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JUBILATION DAYS

By Tom Trondson

During the afternoon of September 25th and 26th the Minneapolis Park Board in conjunction with the city of Minneapolis, Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA), and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park (FTLP) unveiled the Seven Pools restoration to the public. Over two hundred people attended the weekend event. This feel-good-story about an unlikely collaboration between neighborhoods, associations, private companies, and government bodies came together on time, within budget, without any infighting. The cascading water element even worked!

Not that politics weren't on full display either afternoon. With the November 2nd election around the corner would-be politicians were talking themselves up and passing out flyers. Still, the overwhelming mood was one of pride and exuberance. The unseasonably warm weather didn't hurt.

“Seeing the enthusiasm and appreciation of everyone who came was touching. We have accomplished something very special and grown closer to one another in the process,” said Elizabeth Shaffer, FTLP board president. “This is what community building is all about.

That seemed to be the sentiment all around.

Eric Sather, owner of Lowry Hill Meats on Hennepin Avenue, was busy grilling under his portable sun shelter. For \$12 you got the choice of a chicken slider, bratwurst or grilled portobello mushroom with chips and a soft drink. Down the hill sitting on newly sodded grass was Sebastian Joe's ice cream stand manned by FTLP board member, David Piper, who said the hands down most popular flavor was raspberry-chocolate-chip. Sunday's ice cream was gone by 2PM. “On two separate occasions we had drivers purchasing ice cream at Kowalski's. That's the sort of turnout we had,” event coordinator and FTLP board member Kobi Conaway stated.

Not far from where games like croquet and giant Jenga were set up on the park's north lawn were five colorful digital photos sitting on easels. Mark Tierney, another FTLP board member, was speaking about the chronology behind the process, from the tear out to the concrete used in casting. “To create the walls they (Global Specialty Contractor, Inc., the company hired to renovate the Seven Pools) used a cement technique the consistency of peanut butter,” Mr. Tierney said.

But the focal point of the two-day celebration was the Seven Pools. Families sat on the rocky ledges. Young and old alike rolled up their shorts and waded in the cold water. Beautiful sounds competed for airplay. Throughout the weekend live music from the Michael Gold Quartet, Bob Frey, and Lily Erlandson played under the pergola. There was the sound of rushing water. But what stood out was the laughter and squeals of delight from children playing in the pools. That was the moment when one realized the three-year project was worth the effort.

The renovation couldn't have happened without the help of people like CJ Fernandez, cofounder of Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects, Park Board construction manager Jon Duesman, Elizabeth Shaffer, LHNA's Craig Wilson, and FTLP's inhouse number cruncher, Jeanne Scheiderer. But even after the Park Board commissioners gave unanimous approval, questions arose. Was Global Specialties, Inc. the right fit? What happened if costs rose? And what would the Seven Pools



Photo by Dorothy Childers



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look like when all was said and done?

By early spring the Seven Pools resembled a major construction site. Tall fencing surrounded three-fourths of the park. Inside the walls was a singlewide trailer, heavy machinery, materials like rock and sand, and a port-a-potty. Thomas Lowry Park, a place of solace and contemplation for so many people during the pandemic, felt small and unwelcoming. One wondered if a terrible mistake was made. Had the magic of the Seven Pools been destroyed forever?

Construction over the summer was like rush hour

traffic. Covid supply chains opened up and a surge of activity followed. Then all of a sudden the project was hitting the brakes. Yet progress was made. By August, Global Specialties, Inc. had rebuilt each pool fortified with rock and heavy-gauge rebar. One by one the concrete was poured into each pool using an application that required not only a dozen or so specialists working in tandem, but an artistic flair in recreating the roughshod look the original landscape architect Phelps Wyman had designed a hundred years before.

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Where we are Now by Jean Deatrick

Sad News! Longtime contributor, advertiser, and neighborhood activist Jimmy Fogel passed away recently. He is survived by his children and his wife Tash Fogel. We are shocked and saddened. I will miss him. Our neighborhood will miss him. I will treasure a photo of Jimmy taken at our wedding three years ago by Dorothy Childers. We are fortunate to have known him. Blessings to Tash and family.

Rest in Peace, Jimmy.

And don't forget to vote.

There are many outstanding candidates. Lisa Goodman in the Seventh Ward, Elizabeth Shaffer for Park Board, Meg Forney for Park Board at large. And don't forget the amend

Because of the coronavirus, we are often staying safely home, and meeting by the internet, telephone, Zoom, and other virtual meetings. Please check for changed meetings times for KNO, LHNA, EIRA, and CIDNA on their websites or in monthly minutes. We can again socialize, but please be careful and wear masks when indoors.

