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Construction safety is once again a SWLRT issue

By Mary Pattock

A crane boom twisted and broke off of its cab at the SWLRT construction site as it was lifting large machinery — a press-in-piler — out of the way of a freight train. The accident took place at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, between Park Siding Park and the Cedar Lake Shores Townhomes.

Fortunately, the crane fell on the piler, not on the nearby condos; no one was hurt. Townhome residents were evacuated to Metro Transit buses.

However, multi-million-dollar equipment was damaged, construction was stopped for the rest of the week, and train traffic was interrupted until the site was cleared and rails inspected.

The piler is used to drive large metal sheets into the ground as part of the tunnel construction between Lake Street and the Kenilworth Channel. Because the tunnel is being built so close to the TC&W freight track, workers need to move the piler several times a day, whenever a train passes through the area.

Personnel from the Minneapolis Fire Department, Met Council, TC&W Railroad Company and the contractors, Lunda McCrossan Joint Venture (LMJV), quickly showed up at the scene. It took workers until 8:30 that evening to detach the boom, raise it above trees and roofs, align it and bring it to rest on what was formerly the bike and walking path in the Kenilworth Corridor.

Was the piler too heavy for the crane? One neighbor reported that construction workers had previously expressed concern about the safety of this operation. Were there engineering miscalculations? Warnings gone unheeded?

On Sunday the Met Council, in an email message to the community, said a preliminary investigation points to operator error.

The council also pledged in the message that: “There will be an increased safety emphasis, review and inspection of crane-related work activities in the corridor.”

Not the first time

There was a SWLRT construction safety problem last year when, on two occasions, flaggers failed to notify construction workers of freight trains passing through the worksite.

According to a Met Council Transportation Committee report:

There were two incidents in one week where a train went through an active construction site and the freight corridor was not cleared of construction activities as required by Federal Rail Administration (FRA) safety

requirements. The flaggers failed twice in their duties to clear workers from the construction site due to inadequate flagging protocols, lack of familiarity with the railroad’s operating rules and inability to effectively communicate with the railroad company. No one was injured when these two trains drove through an active construction site. However, a construction worker could easily have been working close to the tracks and been struck and seriously injured by a train. In addition, if heavy equipment had been on the tracks a train could have struck the equipment and possibly derailed.

Such a derailment, which could very possibly involve one of the frequent 100-car “unit trains” that carry explosive ethanol along that line, is a nightmare scenario SWLRT critics have evoked over the years in arguing that SWLRT should be built on a safer route.

The “lack of familiarity with the TC&W’s operating rules” referenced in the Met Council report likely arose from the Met Council’s failure to follow its own policy of employing flaggers provided by the train operator — in this case, TC&W. Instead, they hired Trackworks, a firm based in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

According to SWLRT Project Director Jim Alexander, TC&W was not chosen because the Met Council was involved in contract negotiations with them.

“I’ll just be open,” Alexander said at a joint CIDNA-KNO public meeting last October. “That was the situation TC&W and Met Council were in at the time, where we didn’t necessarily have an agreement. We do now have an agreement — we’re friends now and we’re shaking hands and all that and we’re working together. But at the time we didn’t have TC&W and their flagging. ... And it was just that it was a lesson learned in the situation we’re in and I’m not happy about it but I feel we have remedied the situation and we are moving on and I think we are safe in moving on.”

Other issues

Meanwhile, construction questions continue to surface.

The soil in the construction toward Lake Street turns out to be less stable than the Met Council anticipated, causing problems with tunneling. Project critics have long warned of this possibility.

In addition, residents, prompted by noxious fumes, are asking whether toxic creosote was discharged into air and ground from railroad timbers improperly left on the bare soil without a barrier.



Photos by Mary Pattock

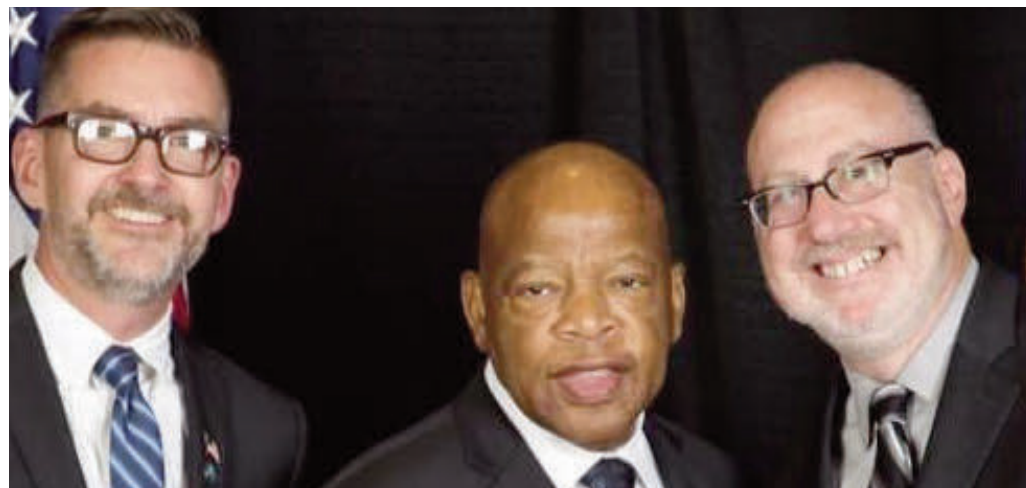


Photo from Scott Dibble website

We thank and honor Representative John Lewis for his extraordinary service to our country these many years.

We are fortunate to have Minnesota Senator Scott Dibble who wrote on his website, “I believe in America because of John Lewis. May we all aspire to the greatness he dreamed of for everyone and for our country. Rest in power, hero.”

From left: MN Senator Scott Dibble, U. S. Representative John Lewis, and MN Representative Frank Hornstein.



Monthly Luncheons with Lisa will move to Zoom starting July 2020

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Collection Saturday is a new Outreach program for St. Paul's. We are scheduling them for the 4th Saturday of every month. We look forward to having your support.

Southwest Parks Plan public comment period closes August 1

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) closed all recreation centers and program buildings on March 17 and they remain closed in response to COVID-19. Due the continued closure of all Southwest Minneapolis recreation centers, the Southwest Service Area Master Plan public comment period has been extended to August 1.

Public comments continue to be collected online. View the draft Southwest Parks Plan and submit your comments using the links below. The plan and online survey are also posted on the project page – www.minneapolis-parks.org/sw, as well as on the exteriors of all 13 recreation centers in Southwest Minneapolis. Please share the link with anyone who may be interested in the future of Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood parks.

About the Southwest Parks Plan

The Southwest Parks Plan contains updated park designs that will guide development of all Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood park properties over the next 20+ years. In addition to the park concepts, the plan also puts forward several proposed potential park spaces and search areas.

