn't do that. "You will be heard far more if you are sitting in a chair. You want people to look up to

you, not down on you!" There was something so significant in that simple piece of advice. It meant she took me seriously and I should too.

She took many other women under her wing as well. As her daughter Leslie Wangenhome writes, "Having grown up under those wings, my siblings and I know that it is a wonderful place to be — sheltered, but always being pushed a bit closer to the edge of the nest."

Council member Lisa Goodman also felt the shelter of those wings. "Sally was all about quiet confident advice. She was sharp and knew a lot about what was going on in many different areas in our community. My relationship with her was special to me. Perhaps it was because she was among a group of women, moderate Republicans at the time, who stood up for women's rights and reproductive rights and encouraged women to seek elective office. Or maybe it was simply her outright love for our city and the lakes neighborhoods that drew us together, but no matter the reason, she and I got along so well, and I learned a lot from her."

Sally and her husband Peter lived most of their adult life in what we call HLP land. They were raised in Minnesota, attended college out east and worked in New Jersey and New York City before moving to Minneapolis in 1961, bucking the advice of friends and family who said they should not settle in the city. As daughter Cathy Anson recalls, "It was one example of many that they trusted their own instincts and not the "common wisdom" and did not simply follow the herd and do what everyone else expected. It was one of the greatest examples they set as parents."

In their final years Sally and Peter, who died in 2019, lived at the Jones-Harrison Residence, near Cedar Lake. Lisa Goodman, who frequently visited them, says Sally never lost interest in the community or the environment she loved. "She took me to her public affairs discussion group, and often she knew as much as the leader of the group about politics, local issues and the history of local government."

Like the bricks on Franklin and the Elms on the boulevards, Sally has now moved on too. The pavement on Franklin is serviceable, but without character. The new trees on the boulevards are filling in, but without stature.

Sally brought character and stature to our neighborhood and to our city, but she also worked tirelessly to expand our awareness of who we are, and why community matters. Unlike bricks and trees, Sally Anson is irreplaceable. If you fell in love with this neighborhood, as we did, then you owe a debt of gratitude to Sally Anson.

To read more about Sally's life go to <https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000355345/>

By Susan Lenfestey

Ruth Jones



Ruth Jones, a passionate environmentalist, committed educator and energetic volunteer, died on April 21 after a stroke the previous night. She had been recovering from probable food poisoning after a trip to Ethiopia in March and was mending. She tested negative for covid-19 after her death.

Local environmental groups and the neighborhoods around Cedar Lake will especially miss Ruth's strong and thoughtful voice. Wherever she went—and she went a lot of places—Ruth got involved, first as an observer but soon with her whole heart. Ruth was an astute listener who often nudged groups and individuals to move forward by suggesting a connection with someone she knew, an action easily taken, an alternative point of view. She was direct, forceful, and insistent that there was ALWAYS something that could be done to improve things.

I first met Ruth in 2000 at a meeting of the Cedar Lake Park Association Steering Committee. I noticed Ruth talked a lot...and I soon realized it was because she had a lot to say and said it well. She was thoughtful, kind, generous, and well-informed, someone who was eager to share her delight in life and to make things better for everyone she met.

Ruth and I took many walks. For Ruth, taking a walk was not a quick, purposeful hike for health, but an opportunity to learn new things and find out what was happening in the neighborhood.

Along the way, she often examined growing things, pointed out what was interesting to her, told stories, and talked to nearly everyone we met. A walk could last many hours, depending. We often ended up in a place we both loved: Cedar Lake Park.

Ruth became involved in the Cedar Lake Park Association in the early 90s, soon joining the CLPA Board. She passed abundant hours in the park enjoying wildlife, meeting new friends, and working on projects.

Ruth was especially proud of the Burnham Woodlands Restoration Project, a large park area she and cohort Mary Taylor established near the Burnham Bridge, where they cleared buckthorn and freed native plants with the help of many volunteer individuals and groups for almost 20 years. Yale Alumni on their annual Day of Service enjoyed working with Ruth for the last 8 years.

As a steward of the park, Ruth spoke for what she most cared about — water quality, wildlife, birds, natural habitats. "Ruth was a force of nature. Not shy about making a point or expressing her wisdom, stepping up when others sat by, or simply putting in the extra effort that important things need," commented park designer and CLPA colleague Steve Durrant.

In her efforts to make positive change, Ruth was tireless in writing articles, sending emails, attending meetings, buttonholing politicians, lobbying at the capitol, and speaking with groups large and small. She was a born teacher, a thorough researcher. She was adept at getting her point across even to resistant listeners. Everyone who knew Ruth recognized her sincere enthusiasm, her quick and agile mind, her capacity for hard work and wise leadership.

According to David Klopp, who lobbied with Ruth to secure the funding for the last mile of the Cedar Lake

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ENOUGH WITH THE COYOTES ALREADY! THE HLP NEEDS URBAN FOXES!

By Walter Whitman, guest columnist.