Saint Paul's Church on Lake of the Isles Outreach Collection Saturday 23 October 2021 – 10:00am-4:00pm

We hope you can join us Saturday, October 23rd for our last Outreach Collection Saturday for 2021. We have been so blessed to have the support of our neighbors and parish members this year. Through their generosity we have been able to deliver many wonderful donations to our outreach partners listed below.

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Meet Your Neighbor Coach Skoglund of the North High School Track Team

Craig Wilson interviews Coach Chris Skoglund of the North High School Track Team about how he fell in love with track and field, the many successes of the North High School Track Team and their desire to raise funds to purchase much needed equipment.

Where did you grow up and how did you become a track coach? I was born in Minneapolis and grew up near Lake Nokomis until 1st grade. My family then moved to Cambridge where I graduated from High School. My time at Cambridge-Isanti is where my love of track and field began. I went out for cross country on a limb during the junior year and immediately excelled at running which I continued into the track season. With the help of my coach during my senior year, my competitiveness and ability exceeded my personal expectations and I decided to continue my running career at UMD. When graduating college, I knew that I wanted to coach athletes who came out for Track and Field because I wanted others to enjoy the sport as much as myself. I also wanted to become as good of a coach as the ones I had during my years in High School. As a coach, I am able to help students who I often have in the classroom in a different way.

How does participating on a track team affect your athletes? Being a part of something brings out the best in my students. North High Students go above and beyond every day to show the world what they can do. Students who come out for track get pushed every day to work hard and give it their all. North High School's track team is like a giant family. The athletes all look out for each other. We check in on a daily basis regarding school and family. The students who come out see the value in being a part of the program and they often spread the word to encourage others to come out. Last year was such a huge success, I know they are chomping at the bit for spring to arrive.

How has the team managed with the pandemic? We can all agree that last year was a struggle. Covid



Coach Skoglund pictured on bottom left with fellow Polars

has changed our lives forever. The students who decided to come out for track and field were so excited to get outside of their homes and participate in something. Once the first week ended, it felt like our roster doubled. Students spread the word on how much fun Track was and the pride it brings to the North Side. Our athletes really showed up last season and reminded the Minneapolis community how dominate Norths sports can be. Last year, our Men's 4x100 meter relay was focused and dedicated when pushing to get back to state. They knew the road wasn't going to be easy, but they worked day in and day out and did what they had to in order to achieve our goal. They were able to make it back to state and compete in the 4x100 meter relay. Another one of our amazing success stories was our

new high jumper named Jory Peters. Before this season, Jory had never tried High Jump before. One day Jory told me that he wanted to try something different and was curious about high jump. I told him to give it a try and see what happened. That meet changed Jory's trajectory in more ways than one. Jory ended up jumping 5'8 which is an incredible height to jump as a brand-new jumper. After that meet, Jory focused on high jumping, and he got better and better every single track meet. One meet towards the end of the season, Jory cleared 6 feet. I knew this was an impressive mark and that he had a shot at state. Jory worked and came up with a strategy that propelled him to state. At the state meet,

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League of Women Voters Minneapolis - Park Board District 4 Candidate Questionnaire (reprinted with permission): Responses from Jono Cowgill and Elizabeth Shaffer

1. Reason for running:

Jono Cowgill: My name is Jono Cowgill. I got involved in parks because the MPRB system raised me and I know that parks have the ability to transform lives. I grew up in Whittier and South Uptown, attended Minneapolis Public Schools, and have a graduate degree from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. In my career I have held various positions in the public and private sectors both in the Twin Cities and San Francisco, mostly focused on youth education, community engagement, and transportation infrastructure. I am the incumbent candidate and for the past two years I have served as the President of the Park Board. My experiences leading the board through a very challenging year have prepared me well to continue serving my constituents at a high level. I work hard to build consensus and have a collegial and collaborative relationship with fellow commissioners. Commissioners work closely with their colleagues to do a few key things: set the budget, hire and provide direction to the Superintendent, evaluate and pass policy, plans, and initiatives that further the mission and vision of the park system. Being a Commissioner also means developing strong collaborative relationships at the local and state levels to help further the MPRB's mission. I have built many relationships within the Park Board, City Council, County and State. I am proud of many of the initiatives we have pushed forward even while attending to major changes due to the pandemic, a housing crisis, and the murder of George Floyd. The Park Board has invested in its new Community Connections team, a proactive model of non-police community engagement that should continue to expand. The Park Board has set aggressive carbon footprint reduction goals; these need to be continually reevaluated and expanded. Finally, and to me most importantly, the Park Board is working to close the gap in youth investment. During the past four years of this Board's tenure, the percentage of the entire MPRB budget dedicated to youth programs and jobs has increased by nearly 4 percent. This year, the Board has unanimously requested an additional \$2.6 million from the Board of Estimate and Taxation. If the Board gets this full funding from the BET, this means expanding the Teen Teamworks youth employment program, expanding teen programs, and building out more 21st century creative tech labs in our recreation centers.