The Southwest Parks Plan was created through nearly two years of meetings, events, conversations, feedback, design and adjustment. This is the third iteration of the plan, after initial concepts debuted in February 2019 and revised concepts were shared in May 2019.

The current document represents the final recommendations of the Southwest Parks Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which met 16 times over 18 months. The MPRB would like to thank the CAC for its thoughtful, impassioned dedication to the planning process.

Next Steps

After the public comment period closes, the design team will again consider comments from all stakeholders and potentially make more adjustments. Final plans are typically sent to the Board of Commissioners

for a public hearing and vote on the master plan's approval. The MPRB will send notice of any public hearing via email and post to the project page at least 10 days before the hearing takes place.

Please continue to share your thoughts on the park plans in these final stages of public comment. Once adopted, the final park designs will be used to build improvements funded by the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan, which dedicates \$11 million annually over 20 years (2017-2036) to revitalize Minneapolis neighborhood parks.

This project does not include recreation centers or areas classified as regional parkland, which include: Bde Maka Ska Park, Beard's Plaisance, Brownie Park, Cedar Lake Park, Cedar Lake Regional Trail, Kenilworth Regional Trail, Lake Harriet Park, Lake of the Isles Park, Lyndale Park, Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail, Morrison Park (home of Minneapolis Institute of Art), Roberts Bird Sanctuary, Soo Line Community Garden and William Berry Park.

The one exception is the Loon Lake Trolley Path. The plan for that park space will be amended into the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan. Many Southwest Minneapolis regional park spaces already have long-term plans as part of the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan, which was approved by MPRB Commissioners on May 3, 2017.



Midwest Independent Publishers Association named Lowry Hill resident, Loren Niemi's "What Haunts Us" the winner of a 2020 Midwest Book Award for the Sci-

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 in ads and in neighborhood minutes and websites.

Where we are now! by Jean Deatrick

Many people responded to my plea for contributions, and I have received touching notes of support. People like Hill and Lake Press because it is our neighborhood newspaper and we report on what is happening in our neighborhoods, sometimes good and sometimes not so good. 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 I said last month and I will say it again, we live in a wonderful neighborhood. Considering that many businesses are closed and boarded up, this is still a difficult time. We need to continue to be observant of racial inequities. It is so easy to forget and not notice. We need to help and to heal.

And don't forget to thank Dorothy Childers. We are lucky to have such a skilled photographer whose lovely photos grace our newspaper. And she will travel at any time, rain or snow, to take her photos.

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

And especially...

Jane and Tim Johnson

Nan H. Dreher

Explore historic homes in the Lowry Hill neighborhood with Preserve Minneapolis!

Date and Time

Thursday, July 30 • 5-6:30pm

Duration 1.5 Hours

About

This virtual tour will explore sixty homes on Lowry Hill. We will see the works of 24 architects and several master builders. Architects James McLeod, Harry Wild Jones, William Kenyon, William Channing Whitney, and Liebenberg & Kaplan are represented by multiple houses. There are two houses from the late 1870s or early 1880s. There are two houses from 1947 and 1948. The others range in date from 1885 to 1928. We will walk through Thomas Lowry Park.

The tour will touch on the history of Lowry Hill and Thomas Lowry Park. We will talk about individual architects, master builders, and some of the original owners. We will interpret the variety of architectural styles represented here.

Tour guides are Anders Christensen and Richard Kronick.

To make a reservation or check out the full list of Preserve Minneapolis summer tours, please visit <https://www.preserveminneapolis.org/summer-tours>.

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Meet your Neighbor Jono Cowgill

Craig Wilson interviews Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (Park Board) President Commissioner Jono Cowgill about recent park board encampments for people experiencing homelessness, including the Hill Lake area's Kenwood Park.

How did park encampments come to exist in the park system and what's the current status of them? In early June a group of people who had recently been asked to leave the Sheraton Hotel moved to Powderhorn Park and set up camps. Under Governor Walz' Executive Order 20-55, which did not allow for any encampments to be broken up, the Superintendent was not allowed to remove the newly created camp. About a week later, the Park Board passed a resolution 2020-253 underscoring its commitment to providing refuge space for people experiencing homelessness and further resolving to dedicate time and resources towards working with state and local partners to get people real shelter and out of the parks. As president of the board I was supportive of this effort because it underlined an already existing Governor's order and it placed the organization in a direction to be a partner in supporting the City and County's tireless work to address the unsheltered in Minneapolis, a population that has been growing substantially since COVID-19 hit Minnesota. Later in the month of June it became clear that Powderhorn was an untenable encampment location as the size grew rapidly. At this time the Governor's office clarified their order to allow for some camps to be removed if public health and safety became a major concern. Thus, the Park Board responded by providing a resolution to significantly limit the scope and size of encampments in parks. Unfortunately, this resolution, which I supported, failed, with five Commissioners removing it from the agenda. The resolution 2020-267, passed unanimously on July 15, is an amendment to the 2020-253 resolution. It directs staff to set up a permitting system to limit encampments to no more than 20 sites, with each site holding no more than 25 tents. The resolution further directs staff to select encampment sites based upon a variety of parameters and restrictions, including proximity to a school zone, spacing of 12 feet between tents, and camps not occupying more than 10 percent of usable park land in a given park.

What motivated Park Board Commissioners to take action on unsheltered people in Minneapolis when it's outside of its mission and usual jurisdiction? The Park Board is certainly not poised to solve the expansive problem of homelessness. It is, however, uniquely situated with its large amount of land to provide temporary space in a pandemic summer for people with nowhere else to go. The park system has this year has seen substantially more unsheltered people camping on park land than in any other year in recent memory. A confluence of circumstances, including the COVID-19 pandemic and associated recession, as well as the community unrest after the murder of George Floyd, have contributed to the substantial number of unsheltered in

the city.

What are possible solutions to moving encampments out of parks to safely house people in more dignified shelters and permanent homes? Currently MPRB is working closely with the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to identify short- and long-term spaces for the unhoused to live. This is person-by-person work and MPRB is grateful for the partnership of the City, County, and State in this work. It's a large problem. Fortunately, many innovative ideas have been offered regarding housing of those in encampments. One notable example that I support is the Indoor Villages concept that would repurpose vacant retail space into tiny homes with wraparound services. These tiny homes are low cost and efficient to build. The key is identifying a site that all partners can support.

Questions from community members:

What are the mechanisms which will be used for enforcement? For instance, if nobody steps up to get a permit for Kenwood, who will remove the residents of the encampment? Should no permit be granted, Park staff provide 72-hour notice for those camping to pack up their belongings and to vacate the park space. In addition, government staff provide transportation options for people to move to other locations. Any abandoned materials are cleaned up by park staff or contractors.