The Urban Coyote remains alive, apparently, though less like a magnificent bur oak in Kenwood park than a wizened backyard crabbyapple. I refer to Lenfestey, James P., upon whom the Minnesota Book Awards recently conferred the distinguished Kay Sexton Award said to be for his contributions to Minnesota's literary culture. I don't know about you, but I'm not buying it. All we ever read under his faded, oversized masthead, "The Urban Coyote," is a kind of whining, at best a low-grade howling, about the vagaries of the weather or an interruption of his abundant naps by screaming leaf-blowers (grrrr) or beeping road contractors. Get a grip – life goes on! It's the 21st century, OK? And a pandemic to boot. Worry about bigger things, like climate change. OK, he does... all the time and writes about it often. Still...

Lenfestey has turned seventy-five in calendar years, times seven in coyote years, well past any reasonable expiration date! I am not necessarily suggesting that he fully retire to pasture, as he wouldn't know what to do with a blade of grass if it weren't electrocuted in a microwave. But how about adding a second, younger columnist, THE URBAN FOX!?!

So many red fox sightings in the neighborhood this year! One fox couple has settled down in a backyard on the 1700 block of Fremont and is raising a skulk of kits. Mom and Dad Fox have been observed feeding squirrels to the kits, explaining a noticeable lessening of the outdoor rodent population, already an excellent contribution to neighborhood improvement.

And remember the arrogant, annoying, aggressive, sometimes frightening "wild" turkeys that colonized the neighborhood the past few years? Where are the now, you ask? Fox food, I'm guessing!

Foxes deserve their own curious columnist. So where are you, URBAN FOXES? During the pandemic, neighborhood kids have more time on their hands than heretofore imaginable, and the underbelly of the neighborhood is crawling with stories that need imaginative reporting. For example—

WHAT is the origin of the red tide in Cedar Lake?

WHY are dead fish appearing in Lake of the Isles?

DOES the light rail tunnel actually require water table pumping 24/7/365?

IS IT REALLY the red foxes who are clearing out the turkey poults, or perhaps coyotes, who howl from their dens when the monthly test siren goes off?

WHAT does the pandemic mean for beloved neighborhood businesses like Sebastian Joes and Patina and Kowalski's and Isles Bun and Punch pizza and Rinata? And for the churches, Temple Israel, real estate, realtors, non-profit institutions, traffic, the environment, the parks, our families? What does it mean for neighborhood students and schools?

Who is hurting and how can we help?

So many interviews, so much available time.

Bigger issues deserve ongoing critical coverage: The city's 2040 plan and Neighborhoods 2020, Minneapolis Public Schools CDD Plan; Sons of Norway building debacle; Removal of parking from

Hennepin and Uptown Business District; Historic Designation for West Calhoun – denied; Homelessness increase; Diminishing Public Safety and lack of police funding; Environmental concerns ignored by city and park board; Small Businesses given no support.

Just sayin', plenty of stories to cover.

So, Urban Fox journalists, jump in with your curiosity! Applications are open for Next Gen HLP columnists. Contact Jean Deatruck, HLP editor, with story ideas at hillandlakepress@gmail.com. Then go for it! Because wheezing geezers like Lenfestey, weighted down with the heavy accolades of old age, clearly need to toddle back into their dens to commence another nap.

"Walter Whitman" is an occasional curmudgeonly but well-informed contributor and book reviewer who lives on (Ralph Waldo) Emerson.

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We need to wait and see what events we will have this year. The Ice Cream Social is delayed until further notice as is the Annual Meeting. We will discuss alternative scenarios for our annual meeting at our next board meeting.

Justin encouraged us to brainstorm ideas for fun events that our neighborhood organization can sponsor that are consistent with the current social distancing guidelines. We discussed possibilities of garden judging and the possibilities of virtual historic tours. We will discuss ideas at our next board meeting.

Communications:

Toni D'Eramo discussed the advertising content for our next ad in the Hill and Lake Press and related deadlines.

Next LHNA Board Meeting:

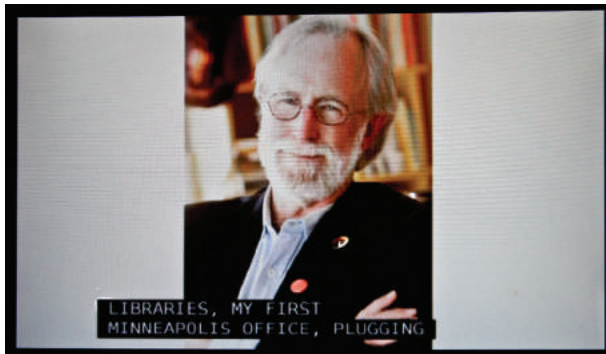
Tuesday, June 2 at 7 P.M. meeting will be via Zoom hosted by Chas Scheiderer.

Meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.