Elizabeth Shaffer: Hello! My name is Elizabeth Shaffer and I am a mom of four young adults, teacher, Superior Hiking Trail thru-hiker and current president of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park. Commissioners are stewards of the park's mission and vision, ensuring that MPRB keeps its focus on providing great parks and recreation programs to our city. Commissioners set policy direction and budgets, establish park ordinances, promote responsive, two-way communication with residents about park matters, build relationships with MPRB partners, and appoint the Superintendent, Attorney and Secretary. My skills and passion for education, community service and the outdoors lay the foundation for my successful leadership as a commissioner. Most recently I am serving as the President of the Friends of Thomas Lowry Park board, with demonstrated results in building community through organizing volunteers, neighbor events, and in leading the innovative Save the Seven Pools campaign. This summer I have held community events in almost all of District 4's forty-two parks, listening to resident's specific priorities and concerns around their local park as well as sharing about my vision for MPRB. Through this process, I have been gathering information about district concerns and developing people networks around many local parks, which will be the foundation for formal communication with constituents into 2022. My leadership style is collaborative, others-focused, positive and action-orientated. I am focused on being responsive and getting things done. Listening to strong concerns from Bryn Mawr residents this summer, I organized action with MPRB

and Canadian Pacific Rail authorities to clean up several large trash sites that were an environmental liability near Bassett Creek. I agree with the commissioners' decision to ban the permitting of encampments in city parks. I support Green Minneapolis's tree planting initiatives, exploring the use of voluntary carbon credits. I find the board's growing political posturing alarming, which distracts from its charter and good governance. I would support the MPRB superintendent and staff's recommendation for the Lake Hiawatha master plan.

2. On 'Parks for All' and Equitable Access and Investment:

Elizabeth Shaffer: Parks for All is the guiding document that provides the supporting tenets for all decision making by park board and staff through 2030. The document is broad, with 9 goals and 164 strategies, representing the hard work and input of community members and staff. The challenge is prioritization and implementation—commissioners and staff will need to narrow their decision-making focus to stay within the constraints of MPRB budget and resources. This expansive plan puts significant power in the hands of the elected commissioners. Of the nine goals, my priorities are: (1) steward a continuum of recreation and nature (strengthening ecological/recreational connections); (2) cultivate a thriving workforce (otherwise reduced delivery of services as we saw this summer); and (3) operate a financially sustainable enterprise (for accountability to taxpayers and partners). Additionally, I would be hesitant to deploy the plan's addendum strategies for parkland disposition as our city's density continues to increase, driving even more need for green space. MPRB needs a sequential nature curriculum for all youth. Preschools functioning primarily outside, elementary kids paddling, middle-schoolers into native species and teens hiking the Grand Round!

Jono Cowgill: The Parks for All Comprehensive Plan provides policy guidance for MPRB staff and a roadmap for the organization over the next 10 years. I have been closely involved in the Parks for All planning process and am proud of the incredible work our staff and community have done in shaping this cornerstone document. The guiding principles of the plan will inform every action that comes before the Board and therefore will be a guiding light in determining the merits of policy, ordinance, and budgetary decisions that I make as a commissioner. I support what I believe is a critical addition to the Mission of the MPRB in the Comprehensive Plan. That addition is that the organization exists "to DISMANTLE historic inequities in the provision of park and recreation opportunities..." MPRB has worked hard on developing the Closing the Gap report that documents key investments necessary for adequately serving the youth of our City. The investments outlined in this report should be filled first. I will also advocate for expansion of the Community Schools initiative to fund additional community park/school coordinators at sites around the City.