It appears as if Powderhorn is being cleared out. How is this occurring? The Superintendent determined that the camp on the East side of Powderhorn park was very unsafe for the unhoused and the surrounding community. Park staff provide 72-hour notice for those camping to pack up their belongings and to vacate the park space. In addition, government staff provide transportation options for people to move to other locations.

Does the person or entity who obtains a permit have liability for what happens in the encampment or when the residents leave the encampment? Staff is determining the parameters and requirements of the permits this week. For all encampments, the goal is to get people out of the parks and into dignified housing.

To promote safety, why not increase patrolling of the park police so they patrol at night? The Park Police Chief is working with the Superintendent to provide adequate safety patrols across the MPRB system.

How is it decided which parks will have encampments? Does a permit holder get to choose? Is it first come first to choose? Encampment sites are determined based upon parameters stipulated in Resolution 2020-267, including proximity to recreation features, taking up no more than 10 percent of usable park land in a given park, and staying outside of a designated school zone.




Encampment photo by Courtney C. Kiernat


A community meeting over Zoom is being organized for the Kenwood and Lowry Hill neighborhoods, 5:00-7:00 pm, the week of July 27th. More information will be posted on the neighborhood association websites in the coming days. It will be a chance to hear an update on the Kenwood Park encampment as well as share thoughts, listen to fellow neighbors and identify opportunities for action.

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Vivian Mason: A Jewel in the Lives of Her Friends and Neighbors

By Elaine May

On June 18, the City of Minneapolis lost our beloved friend and neighbor, Vivian Mason. A Minneapolis resident for most of her life, Vivian dedicated her life to the causes she believed in and served selflessly in many capacities. She was a loving wife and mother, a fast friend to many, a courageous advocate for our city and our parks, and an admirable role model and mentor to those who wished to follow her example of a life of service.

Many years ago, a young Jack Mason and his then serious girlfriend Vivian McFerran went swimming at Cedar Point on Cedar Lake. Jack pointed to a growing neighborhood across the lake and told her that someday he would buy her a house there. To the great benefit of our neighborhood and city, he did.

Says Vivian's dear friend, former Minneapolis City Councilwoman Meg Tuthill, "She dedicated her entire life, I mean truly her entire life, to public service for our schools, our parks, books for Africa, Concordia Language Camp, Girl Scouts, all of that."

And she not only gave of her time and effort, she became a passionate advocate and committed leader for the causes she cared about. Says former Speaker of the House Dee Long, "She had a lot of friendships and she had this tremendous amount of energy. When you think of all the things that she accomplished in her lifetime. A mom and raising kids, but then everything on top of that and her involvement with the Girl Scouts, for example. She didn't just become a head of a troop, she became head of the whole state." And of Vivian's involvement with Minneapolis parks, Dee says of Vivian, "She was very concerned about the environment and in a narrower sense about Minneapolis parks and open spaces. And she didn't just sit around and complain or go walking in the park. She ran for the park board."

Vivian is remembered as a woman of outstanding character. As Meg Tuthill recalls, "Vivian's moral compass and her ethic compass, you can't touch them. Talk about a moral, ethical woman who is non-judgmental, but knows in her core what's right. That's who she was. And then add in handling it in a very classy manner.



Boy, you've got more than a total package. There are not many people you can put in that category. You just can't."

Vivian's service as a Commissioner on the Park Board was characterized by hard work and integrity. In 1997 Vivian was appointed to the vacated seat of Patty Baker, then successfully ran for two more terms. Dee Long recalls Vivian standing up to Park Board leadership in the interest of serving her community: "She had the kind of courage that isn't necessarily part of somebody who runs for office and gets elected." Recalls Former Park Board President Liz Wielinski, "Vivian Mason was a political mentor, a champion for transparency and good government and a fun friend. I was lucky enough to have met her while working to improve and uncover the workings of park board budgets. During her last term we worked together to get better commissioners elected."

Former Park Board President Anita Tabb

remembers Vivian's assistance and advice in Anita's career as a park board commissioner: "When I first ran for office, I was such a novice! Vivian generously spent time helping me get up-to-speed about the unique aspects of the district as well as the lesser known roles of the Park Board. And she would meet with me regularly throughout my two terms on office to add another perspective on difficult issues. For her time and wisdom, I am forever grateful."

Vivian had a life-long involvement with the Girl Scouts, beginning as a Girl Scout in 1949, serving as a Girl Scout Leader and Co-Leader of her daughter Katie's troop from 1974 to 1985, and culminating in her service as Board President from 1986 to 1990. Recalls Vivian's scouting associate Jean Dehning, "Vivian served as a both a friend and mentor to me while I served on the Board of the Greater Minneapolis Girl Scout Council when she was Chair of that Board. Vivian appointed me to serve as the Co-Chair for the Support Services Staff for the 1993 National Girl Scout Convention and then volunteered for me by proceeding to organize and plan the largest Volksmarch ever held in Minnesota as part of that convention; Vivian received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award for her work on the Volksmarch. I consider Vivian to be a true friend and mentor as well as woman who believed that volunteerism was a very worthy life's project."

In addition to her formal leadership roles, Vivian was known as a compassionate, selfless friend who was willing to step up to the plate with her time and effort when she saw anyone in need. Meg Tuthill recalls Vivian's role in the early days of the Tubman

Shelter: "People didn't know that she was on a list that when Tubman needed clothing for a certain size child that had come in overnight, they would call Vivian and she'd go and purchase the clothing and bring it over there. She's one of the few people that they used to use." And when Meg's mother-in-law was terminally ill, Vivian again was there to help. "She showed up at my mother-

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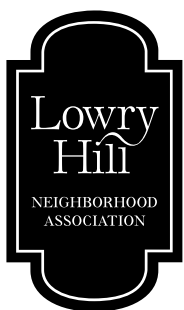
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Lowry Hill Neighborhood News



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LHNA Monthly Board Meeting: Sept 1, 2020, 7p.m.

The Board is on hiatus for July and August. Meeting details will be posted at lowryhillneighborhood.org a week prior to the meeting.

LHNA Annual Meeting: October 2020

The annual meeting has been postponed until October. Details to come.



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

Support neighborhood businesses...

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

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

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

I have been writing this column (some would say the same column) since 1982. It has been a mix of observations on dogs, garage sales, and fools in high places. Recent events have pushed me to unearth an incident from 1978. I have never written or discussed it with anyone. It was profound at the time, but I have not considered it except in passing for forty years. Now, on an almost daily basis, I think about it and cringe.