Heron at Holding Pond near Cedar Lake

Photo by Dorothy Childers



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 speech from 2 minutes to one! My speech on The
 LOVE of books and the LUCK of writing! A minute

barely gets me thru thanking my grandparents and parents, wife, kids and grandkids, one or two pets, the neighborhood... And Mother Nature, and God, who is Mother Nature plus Father Sun (plus the stars, and dark matter, and Before), and Han-shan and Gerard Hopkins and Gary Snyder and Robert Bly and other literary mentors far too numerous to mention but I must mention these...Thomas R. Smith, Jim Sitter, Linda Myers, Peggy Korsmo-Kennon, Sam King, Robert Hedin... And certainly the unparalleled richness of the Minnesota literary ecosystem, "Paris on the Prairie"—The Loft, MCBA, The Anderson Center, Literary Witnesses – and the presses, Nodin, Milkweed, HolyCow!, Red Dragonfly— all have nurtured me. And the libraries, My God, the libraries, my first Minneapolis office, plugging quarters into the typewriters! And the bookstores, how can I not mention the bookstores!!! And the generous Minnesota Book Awards themselves...

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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 13, 2020

The meeting was held virtually 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

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

The board approved the minutes from the April 2020 board meeting and approved the agenda.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Council Member (CM) Goodman's bimonthly newsletter has high readership and an increased number of recipients.

Yard waste collection began on April 6 and will continue. Street cleaning in CIDNA is complete.

The State Legislature has approved voting-by-mail. Voters may request their ballots from the Secretary of State.

Minneapolis is looking for a slate of young election judges, since many older judges will likely not serve because they are more vulnerable to COVID-19. All election judges are paid.

CM Goodman reminded everyone to complete their Census form.

The new 20 mph speed limit on City streets has taken effect and speed limit signs will be going up. This is good timing as there has been demonstrated increased excessive speeding under the stay-at-home order.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) parkway closures remain in place as do the City street closed routes.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

Mary thanked Rosanne and Deb for their work preparing for board meetings including agenda setting meetings and posting documents to the Google Drive.

Rosanne asked that board members and committee chairs respond as soon they can to her request for specific agenda items.

The deadline for comments on the Neighborhoods 2020 draft plan is July 15. Mary will write CIDNA's response and invite board members to send her their thoughts.

The City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department has established a COVID-19 fund to which neighborhood associations are invited to donate. The CIDNA board decided that instead of contributing to that fund, it would continue making its contributions directly (it has so far donated to Jones-Harrison Residence and Joyce Uptown Foodshelf).

Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

The City has a public art permit process to promote public art in neighborhoods.

The Minnesota Supreme Court upheld MN Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) authority to change the name of Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska.

CIDNA was reimbursed for its expenses from its Community Participation Program (CPP) contracts in the amount of \$16,932.49 for the time period 9/19/19 – 3/31/20. Deb will work with our accountant, Robert Thompson, to develop a regular schedule for reimbursement.

Deb is working with Robert Thompson to develop a plan modification of contracts with the City to cover staffing expenses.

The City, CM Goodman, Hennepin County, and the State of Minnesota are sending regular COVID-19 updates that Deb is incorporating into the CIDNA e-newsletter. To date there have been four special COVID-

19 editions of the CIDNA e-news.

There is a new COVID-19 page on the CIDNA website with information and resources for the public.

Treasurer's Report

Clem has been able to write checks as needed using our new PDF format for check requests and signatures.

Clem plans to obtain a new CIDNA credit card via Wells Fargo.

Clem will work with Deb and Robert Thompson on CIDNA contracts and reimbursements.

Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck

At the beginning of the board meeting, Claire welcomed Jocelyn Hale as a new member of the Environmental Preservation Committee.

The Park Siding Park Stewardship agreement is in place and the first gardening date is Wednesday, May 20. Due to COVID-19, gardening is restricted to current CIDNA Gardeners. MPRB staff member, Sherry Brooks, is working closely with the gardeners to follow MPRB COVID-19 safety protocols for volunteers. There is an active list of 30 volunteers and each month five to six folks come to garden.

There has been no activity with the Cedar-Isles Master Plan since the Listening Session on April 14. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is on hold and James, an alternate member, will keep CIDNA informed about it.

Due to COVID-19 there are no volunteer opportunities being promoted with the Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA), but the partnership between CIDNA and CLPA will continue.

Now is a good time to talk with your neighbors and encourage volunteering.

Some sort of growth, believed to be algae, has appeared in Cedar Lake, and is of great concern to the CIDNA board and CIDNA-area residents. Still unknown are the nature of the growth, its cause, whether it is safe, long-term impacts and what can be done to remediate it. To date MPRB, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD), MN DNR, SWLRT, and MN Pollution Control Agency have been alerted. Water samples have been taken and the lab results will be released upon completion. Completion has taken longer due to COVID-19.

There is also a possible fish kill in the Chain of Lakes that is being investigated.