3. On Racial Equity and Cultural Inclusion

Jono Cowgill: The work on racial inequity is constant and needs to be front of mind in all decisions. The Racial Equity Action Plan is helpful in actively shifting the organizations work internally to build an anti-racist organization. Our park system, led by Superintendent Bangoura, must take bold action in our investments and hiring practices to build a system that centers the voices of people who have historically and systemically been excluded from decision making. The Board needs to constantly evaluate who benefits from investments and who decides which investments are valuable for the communities they are intended to serve. The MPRB's community engagement model is a key tool for guiding decision making in a way that centers the voices of our BIPOC neighbors. The park board budget is an instructive metric for understanding how equitable investments are made. At the behest of Commissioners, the budget now breaks out investment by Commissioner District, which can be overlaid to zip code and demographic data. A key metric for capital investments is the Racial Equity matrix, which has been

refined in recent years to better reflect real investments across the city and help guide Commissioners in understanding priority investments.

Elizabeth Shaffer: The Trust for Public Land Park Score report assesses MPRB status in providing equitable access. While MPRB has made great strides in priority funding for underserved parks, the report underscores total acreage, another key aspect of equity. Adding parkland in underserved areas (supporting Green Zone initiatives) will take collaboration between community groups, businesses, and other stakeholders. Another basic equity issue centers on park safety. Underserved parks often experience a disproportionate amount of crime. By intentionally developing community around local parks (strong rec center programs and volunteering), we can make all our parks safer for our youth, families, seniors and all of our park patrons. The Racial Equity Action Plan is a strong, positive statement about the commitment MPRB has to racial equity requiring continued thought and action. We need to prioritize those equity issues that connect to MPRB mission and core competencies...environmental injustices, community-based programming, park access and safety. Assessments of progress: is the park acreage in underserved areas growing; do all neighborhoods have equal tree canopy; are all parks equally safe; and do all neighborhood parks have engaged residents?

4. On Funding and Investments

Elizabeth Shaffer: First priority is maintenance of current assets with new park development focused on underserved areas. The city must keep NPP20 commitments for maintenance based on the racial equity matrix. Maintenance funding should also consider a park usage metric. Loring Park hosts events (Holidayz, Pride) that allow heavy vehicles resulting in "wear & tear" of walking paths, etc that are not reimbursed. If the environment is impacted (compacted soil/roots, damage to young trees), consider relocating these park events. With 65% of the operating budget from property taxes, raising taxes may not be an option. We need to inspire financial partners at the State & Metropolitan Council to increase their investment in MPRB. The Met Council allocates 10% of Legacy funding to MPRB (should be closer to 40%, needed for maintenance in regional parks like Lake Harriet Bandshell). Partnerships in funding and expertise are key, including Minneapolis Parks Foundation, Loppet, Green Minneapolis. I will work hard to nurture and grow these partnerships. The expansion of "friends" groups can also increase volunteer efforts and community fundraising initiatives. I will review spending with scrutiny on budget and management of funds to align with current and future priorities.

Jono Cowgill: The people who work everyday in our parks are the key to maintaining and improving this large and complex park system. I'm committed to expanding and retaining MPRB staff. Frontline staff are the ones who actually implement the ongoing neighborhood parks plan dollars, which I have been a fierce advocate for protecting. In addition to the experienced people who serve our community daily, we have many critical partners who play a central role in enhancing our shared goals and providing top tier services. We ensure strong partnerships by building agreements with our partners that have community buy-in, help reach community goals, and build reasonable, reliable expectations. A good example of such a partnership is the recent MOU with Green Minneapolis, which helps us meet a critical carbon reduction goal through the establishment of a carbon offset program for expanded tree planting. I believe we are at a point in our system when we must focus on maintaining and enhancing the infrastructure we have, while keeping an eye out for opportunities to expand in the few key areas of the city that do not have accessible park land, including certain areas of North and Northeast, if funding presents itself through State and local partners.