Before moving to Minneapolis in the summer of 1977, JoAnne, (who was not yet “the editor”) and I lived in Naples, Florida for three years. It happened this way: I had completed a masters program in December 1973. While we were visiting JoAnne’s folks in Florida I received a job offer. The position was at Tommie Barfield Elementary School on Marco Island, which was country club beautiful. It was also a terrifying foggy and unlit drive in the early morning darkness across part of “Alligator Alley.” While working there I met a kindred spirit, Roy, a Black man about my age, who had arrived that fall and had established himself as an excellent teacher. He was very well organized, professional, and loved by the kids. His fellow teachers (mostly women who let you know that they did not need to work) shunned him, which he seemed to take in stride. He ate lunch alone and was not invited to join the Naples/Marco Island carpool. When I questioned him about these obvious slights he would answer enigmatically, “I am a native Floridian.”

If JoAnne and I, both from the Philadelphia area and the University of Michigan, didn’t “fit in,” I can barely imagine what Naples was like for Roy. He and I carpooled for a while and became friends, but he was circumspect and rarely let me in on his daily struggles. I made him promise to eviscerate me if he ever saw me in lime green pants, white shoes, and a white belt. JoAnne and I lasted three years before the overall smugness and entitled affluence motivated us to seek colder pastures.

In choosing Minneapolis we found employment and a house we could afford a block east of what was then Lake Calhoun. We took a course in wind chill, and endured questions about our sanity for giving up life on the Florida Gulf Coast. But we found what we most sought: a sense of community. Later came children, Barton Open School, bike rides, canoeing, the baby sitting co-op, the Lakes, Uptown, and dear friends. The John Denver song “Rocky Mountain High” contains the words, “...coming home to a place I’ve never been before.” It was like that. JoAnne in particular came north on faith and fell in love with Minnesotans.

Anyone who knows me personally or through my writing knows I am a “nudge.” If I find something unique that I believe you would enjoy or need to experience, my impulse is to share it with you—perhaps a tad aggressively. It may be people (“You gotta meet...”), TV shows, restaurants, music, movies, books, unusual places, and, more recently apps.

Roy and I stayed in touch in the pre-Internet era. We exchanged phone calls and occasional letters. He had graduated from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee in 1973 and had never been out of the state of Florida. With the summer off and given the Florida heat, I suggested he visit us and experience the Twin Cities. We had survived our first winter and were eager to see him. He had never flown, but he was game to drive up. He caught beautiful summer weather, as I recall. I know we biked the Lakes, Uptown, and just hung out. I could tell he was impressed and amazed that our little house on 34th and Humboldt was under 40 K. He told me that he had never seen snow and intended to keep it that way, so I did not attempt to recruit him.

Roy was a restless man with probably undiagnosed ADHD, but he used the energy to be very ambitious. Early in the visit, having worn me out, he asked to borrow a bike. Being me, I probably suggested some bike paths we hadn’t traversed together, but he just wanted to explore a bit. I was very surprised when he returned badly shaken after being gone less than hour. Trying to piece together his route, (he didn’t remember street names) he had crossed Hennepin and headed east on 34th street past Fremont toward Nicollet. Someone had threatened him and screamed racial epithets at him somewhere in south Minneapolis. He returned breathless.

I was horrified and suggested we drive the route and try to find the mouth breathing cretin. Roy shrugged it off, but I could tell this was a level of indignity for which he was unprepared. Growing up poor near Daytona Beach (a beach he did not dare go to) he understood bigotry. I said it was different here. While he was smart enough not to believe me, the little bit of hope he had allowed himself was shattered. I felt that I had set him up. He drove off very early the next morning to a world where he at least he knew the rules.

JoAnne and I continued our love affair with the city for twenty-five years, moving up a lake to Lake of the

Isles in 1985. Now “the incident” feels like a deep sliver in my finger. I have written hundreds of columns, but this one is the hardest. Roy and I lost touch. Many years ago I googled him. He completed a PhD and became Dr. Roy _____, a school superintendent outside of Orlando, Florida in 2003.

Tom H. Cook is hunkered in Redondo Beach, CA waiting impatiently for November. He fears that if the incumbent loses he will not only loot the treasury and pardon Son of Sam, but make off with all of the good china and ashtrays in the West Wing.

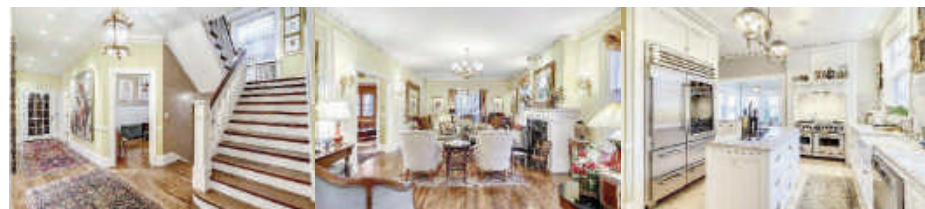
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Dorothy
Childers**



An unusual scene below the Kenilworth Bridge on West Lake of the Isles occurred where people gathered to celebrate the holiday. One of the activities was slacklining, a sport and an art best described as a balance recreation and a moving meditation. Similar to tightrope walking, it is accomplished by walking along a flat webbing that is stretched between two points, less tightly than a tightrope.

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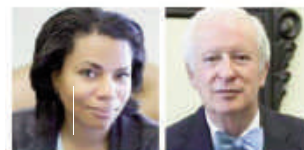
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Vivian Mason from page 4

in-law's house in St. Louis Park with homemade soups because I had mentioned on the phone that the only thing we could get her to eat was soup. And there was Vivian."

Elaine May had been Vivian's next-door neighbor since 1992. After Jack's death, Elaine kept an eye on Vivian, knowing that she (like Elaine) was living alone. In Vivian's later years, Vivian had serious back problems and had trouble getting around. Elaine looked out for Vivian, expecting that she might be able to help her neighbor who was 30 years her senior. But when Elaine broke her leg in 2018, it was Vivian who, in spite of her own health problems, was the one to offer her aid to her next-door neighbor in need. That's the kind of person she was.

Vivian's friend-making and friend-keeping abilities were seen in her participation in a long-standing group of politically active women called the Nutmegs. Originally gathering at Tuthill's General Store and Ice Cream Parlor on 25th and Hennepin (it had to meet at the store because Meg couldn't leave the store at lunch-time!) the group consisted of both Democrats and Republicans. As Meg puts it, "It was a great mix!" For more than 40 years, these ladies have met once a month to have fun, catch up with each others' lives, and discuss the issues of the day. It is a testament to Vivian's courage and grit that she kept up with the Nutmeg lunches until the very end of her life in spite of having a lot of trouble getting around. Meg says of her friend, "She really wasn't afraid, Vivian was never afraid. And what a beautiful way to live, not being afraid."

Vivian's impact on the lives of her friends, neighbors, and our city was profound, and will be felt long after her passing. In the words of Anita Tabb, "Vivian loved this city and she loved our parks. She devoted countless hours to making the park system a better place for all Minneapolis residents. We all owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her selfless devotion to the betterment of the places around her." In the words of Meg Tuthill, "Vivian lived by the Girl Scout motto, which is, 'leave it better than you found it.' Which is what she did for our entire community."