Mary reported that she, Claire, Rosanne and Deb attended the MPRB's virtual Parks for All Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. Parks for All is the MPRB's long-range plan; the goal of the meeting was to begin developing policy recommendations for the plan. Mary and Rosanne participated in a small group, whose recommendations included:

Ensuring plant and animal species be preserved

Environmental assessments be held for all projects

Protect and increase the tree canopy

Preserve a balance between wild and "manicured" park spaces

Question to MPRB as to why there is not more input from older residents, since one of the major assumptions of the plan is that the proportion of older residents is projected to increase. The assumption that they can't participate in virtual meetings is a false stereotype.

Transportation Committee

David Davies, outreach coordinator for the Metropolitan Council, spoke about Cedar Lake water quality and SWLRT construction issues and concerns.

The agency takes the Cedar Lake water quality issue seriously and does not minimize it; it's an urgent matter but they can't rush the response. The Met Council will be more proactive on water management activity as construction moves forward. MPRB and MCWD are the regulatory authorities for SWLRT concerning water permits.

There is temporary pumping in the area of Cedar Lake in the Kenilworth Channel. Dams are constructed around areas where bridge piers and utility work are conducted. The Met Council received permits for this work, monitors and tests the water for turbidity and PH balance as required by the permits. All water testing results are within permitted allowance.

MCWD made a site visit on Wednesday, May 13 to check erosion control for pumping and storm water and

rain events. David has no results of the site visit at this time.

In the context of discussion about whether SWLRT construction has contributed to the algae growth: There have been no incidents in the Chain of Lakes area — as there have been in other SWLRT project areas — such as a washout or self-reported mistake. It is in the contractors' best interests to do spot-checking analysis and review of work and to report any anomalies to permitting agencies.

Dave responded to questions and concerns about Depot Street, the Transit Power Sub Station. He said there would be no pedestrian crossing in the tunnel area.

Claire asked that SWLRT share a flow chart of water pumping and water movement. It has been asked for many times but has yet to be received.

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Amanda proposed projects to take the place of the Summer Solstice, which is cancelled due to COVID-19. She will send the ideas in an email to the board. They include:

Chalking the sidewalk on the beach. Families could write inspirational messages (individually, not at a public gathering).

Creating a DIY project video teaching how to make sun catchers that can be hung in neighborhood trees

A neighborhood photo scavenger hunt

Mary suggested an online activity on the new CIDNA Facebook page — for example like the international "View from My Window" project on Facebook.

The project will be promoted on Facebook, Nextdoor and in an e-blast.

Amanda, via ARTrageous, created and delivered 160 May Baskets for the residents of Jones-Harrison. She will forward Jones-Harrison photos of the event to Deb to post of the CIDNA Facebook page.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

Laura Cayere-King and Kristine Anderson from Peterssen/Keller Architecture presented a request from new residents seeking approval of set-back and Shoreland Overlay District variances for a new home to be built at 2728 West Lake of the Isles Parkway. Since the proposed structure would not vary substantially from the existing one, the board approved a motion to send the City a letter of no objection to the variance requests.

There are no updates on the Calhoun Beach Club project and other projects that are mostly idle due to COVID-19.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Steve provided a landscape planting plan and photos of the intersection of W. Lake St. and Excelsior Blvd. The new traffic island at the intersection will be planted with five hackberry trees and perennial wildflowers.

New traffic lights were installed with traffic-crossing buttons.

Communication, Mary Pattock

CIDNA-area small businesses and nonprofits have been invited to post in our newsletters whether they are open for business during this time of COVID-19.

Old Business, Mary Pattock

Rosanne said the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission held its last meeting on April 28.

Rosanne reported that outreach planning funded by our Census 2020 grant — focusing particularly on seniors, renters, youth, and families with small children — is proceeding. The deadline for completing the Census form has been extended to October 31.

Claire reported that CIDNA was awarded an MPRB Community Collaborator grant of up to \$3,000 with the goal of providing a way for CIDNA-area residents, especially renters and active seniors, to participate in the MPRB Parks for All Comprehensive Plan.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Next meeting will be held virtually on:

Wednesday, June 10, 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

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Shawn Smith

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Annual Meeting Minutes and Recap

KNO Board met May 4, 2020, via GoTo Online due to the current Stay-At-Home Order in effect.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leier, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Mark Brown, Melinda Platt, and Will Stensrud.

Also present: Lisa Goodman (CM), Amanda Vallone, and Laura Hoffman from Hennepin County District 3, Eric Larson, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Jodi Sprakoh, David Lebedoff, Larry Moran, 4 other community members.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Yard waste collection began on April 6 and will continue on a weekly basis throughout the summer.

The State Legislature has approved voting-by-mail starting on May 13th. Voters may request their ballots from the Secretary of State.

Minneapolis is looking for a slate of young election judges, since many older judges will likely not serve because they are more vulnerable to COVID-19. All election judges are paid.

CM Goodman reminded everyone to complete their Census form.