Cedar Lake Parkway road closure.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Construction of the half-mile tunnel in the Kenilworth Corridor continues, with a new 16-day closure of Cedar Lake Parkway between Xerxes Avenue and Burnham Road that began July 6. Crews will be installing tunnel sheeting across the parkway road and will then repave the street before returning later this year to excavate the tunnel, in a closure expected to last about five and a half months.



Lake of the Isles

Photo by Sheri Ettinger

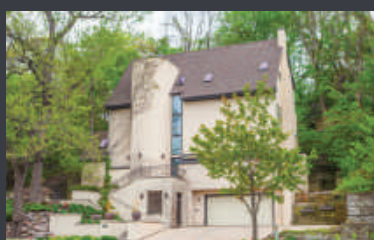
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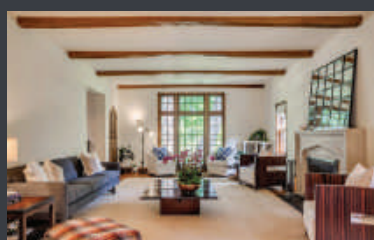


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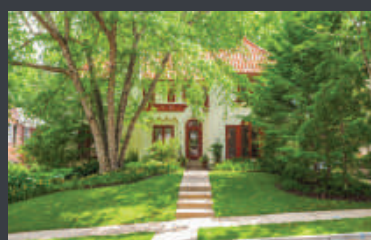
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Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association

By Deb Jessen



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 24, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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

Absent: Gabriel Andrews, Treasurer Clem Foltz

Chair Mary Pattock called this special meeting on the subject of racism in Minneapolis to order at 6:15 p.m.

The first order of business was discussion of the CIDNA statement on racism and the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). Rosanne moved, Stephen seconded, and the board unanimously approved the following statement:

The Cedar-Isles Dean Neighborhood Association condemns, to the extent that it exists, the culture of racism that the City of Minneapolis has allowed to fester at the Minneapolis Police Department. It is a culture that has tolerated and even promoted the violation of human and civil rights, even to the unjust taking of human life. It works to destroy the fabric of our community with fear and distrust and thwarts the potential and the dreams of Black and Indigenous people, and People of Color.

We call upon the Mayor and City Council to rid the department of that poisonous culture, and through philosophical and systemic change create in its place a peace force dedicated to the safety and well-being of all of its residents.

We hold ourselves responsible to engage in critical dialogue with City officials to shape and implement these efforts, and to hold them accountable for results.

The board voted to send the statement to City officials and then to all of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Organizations (NO). Mary will send the statements. Deb will post the statement on the CIDNA website, Facebook page, and include it in the next e-newsletter.

The board and guests discussed action steps CIDNA can take to implement the anti-racism statement. Mary said that CIDNA has three things to offer: volunteers, (limited) funds, and its voice. Mary will contact the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. to ask how CIDNA can help its recovery efforts. Claire and Amanda will reach out to their contacts in the Powderhorn neighborhood to inquire about its needs.

Board members and CIDNA-area residents will be encouraged to recommend racial justice materials such as podcasts, books, speakers, etc.; the recommendations will be shared with the entire neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be held virtually on:

Wednesday, July 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 8, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

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

Absent: Gabriel Andrews, Treasurer Clem Foltz, Claire Ruebeck

Chair Mary Pattock, waiting for a quorum, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The board approved the minutes from the June 10, 2020 board meeting and the June 24, 2020, special board

meeting, as well as the agenda for today's meeting.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The City Charter Commission's virtual public meetings on a proposed amendment to the City Charter relating to the future of public safety will held on July 15 at 5 p.m. and July 21 at 6 p.m. There may be a third meeting, with a date to be determined. The commission has received more than 5,600 comments from the public on this issue. There is an online form available for comments on the City's website.

20 is Plenty yard signs are available, free, for pickup at Minneapolis fire stations. Council Member (CM) Goodman recommends blanketing the neighborhood with the signs to remind drivers of the reduced speed limits.

Early voting by U.S. mail has started for the August 11 primaries. Voters may sign up online or fill out and mail the form they received from the Center for Voter Information advocacy group.

The City Council's Budget Committee will hold public hearings, on July 14 at 6:05 p.m. and July 22 at 10:00 a.m., on proposed revisions to the City's 2020 budget. The City Council has already approved \$61,000,000 in reductions but approximately \$175,000,000 must be reduced from the current budget, nearly 11% of the budget.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

The City has extended the Neighborhoods 2020 public comment period to September 30. Mary will use comments CIDNA already submitted as the basis of the new comments.

Mary reported on follow-up to the June 24 special board meeting.

Mary inquired at a Neighborhood Community Relations neighborhood-organization meeting, if other neighborhood organizations would like CIDNA's help in rebuilding following the recent civil unrest. Currently it appears the need is for continued cleanup and donations. Amanda said her contact at the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association is not prepared to discuss partnering with CIDNA at this point due to the emergency needs presented by the homeless encampment at Powderhorn Park. Claire emailed that after consulting with a Powderhorn Park colleague, she does not recommend soliciting CIDNA volunteers for the park encampment at this time.

A list of racial justice resources is posted on the CIDNA website and has been promoted in the E-News.

The board voted to spend up to \$200 on books related to social justice to circulate out of two Little Free Libraries in the CIDNA neighborhood. One is at 3519 W. 29th St. and the other at 2806 Dean Parkway.

The board voted to respond to the City Charter Commission's invitation to comment on the proposed public safety charter amendment, using the draft Mary circulated to the board.

The board agreed to hold a virtual annual meeting in October. Topics and speakers will be determined.

Coordinator's Report, Deb Jessen

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) approved the revised Community Collaborator Grant. Deb, Rosanne, and the Environmental Preservation Committee will begin planning the activities. The grant will fund two virtual meetings with CIDNA-area renters and seniors to gather their feedback on the MPRB Parks for All Comprehensive Plan draft.

The board approved two Governance Committee recommendations:

Change the CIDNA fiscal year from June 1-May 31 to January 1-December 31.

2. Give the CIDNA community the required 21-day notice of the board's intention for a plan modification real-locating unspent funds from our Neighborhood Priorities Plan / SWLRT Draft Environmental Impact Statement contract to our community outreach contract. The amount to be transferred will be approximately \$18,000. The transferred funds will be used for infrastructure priorities: coordinator wages, a CIDNA computer, and CIDNA website redesign.

Treasurer's Report

The June budget report is located on the CIDNA Google Drive.

Environmental Preservation Committee, James Reid

James is an alternate to the MPRB Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee. The

first meeting will be on July 13, 2020 via Zoom. The public is invited to attend. James will advocate for keeping local park areas as natural as possible.

Transportation Committee

David Davies, outreach coordinator for the Metropolitan Council, is working with Claire to provide documentation for the reports requested by CIDNA regarding environmental impact and water quality issues.

David said there are no current Southwest Light Rail Train (SWLRT) construction activities affecting water quality aside from erosion control measures. Mr. Davies will bring plans for tunnel excavation beneath the water table to the board when that phase of construction begins.

The shift of freight rail is imminent and should take place around the end of July.

Cedar Lake Parkway will be closed for 16 days, until July 22, with no weekend construction. The Parkway is open to pedestrians and bicycles.

Met Council is aware of the noise and vibrations from the auger used for sheeting installation and is monitoring it to ensure it remains within allowable limits.

Mary asked if the Met Council is reassessing the viability of SWLRT in view of changes caused by the pandemic in the two main assumptions on which SWLRT is being built: ridership and transit-oriented development, both of which are expected to be greatly reduced. She asked if those reductions make it more feasible to run bus rapid transit rather than LRT on the route, at a third or less of the cost. Mr. Davies replied that he knows of no plans other than to move forward with the project and that Metro Transit is a community-centered agency.

Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

Amanda announced a community engagement project, "Take a Look at CIDNA!" — or TLC. CIDNA-area residents are invited to post photos of the neighborhood on the CIDNA Facebook page. Each month will have a different theme. July's theme is "CIDNA Gardens" and August's theme will be "Cedar Lake Sunsets." The project will be promoted on Facebook, Nextdoor and in an e-blast. Goals are to promote neighborhood pride and encourage use of the Facebook page as a virtual community gathering space.

Amanda proposed a photo contest to be published in the Hill & Lake Press. She will bring specifics about the project to the August meeting.

Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

There are no updates on the Calhoun Beach Club project; however, its owners, Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), will change the building's name, eliminating "Calhoun." The new name has yet to be released.

Development in CIDNA continues to be slow.

Neighborhood Safety Committee, Steve Goltry

Construction crews along Lake Street continue to keep sidewalks in safe condition but there is a litter problem. New traffic lights seem to make the area safer.

Calhoun Commons has had closures, including Burger Jones, but Steve does not know what, if any, businesses will replace them.

Old Business, Mary Pattock

Rosanne and Amanda staffed a table at Cedar Lake South Beach on June 20 to promote the Census 2020 and the CIDNA Census 2020 coloring page. Along with other Complete Count Committee (CCC) leaders, Rosanne participates in a bi-weekly call with the Minnesota office of the U.S. Census Bureau. As the census project has been extended to October 31, a national re-launch will begin on July 13.

As of July 7, Minnesota ranked #1 nationally in census completion rate at 71.5%, compared to the national rate of 61.9%. As of June 22, CIDNA's rate was 75.2%, but some nearby neighborhoods are over 85%. Rosanne urged us to remind those who haven't done so to go to the census website and take 10 minutes to complete their form: www.2020census.gov.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Next meeting will be held virtually on:

Wednesday, August 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

By Amanda Vallone

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes Monday, July 13, 2020

KNO Board met on July 13, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID. Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt; Absent: Kyle Leir. Also present: Patrick Sadler (Policy Aide to City Council Member Goodman), Amanda Vallone, Eric Larson, Jack Levi, Jodi Strakosch, David Davies, Dana Fox, Courtney Kiernat, Hema Patel, Jen Johnson, Sheila Delaney, Lana Baggenstos, Sandeep Patel, Josine Peters, Megan MacFarland, Somia Mourad, Art Turcotte, Ron Lotz, Paul Gruber, Margaret Walters, Jono Cowgill (President, Commissioner Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner)

Mark Brown requested to approve the agenda and Evelyn Turner second the motion and all agreed. Motion passed.

Patrick Sadler, City Council Member Policy Aide Reporting for Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 Public Hearings Scheduled for July on Revised 2020 Budget

Tuesday, July 14 at 6:05 pm

Wednesday, July 22 at 10:00 am

You can watch the meeting online or participate in the online public hearing through

www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings

You can find more information on the city budget

www.minneapolismn.gov/budget

The City Council is scheduled to vote Friday, July 24 on a revised 2020 budget

Charter Commission Public Hearings

Wednesday, July 15 starting at 5:00 pm

Tuesday, July 21 starting at 6:00 pm

There is the potential for a 3rd public hearing based on level of engagement in the first 2

You can submit public comments via the online comment form:

<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/charter/public-safety>

Here you will find additional information and can submit public comment

There have been 5,622 submissions as of Wednesday, July 8.

Voters are Encouraged to Vote by Mail this Election Year

Early voting has begun for the August 11 Primary

You can vote early by mail or in person at the Early Vote Center

What's on the Ballot?

U.S. Senator; U.S. Representative (District 5); School

Board Member (at large); City Council Member (Ward 6). 980 East Hennepin Avenue

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday hours will be available August 1 and August 8
vote.minneapolismn.gov

“20 is Plenty” Speed Limit Yard Signs Available

Minneapolis and St. Paul are both in the process of implementing new, lower speed limits to support safer streets

New speed limits go into effect this fall and is 20 mph unless otherwise signed

Yard signs are now available for community members

You can pick them up at any Minneapolis Fire Station
9:00 am – 7:00 pm Mon-Fri (July 6 – July 24) – while supplies last

SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.

7/13, 4-7pm –The Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is receiving public comment on the Draft 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The program includes high-way, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects that are proposed for federal funding in the Twin Cities metropolitan area in the next four years. An online public meeting is scheduled for Monday July 13 from 4-7pm. Click on the link below for more event details or to submit a comment on the draft TIP. The comment period is open until 5pm on August 10, 2020.

<https://metro council.org/TIP.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2cGNbW4Dac687FU20sMyicQ4G8FNhD0TcVj6npsu49NbvahjHvz64ycE>

What's New and Notable in the Corridor

France Ave – Lake Street

Sanitary sewer and water utility work has restarted in the corridor around Lake Street; this work is expected to continue for the next 2-3 weeks

The trail in this segment will continue to be open throughout construction. The alignment of the trail is expected to shift in the next month to make way for future construction activities for the West Lake Street Station.

Lake Street – Cedar Lake Parkway

Press-in pile sheeting installation activities continue in the vicinity of 28th Street headed south toward Lake Street on the “rail side” of the tunnel.

No other new activities anticipated in this area in the next week

Cedar Lake Parkway – Cedar Lake Channel

Press-in pile sheeting installation in process across Cedar Lake Parkway, which continues to be closed until Tuesday July 22. Sheeting installation on the “field side” of the tunnel will conclude, at which point the piler will be repositioned to install sheeting on the “rail side”.