The new lowered speed limits on City streets have taken effect and speed limit signs will be updated.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) parkway closures remain in place as do the City street closed routes.

Answered question about KMART site. Reopen the street and fairly dense on both sides of the street with retail on the first floor. Money in capital improvement fund will cover the road work. It will take about 4 years to complete.

KNO RECAP OF THE YEAR

SW Master Plan –Larry Moran was thanked for serving on the CAC and providing feedback from the community on the amenities at Kenwood Park and Parkway.

East Cedar Beach community engagement continued with events such as the Acoustic Music Series, Yoga, Oriole Feeders, and multiple family events that were supported with KNO CPP funds.

SWLRT continues to be a primary KNO focus. A City-Wide Safety meeting was held in collaboration with CIDNA in November. KNO will continue to work with the Project Office to ensure they are communicating regular updates to community members.

KNO facilitated a Listening session for the Master Planning of Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake. The two primary focuses are preserving water quality and balancing natural versus recreational amenities.

Neighborhoods 2020 – KNO receives \$25,000 per year from the City of Minneapolis. This new funding strategy would put that funding at risk and potentially reduce funding by \$10,000. If funding is reduced, KNO will need to reduce funding towards important priorities such as East Cedar Lake Beach safety and programming.

KNO Elections

KNO is required to conduct annual director elections at the May Annual Meeting. A quorum of the minimum of 15 community members was established and confirmed to validate the conduction of elections.

Chair Shawn Smith motioned to elect the 2020-2021 board as an up or down slate, which was seconded by a community member and approved unanimously.

Chair Shawn Smith read the slate of candidates and motioned for a vote to elect, which was seconded by community member Jodi Sprakoh.

Slate of Director Candidates: Mark Brown, Kack Levi, Jeremy Nichols, Matt Spies, Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leier, Melinda Platt.

The slate was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Executive Officer positions will be elected at the June KNO Meeting. The positions of Chair and Secretary are open.

Treasurer Update – No activity this month.

Website Update – Please visit our new website at www.kenwoodmpls.org

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 8:04pm.

Action Between Meetings - All

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

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events

- Contract consultant to assist with communication/c Updates: Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

The next Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Board meeting is on June 1st, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via GoTo. Dial in information will be sent out prior so all community members may participate. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodmpls.org

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Comments can be submitted via email (neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov), phone (612-673-3737), or mail (Neighborhood and Community Relations; 105 5th Ave S, Suite 425, Minneapolis, MN 55401).

City extends comment period for the draft Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan.

The new deadline is May 22, 2020.

More information at go.minneapolismn.gov.

Minneapolis property owners can buy trees for \$25.

This year Minneapolis offers twice as many low-cost trees for property owners to plant on their private property (not to be planted on boulevards).

22 varieties available (including large species, flowering, and several kinds of fruit trees).

Trees are available on a first come, first served basis for residents, businesses, and nonprofits (limit one tree per address).

Trees must be picked up May 16, 17, or 18 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot.

Order through mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com/.

City has a COVID-19 resources web page at minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus, and the Minnesota Department of Health has a COVID-19 Hotline at 651-201-3920.

City has new gap funding to help renters, families, workers, and small business owners. More information at minneapolismn.gov/coronavirus/gap-funding.

President's Report

President Ellen van Iwaarden provided the following update:

The Park Board's virtual listening session on the Cedar-Isles Master Plan, which EIRA is co-sponsoring, is happening immediately after the Board meeting.

Minutes for the March Board meeting were approved via email.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the April 2020 Finance Report, highlights include:

\$43,449.57 in expenses and \$45,551.03 in income in the month of March. The large income and expense numbers are because of the use of EIRA's NRP funds from the City to give to the Minneapolis Police Department to purchase security cameras for Hennepin and Lagoon Avenues in the neighborhood.

\$26,410.20 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 28340 (Phase II Implementation) as of March 31.

\$4,832.18 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35039 (Home Security Grants) as of March 31.

\$22,581.88 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 35167 (Sustainable Practices) as of March 31.

\$67,068.31 of funds remaining in NRP Funding Agreement no. 42485 (Community Participation Program 2017-2020) as of March 31.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 4:

Motion to approve the April 2020 Finance Report. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Outreach & Nominations Committee

Chair Emma Erdahl presented the Committee's recommendation regarding the rescheduling of the Annual Meeting:

Reschedule the Annual Meeting to Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Social distancing guidelines permitting, rent a tent and hold the meeting outdoors at Levin Triangle Park, rain or shine.

If social distancing guidelines do not permit, the meeting will instead be held virtually via Zoom.

A decision will be made one month in advance on whether to hold the meeting in person or virtually.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 5:

Motion to approve the Committee's recommendation. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction Stakeholder Advisory Committee

The City of Minneapolis, moving ahead with engagement on the upcoming reconstruction of Hennepin Avenue from Douglas to Lake, requested that the neighborhood and business associations along the project each appoint one representative and one alternate to a Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

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East Isles Residents Association

By Andrew Degerstrom

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2019, 7 pm

Online via Zoom

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Board members present:

Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Julia Curran, Emma Erdahl, John Grochala, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Molly Simmons

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 7

Welcome

President Ellen van Iwaarden called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

2020 collection of leaves and bundled brush began week of April 6, 2020.

2020 Spring street sweeping begins Tuesday, April 21. Specific schedules are not yet available but residents can check the City web page for updates (minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/).

Ward 7 has openings on the several City advisory committees. Interested Ward 7 residents can visit the City web page (minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings/).

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging (Senior Citizen)

Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee

Property Notice of Valuation and Classification were mailed.

These values are used to calculate 2021 property tax.

The 2020 value was determined using sales from October 2018 through September 2019.

If you disagree with your valuation the first step is to contact the neighborhood appraiser listed on your notice. Their phone number and email address are on your notice.

Due to COVID-19, appraisers will perform desktop reviews rather than onsite inspections. Photos and supporting documentation can be submitted for review/consideration.

Appeal applications can be found at minneapolismn.gov/assessor/index.htm.

If you disagree with your appraiser's review, the next step is to appeal to the local board, which convenes May 6. The City Clerk and Assessor's Office are working on a virtual meeting format.

City extends comment period for Neighborhoods 2020.

The new deadline is July 15, 2020.

More information at minneapolismn.gov/neighborhoods2020

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The following action was taken regarding agenda item 6:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-9: Resolved that EIRA appoints Andrew Degerstrom as its representative, and Julia Curran as its alternate, to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Hennepin Avenue Reconstruction Project. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Filing of IRS Form 990-EZ

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented for approval an amended Form 990-EZ for fiscal year 2018 and Form 990-EZ for fiscal year 2019. When completing the filing for 2019, EIRA's accountant discovered that advances on our NRP funding agreements with the City of Minneapolis were not listed as liabilities, which is a requirement. And since end of year liabilities on the 2018 return must match beginning of year liabilities on the 2019 return, the accountant recommended that EIRA file an amended return for fiscal year 2018.

The following actions were taken regarding agenda item 7:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-10: Resolved that EIRA approves the contents and authorizes the filing of an Amended Form 990-EZ with the IRS for fiscal year 2018. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11: Resolved that EIRA approves the contents and authorizes the filing of Form 990-EZ with the IRS for fiscal year 2019. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

1023 Application with IRS Update & Recommendations

President Ellen van Iwaarden provided the following progress update and recommendations regarding the completion of EIRA's 1023 application with the IRS to



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reinstate its 501(c)(3) status:

The IRS requires specific language (the organization's charitable purposes, what happens to funds if the organization should dissolve) in the organizing documents of 501(c)(3) organizations. It was originally interpreted that amending EIRA's Bylaws to include this language would be sufficient, and the Bylaws were recently amended to contain the required language. However, the Articles of Incorporation ("Articles") are the organizing document that must include this language, and EIRA's Articles do not. This was confirmed in a phone call with a nonprofit attorney who the City of Minneapolis has engaged to provide legal services to neighborhood organizations.

Under Minnesota nonprofit law, a nonprofit can amend its Articles with a vote of the membership.

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The attorney recommended that, instead of simply amending EIRA's Articles to add the required language, that EIRA amend and restate its articles. EIRA's Articles were originally filed in 1951 and amended once in 1979.

Ellen recommended that EIRA hire a nonprofit attorney to prepare EIRA's amended and restated Articles, the benefit being that a nonprofit attorney would also be able to include any new legal language that is recommended for the Articles. This expense would be a reimbursable expense under EIRA's CPP Contract with the City of Minneapolis. Ellen also recommended that EIRA hire a nonprofit attorney to prepare and file its 1023 application with the IRS to reinstate its 501(c)(3) status. This expense would be a reimbursable expense under EIRA's CPP Contract with the City of Minneapolis.

The following actions were taken regarding agenda item 8:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12: Resolved that EIRA hire a nonprofit attorney to prepare amended and restated Articles of Incorporation for EIRA, to ensure that the Articles of Incorporation accurately reflect the purposes of the organization, and satisfy the requirements of the IRS for 501(c)(3) organizations. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-13: Resolved that EIRA put the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation before the EIRA membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-14: Resolved that EIRA hire a nonprofit attorney to prepare and file its 1023 application to the IRS to restore its 501(c)(3) status. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