No work will occur on weekends during this closure.

Cedar Lake Channel – 21st Street

Railroad track construction continues between Cedar Lake Parkway and the Burnham Road Bridge. Expect increased activity in this area as ballast rock is hauled to and unloaded at the site, and rail construction equipment is active in setting ties and track.

21st Street – Van White Blvd

The detour of the Cedar Lake Trail around the I-394 overpass is in effect. Cedar Lake Trail traffic is detoured to Kenwood Parkway to meet up with the existing detour at the Parade Ice Garden.

DURATION: This detour is expected to be in place through the end of July.

Park Encampments in the City Other Notes of Importance:

MPRB website on encampments here

MPRB Resolution 2020-253, adopted June 17th here (declares Minneapolis Parks a refuge for people experiencing homelessness)

Proposed amendment to Resolution 2020-253 – Resolution 2020-267, to be considered at July 15th MPRB meeting here (proposes permitting up to 20 encampments with no more than 25 tents)

Letter from Powderhorn Sanctuary Neighbors to Kenwood and Lowry Hill residents here

Other online information

Powderhorn Sanctuary Encampment Neighbors site here

SignUpGenius site used for volunteer/supplies/meals coordination for Kenwood Park encampment here

StarTribune Opinion Exchange pieces mentioning Kenwood Park encampment from Judith Koll Healey (here) and Joseph Tamburino (here)

Southwest Journal article from July 10th, also mentioning Kenwood Park here

Residents' Voices:

Ron Lotz, Are bonfires being allowed in parks? They are happening at Kenwood Park. Who are nearby residents supposed to call if not the police when violence breaks out?

Megan MacFarland, Who are the people organizing at the Kenwood Encampment? Volunteers should not have this heavy load of work. If the Park Board decided to allow this then they should pay for staffing these encampments as well and not put this burden on community residents.

Art Turcotte, Frustrated with the park taking on this county and state issue. There is housing currently available, so how do we get some of these encampment residents in these shelters rather than the parks if availability exists?

Jono Cowgill, Park Board Commissioner

Original intention was to provide a space of refuge for people experiencing homelessness and the immediate fall out of unrest following George Floyd murder. The Sheraton Hotel had everyone evacuate that was being sheltered there which caused the surge of encampment to pop

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EIRA Annual Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Ellen van Iwaarden (President), Mike Erlandson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom

(Treasurer), Becky Accettura, Emma Erdahl, John Grochala, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Molly Simmons

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 City Council Member

Jono Cowgill, Park Board President and District 4 Commissioner

Meg Forney, Park Board at-large Commissioner

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Board Chair and District 3 Commissioner

Frank Hornstein, Minnesota State Representative District 61A

Welcome:

President Ellen van Iwaarden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Bus Rapid Transit Pilot along Hennepin Avenue and the Future (learn more here)

Monthly Luncheons with Lisa will move to Zoom starting July 2020 (to learn more and sign up for Lisa's newsletter, contact Judy Sherin at judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov)

Due to COVID-19, there's been a financial loss of

\$175 million in revenue, therefore the City Council is looking at ways to cut \$60 million in the next financial cycle - hiring freeze, salary freeze, and freeze on capital. There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Response to the murder of George Floyd and the next steps regarding public safety and the Minneapolis Police Department (read the resolution here)

Jono Cowgill, Park Board President and District 4 Commissioner

COVID-19 Park Board Response - closed parkways to vehicles until mid-July, some parkways may be open sooner, to get the latest updates visit the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board here

Budget Impacts and Loss of Revenue due to COVID19 - voluntary furloughs and wage freezes. Expect it to continue with budget cuts

Response to the murder of George Floyd - reform to change the color of park police uniforms, remove Minneapolis Police Department officers from being officers at events in the park

Homelessness Encampments in Powderhorn Park - working with city council and governors to address housing, safety issues, and services they need

Meg Forney, Park Board at-large Commissioner

Park Board at-large Commissioner, Forney announcements and park planning project updates:

Several ways the residents can be part of the planning process:

Cedar-Isles Master Plan

Cedar-Isles Master Survey Monkey

Cedar-Isles Online Virtual Mapping Tool

Parks for All (MPRB Comprehensive Plan)

Southwest Service Area Master Plan

President Ellen van Iwaarden Report:

2019-2020 Highlights - Ice cream social and ice skating party, 2nd season of the East Isles Farmers Market, began planning for a shade structure in the Joanne R. Levin Park, updated election procedures, financial procedures, progress having most of the work done in the committees, 8th annual SuperSale, supported Bridge for Youth, improved public safety by removing buckthorn, worked with the community to install security cameras along Hennepin Avenue in high crime areas, giving historical records to the Hennepin County Library for their special collections and hired a new neighborhood coordinator

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom Report:

Farmer's Market - hired an accountant to assist in the 3rd season

Completed a 990 and accountant assisted with that

Budget 2019-2020 is approximately \$88,000. 48% of that is our administrative budget, 9% is special events, 43% is the Farmers Market.

Sources of Income - Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Community Participation Program, Farmers

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newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

CIDNA Statement:

Contact: Mary Pattock, 612-922-7609

Minneapolis Neighborhood Association Takes Position on

City Leadership and Police Department

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CIDNA is an independent, nonprofit, neighborhood association in Southwest Minneapolis, founded in 1974. CIDNA.org

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Market vendor fees, sponsorships, and merchandise, sponsorships for other events and donations from residents

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Board Chair and District 3 Commissioner

Hennepin County lobbying at the legislature regarding police reform



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NRP Committee Chair Mike Erlandson Report:

Recently and over the years NRP Committee has given funds to refresh the warming house, park benches, Grace Church Community Garden, 28th Street bicycle corridor, and the shade structure at Joanne R. Levin Park.