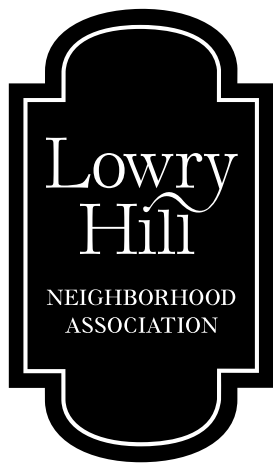
EIRA Bylaws Amendment

President Ellen van Iwaarden stated that the nonprofit attorney recommended that EIRA amend the compensation clause in its Bylaws to be more clear and restrictive. Best practices, as well as the preference of the IRS and the City of Minneapolis, is to not compensate officers and directors of nonprofit corporations.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 9: Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-15: Resolved that EIRA put the following Bylaws amendment before the EIRA membership for a vote at the next Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose: "Article VII, Section 1. Compensation. The officers and directors of EIRA shall not be compensated. No EIRA member, officer, director or member of any EIRA Committee shall be compensated in any sum whatsoever for any amount of time expended by them in the discharge of their duties, except for that payment of any individual is contingent upon approval by the Board, and is limited to purposes and programs of EIRA. Approval may be of a contract providing for the payment and any paid staff cannot be Board members." Motion carried with 10 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

In accordance with EIRA Bylaws Article IV, Section 14, the remainder of the meeting was held in closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

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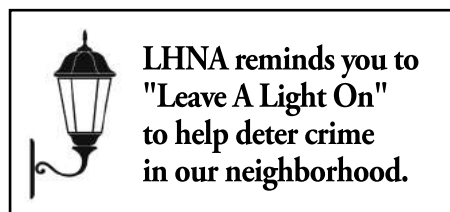
Lowry Hill Annual Meeting

will be postponed to a date to be determined, likely not before mid-summer

In light of the ongoing COVID -19 situation, the LHNA board has decided to postpone the Annual Meeting. Look for updates on our website lowryhillneighborhood.org, in our LHNA email newsletter, here in the Hill and Lake Press and on NextDoor.

LHNA Monthly Board Meeting: June 2, 2020 7p.m.

This meeting will be held on ZOOM. Details to come. Check the LHNA website for the agenda and information on how to attend .



More about the neighborhood...

Find event and meeting details, and subscribe to our monthly e-news at lowryhillneighborhood.org

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

Drs. Birx and Fauci were recently exiting a top level meeting in the Oval Office. When safely out of earshot, Dr. Birx said through clenched teeth, "I don't believe he knows anything!" Dr. Fauci shook his head and replied in his thick New York accent, "I don't think he even suspects anything."

—New take on an old joke, but sadly appropriate

JoAnne (the editor) and I are isolating, sheltering, zooming, hunkering, and reflecting. She is constantly moving, making bread, sewing masks for others, weaving, and carrying on as if this is normal. Our family and friends have been spared the virus to this point and we are profoundly grateful. I have been avoiding accomplishing anything tangibly productive like de-cluttering, reading Proust, attempting home repairs, or working on my long-shelved passion project, a rap version of the musical No No Nanette. Instead of working on a vaccine, I have been bombarding my ever dwindling circle of e-mail mates with the latest

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District field staff are out now doing surveillance and treatment to prepare for the mosquito season. We anticipate more people will be noticing us this year with everyone home due to COVID-19. We put together the attached press release to spread the word that we are out and explain what we are doing. We also have uploaded some images to this Google Folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZYa1bPn>

Minneapolis Department of Health recommended the changes to our public spaces. Gathering spaces are still a concern for virus transmission. Nearly every large park system in the country has closed their playgrounds, basketball facilities, etc. This is a hard decision but at this time it is critical to exercise an abundance of caution. Believe me, this is not a popular decision to make and certainly not one I take lightly.

My best regards,
Jono Cowgill
Commissioner
Park Board District 4
612.283.5630

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Independent Contractor Agreement no. 2020-2 with Jenna Egan

Based on the Special Search Committee's recommendation, the following action was taken regarding agenda item 10:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-16: Resolved that EIRA approves Independent Contractor Agreement no. 2020-2 with Jenna Egan for her appointment as EIRA Coordinator. Motion carried with 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Adjournment

lunacy from Washington, clips of border collies balancing balls (and check books), and my favorite quirky Netflix finds.

I am the family entertainment director, a role I take very seriously. One of my few remaining rules of decorum, designed to preserve a vestige of sanity, is the prohibition of television watching during daytime hours. I recognize the slippery slope and I cling fiercely. It is a small point of pride, a little like British army officers deep in the jungle, continuing to dress for dinner.

There is still ample time to research and scout out shows worth watching. Yes we have enjoyed Bloodline, Better Call Saul, and Ozark, but where is the challenge in that? Let the fancy film critics extoll these modern classics. It is more fun to unearth a quiet low budget film like Melvin Goes To Dinner. If just one of these suggestions brings a smile to just one person, then I have wasted my time and yours. I hope that tens if not hundreds of you get big laughs from some of these recommendations. I have stuck with Netflix because it has become our common language. Here are some overlooked gems to provide you some comfort and solace for whatever comes next.

W1A (14 half-hour episodes). (Aired 2014-2017) Hugh Bonneville (Notting Hill, Downton Abbey) plays a new hire joining an entrenched bureaucracy of a barely fictional BBC. The humor is bone dry and painfully ironic. Worthy of repeat viewing as the asides from the stellar cast may slip past the first time.

Huge in France (8 half-hour episodes) (2019) Real life French comedian Gad Elmaleh plays himself fleeing the celebrity of being "The Jerry Seinfeld of France". Traveling to L.A. he is met with cool indifference from the city, his estranged wife, and their teenage son. Gad's assistant Scott (Keiji Takeda) deserves some kind of best supporting award. And yes, Seinfeld is in a few episodes.

Episodes (41 half-hour episodes) (2011-2017) When a successful highbrow British series about an English boarding school is purchased by Hollywood, the original writers are brought L.A. to write the American version. The authors, a married couple, watch in horror as their work is "gently tweaked" (read gutted). The linchpin of the original British cast, a firm but wise headmaster (think John Houseman) is written out and replaced with Matt LeBlanc. I was skeptical at first but Matt ("Joey") LeBlanc is in on the joke.

Brown Nation (10 21-minute episodes) (2016) The setting is a small IT consulting company in Queens. The owner an immigrant from India, well-intended but continually let down by his lazy and disinterested staff, second generation millennial Indian-Americans who do not share his work ethic. At home his wife clearly prefers her little dog Bobby and fantasizes about becoming a Bollywood actress or a model in N.Y.C.. Rajeev Varma is a low key straight man who gets no respect. He is Don Quixote tilting at windmills.

Kim's Convenience (52 22-minute episodes) (2016-) A warm humorous tale of a Korean-Canadian family and their Toronto mom and pop grocery store. Paul Sun-Hyung Lee is "Appa" (father). He and Jean Yoom "Umma" (mother) are proud immigrants who have frequent genera-


tional differences with their adult mostly launched children. The cultural component adds to the mix as issues of assimilation are handled with humor and honesty.

The IT Crowd (25 half-hour episodes) (2006-2013) is about two very funny tech nerds. The message on their helpline is a loop of the question "Have you tried unplugging and plugging it back in again?" Katherine Parkinson is the nominal boss, and Chris O'Dowd is the somewhat normal one. My favorite, though, is Richard Ayoade, playing the other tech, Moss, who is brilliant but highly quirky. He is Niles Crane with an afro.

Ayode (who, by the way, is a Cambridge law graduate) also stars in Travel Man, a YouTube series where each episode he and a guest arrive in one of the world's greatest cities. Their task is to experience all the glamor, culture, fine dining, adventure, and lodging they can cram into 48 hours. The pace is frantic but hilarious as they race through museums, view natural wonders, and sprint past breath taking architecture. Unlike the droning, foot dragging, boring travelog tours on PBS, this is Europe, Asia, Africa, and the U.S. "Greatest Hits" played at 78 rpm. The photography is stunning and you are with with a couple of carefree guides who are clearly on a medication holiday! If all of our travel is vicarious these days, check out this zany Cliff Notes of the world.

On a far more serious note view the 2015 Ted Talk by Bill Gates and his stark prediction of a world pandemic.

Tom H. Cook is working from home. He wonders who it is that is pushing us so hard to "just get out there." What could the motivation possibly be?




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Ruth Jones from page 4

Trail to the Mississippi, “Ruth loved Cedar Lake Park. She was the type of activist who would speak to everyone at the capitol about our park. She will be greatly missed. Ruth... enjoyed Minneapolis. She had a ‘can do’ approach to life.”

As a member, volunteer, supporter, and often leader of a long list of organizations in the Twin Cities, Ruth urged others to get involved in issues, find out what was going on, and become an agent for change. Most recently, she established the Ruth V. Jones Fund for Global Engagement at the U of M, a fund to support engineering projects that help communities around the world improve access to clean water.

Ruth grew up with two brothers, a sister, and many cousins, with whom she spent summers outdoors at cabins and farms. In her childhood, she learned how a watershed worked, where food came from, the value of working hard, how to be frugal, how to share, how to cook for a large group, what true hospitality meant. Starting early, Ruth traveled the world, becoming fascinated by the new cultures, habits, and points of view she encountered. Her early years inspired and shaped the community work Ruth did later as a teacher, friend, advocate, and leader.

Ruth was a large presence, someone people remembered. She biked everywhere, left her helmet on—ready for action, encounters, surprises, delights, or battle, depending on the day. She made connections, drew people together, invited them to join her in whatever she was doing. Ruth said, “In the end, all we have is each other.” I will miss her.

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By Meredith Montgomery

A Patch of Beauty at your Feet



Photo by Dorothy Childers

There one is, not far from home walking along down the street lost in thought and all of a sudden beauty is every where one looks, 11,418 Tulip blossoms plus a patch of lavender creeping phlox at the corner of Twenty Fifth and Humboldt. At first you ask yourself, can this be true? Your eyes answer back yes, yes it can, thanks to the efforts of the neighbors at this corner who have accomplished this for the pleasure of us all.

So what is one to do? Go and look and surround yourself with beauty and silently thank the people who have made your day a happy day

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