Last year focused on public safety - cleaned up over-growth at Lake of the Isles and funded public safety cameras along Hennepin Avenue

Outreach and Nominations Committee Chair, Emma Erdahl Report:

Developed formal election procedures

New formal election procedures will be used in this year's election

BET Committee Chair Andrew Degerstrom Report:

New Duplex Project - 2208 Irving Avenue South requesting variances

BRT coming to Lake Street (METRO B Line) and Hennepin Avenue (METRO E Line)

Reconstruction of Hennepin Avenue from Douglas Avenue to Lagoon to begin in 2023

Farmers Market Chair Debbie Gold Report:

Market is in its 3rd year, starts next Thursday runs through September 13th

This year the market will be smaller due to COVID19, it is considered an essential service and will follow the Department of Agriculture COVID19 guidelines

Green Team Chair, Ellen van Iwaarden Report:

Earth Day clean-up canceled this year because of COVID19, EIRA has again adopted a portion of the Greenway to maintain, the Green Team hopes to educate residents about lake water quality

Explanation of recommended changes to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, President Ellen van Iwaarden

Establish an Executive Committee

Use new election procedures in the elections

Clarify that officers and directors will not be compensated

Establish that a majority of the board members must be adults

Non-resident committee members (anyone can serve on the committee)

Added a provision that EIRA can have its annual meeting remotely

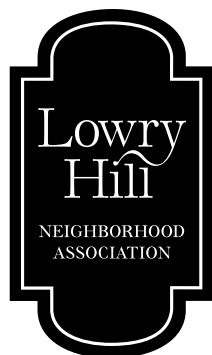
Articles of incorporation - language changed to include necessary provisions to support EIRA's application to become a 501(3)(c) nonprofit corporation

Board Elections, Introduction of Candidates, Outreach and Nominations Committee Chair Emma Erdahl:

Explanation of Balloting

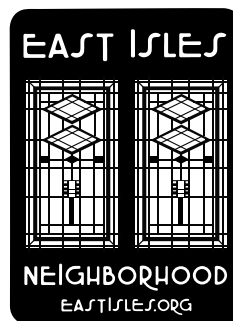
Candidates introduced themselves

Closing Remarks and a reminder to vote electronically, President Ellen van Iwaarden



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER SALE!

Saturday September 12th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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- Get a yard sign
- Be on the map
- Get unsold item pick up

Sign Up to Sell at: donorbox.org/super-sale-2-2

East Isles and Lowry Hill residents can register their yard sale to be a part of our Neighborhood Super Sale. The registration fee covers ads, yard signs and maps we will distribute showing sellers' locations. Disabled American Veterans will pick up unsold items on Monday after the sale if you choose this option on the sign up form.

Deadline for seller registration: August 28th.

If you prefer to pay by check, see website for details: lowryhillneighborhood.org or eastisles.org

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up. 100 encampments have popped up since the Governor's order was initiated after the COVID pandemic. It was not the intention for the Park Board to take on the issue of homelessness long term only temporarily, as the county and state are working on these issues.

Kenwood Park was not a site that was suggested for an encampment, however folks fleeing from the unsafe issues at Powderhorn Park decided that Kenwood would be safe space.

East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud

The Park Board will not be issuing any event permits for East Cedar Lake Beach events this year. They will allow us to have impromptu acoustic performances near the south side of the beach as long as they are not advertised.

Our annual Pirate & Mermaid Beach pARTy will be transforming into an eight-day family challenge which includes a socially distanced treasure hunt through the woods in August. More details will be on our Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's Facebook page and website.

Treasurer Update

The 2019/2020 will be uploaded to the KNO website for review.

A request to community members to suggest neighborhood projects are being accepted.

The KNO 2020 Budget was discussed and will also be uploaded to the website for review.

Board Motions

Jeremy Nichols made a motion to submit a donation to the Hill & Lake Press for \$1,000 as they publish our monthly minutes in this community paper. Will 2nd the motion and all were in favor, the motion passes.

Jeremy Nichols made a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report and Mark Brown 2nd the motion, all were in favor, the motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 9:13pm.

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 August 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KNO invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KNO. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodmpls.org



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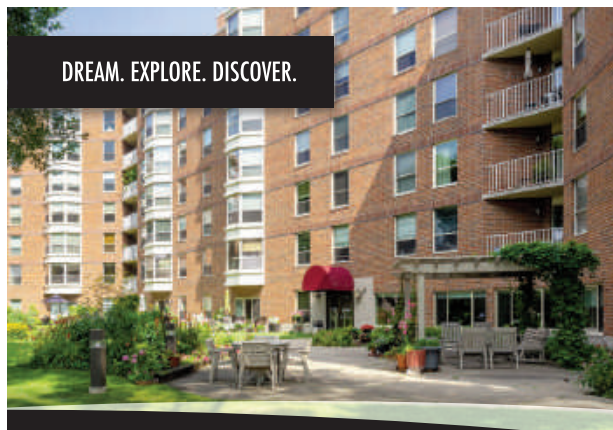


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A RATE HIKE + A REMEDY

By Timothy Schaefer

This summer, CenterPoint Energy --the utility that provides gas power to hundreds of thousands of Minneapolitans and residents of surrounding suburbs-- is proposing some changes that could have a big impact on customers' energy bills.

First, the good: the City of Minneapolis is proposing Minnesota take up a tool ("Inclusive Financing") that would make needed energy efficiency upgrades available to anyone with a utility bill. That could provide much needed relief as more and more people are unemployed during the ongoing pandemic, and electricity, gas, and water use are concentrated in homes. Inclusive Financing eliminates the long-standing barriers to getting energy upgrades like credit score checks, personal loans, and upfront cash payments. These are barriers for most Minnesotans - saddled with an increasing amount of debt whether medical, student, or otherwise - but acutely so for Black Minnesotans due to the legacies of racism in the financial sector. It's been implemented successfully around the county, in both rural and urban settings - and it should be a big success here too, if done right.

One of the key features of inclusive financing is that customers save money from the start through the program. It's designed so that a chunk of the savings go towards paying for the cost of upgrades, but the rest stays in your pocket. If you are a renter, and you move within 1 or 2 years, the payments do not follow you - they and the savings and increased comfort stay with the building. As a result, it's a win for renters by lowering their bills - and a win for homeowners and landlords by upgrading their properties.

Unfortunately, CenterPoint is also proposing a big rate hike that could cancel out most of the gains from this program. Concerningly, Centerpoint seeks both an increase to the \$/unit of energy and the "fixed charge."

The fixed charge is exactly what it sounds like: a fee that you can't change by using less energy nor by installing efficiency measures. Increasing these rates now, in a time of huge economic uncertainty and environmental precarity, would be a huge mistake. We should be incentivizing households and businesses to reduce energy use, not further entrenching an energy system that significantly contributes to climate change and air pollution.

Thankfully, there's several upcoming chances for public input on these proposals. People who are interested in lowering their energy bills and fighting for a cleaner future should join virtual hearings on July 28th, 29th and 30th. It's the rare chance to talk directly to those in power on energy policy. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is far more used to hearing from advocates like me than from members of the pub-

lic -- that should change. You can speak there on both the rate hike and this proposed remedy, Inclusive Financing.

These hearings will reveal a lot about the future of energy use in Minneapolis. While CenterPoint has stated support for inclusive financing, it's not clear what this support looks like in practice: is it just talk, or will CenterPoint be to be a partner in making this happen? Will CenterPoint continue pushing for rate hikes in a time of huge economic and environmental uncertainty even while at least one utility peer in Duluth has offered a partial refund?

If the Hill and Lake Press' readers speak up, it's very likely the PUC will do the right thing: reject these rate hikes and create an inclusive financing program that works for everyone.

Lake of the Isles



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