5. On Strategies for Climate Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship

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**FOUR FUNERALS AND
A WEDDING**

By James P. Lenfestey

My friend Laure-Anne Bosselaar, Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara, recently sent me a new poem, "Late Afternoon Stroll on the Cliffs," which opens with this image. "As usual, Death sweetly slips her arm in mine".¹

On April 2, my publisher Scott King of Red Dragonfly Press died suddenly of cardiac arrest. Eight days later I ran his commemoration service in a public park in Northfield, the green space flooded with family, friends, poets, naturalists and writers contributing shocked, heartfelt memories peppered with Scott's verses, translations and nature observations. Scott's Red Dragonfly Press did for rural and nature poets what Lawrence Ferlinghetti's City Lights Books did for city-inflected poets and writers, publishing hundreds of voices that never would have been heard. Ferlinghetti died this year in San Francisco at age 101. Scott was 56. Poet Freya Manfred put it best: meeting Scott was like meeting five people – poet, publisher, translator of modern Greek and Arabic, scientific naturalist extraordinaire, devoted husband and father. I recommend to all readers his Thoreau-inspired journal, FOLLOWING THE EARTH AROUND, detailed observations

on every day of a year, insect friends to poetry. An excerpt from April 2, the day Scott died: "What my friends don't notice/ is the weight of joy in my right hand/ and the weight of sadness in my left."

On May 8, Spencer Silver died. Spence was, like Scott, both a skilled scientist and artist. Spence's career as an organic chemist at 3M is the stuff of legend, highlighted by his patent for the miracle adhesive which made Post-it Notes possible. Spence was born with a defective heart, surviving a heart transplant at 57 to live a robust second career as an artist in the repurposed Casket Arts Building until his passing at 80. The stories at his funeral of his days at 3M included his gentle humor as mentor to younger scientists, and later his devotion to his vision as a painter, his delighted smile radiating over a paint-splattered apron under a jaunty beret.

On September 3 I said good-bye to Alice Martin on her 98th birthday, a wisp of sweetness under covers of colorful quilts. Alice loved poetry, her family of medical missionaries in China raised her reciting it together. For the full 15 years of my poetry classes at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Alice sat front and center, the most robust reader of any text placed before her. As I hovered over her bed, her soft, angelic voice recited by heart these lines of Robert Browning: Grow old along with me./ The best of life/Is yet to be./The last

of life/For which the first/ Was made.

On September 29, Alice strolled away gently arm in arm.

Mike Finley slipped away on August 10, a gifted commercial writer in St. Paul, dogged as are many writers by a lack of success as a novelist and poet. But God he was a wonderful writer! After I read his uncanny article on the life and death of Minnesota's Thoreau, Paul Gruchow, in Minnesota Monthly, I wrote Mike a love letter of admiration. I knew Paul mostly from his books, we had corresponded a bit, but I had no idea, until Mike's story, how extraordinary Paul was in his earlier career as editor at the Worthington Daily Globe, and what I never knew, Paul's nagging debilitating depression which led to taking his own life. Mike and I became acquaintances after that and occasional co-readers at Mike's celebrated poetry events in St. Paul at which he was an outstanding and emotional presenter, especially after his daughter Daniele, who also struggled with depression, took her own life. Tears rolled down cheeks swelled from his own battle with cancer. Mike was interred October 4 at Lakewood Cemetery, our mutual friend Mike Powers playing Irish music at the gravesite. The day was fine in Section 20, the eternal home of Tom Lowry, scion of our neighborhood. I was moved

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"We support Councilmember Lisa Goodman for re-election to represent the 7th Ward. She is a trusted, hardworking, and experienced leader who shows up for our neighborhoods and all of our communities. We value her partnership in these challenging times."

"The light of justice and equality burns with great intensity at this trying time. We need powerful allies with experience and passion to lead now more than ever. My council member, Lisa Goodman, is that leader and I am proud to support her re-election."



Civil Rights Leader
Loring Park Neighbor
Dr. Josie Johnson



"Lisa is a leader that these tough times require. She understands the need for social justice in a safe setting."

Owner of Fhima's Restaurant
Lowry Hill Neighbor
David Fhima



Senator Tina Smith

"Lisa and I worked together for many years first in the pro-choice movement and then we worked closely together at City Hall. I know her to be a hard-working, constituent focused progressive leader. Her leadership is exactly what we need at this pivotal moment in the City's history. I proudly support her in this election!"

"Lisa Goodman is the most levelheaded council person we have representing us. As former 911 Director for the city, I worked with Lisa over the years on a variety of issues. Lisa was always respectful of the professionals hired by the city to run its operations. It's critical we keep levelheaded and reasonable elected officials in place"

Loring Park Neighbor Heather Hunt



"Lisa has been my city council member and friend for 16 years. I trust her to always do the right thing for my neighbors and for Minneapolis."

Senator Al Franken



Como Zoo welcomes its newest resident, Kulu, a 725 pound male polar bear.

Kulu comes to Como from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium where he gained a large following since his birth on Thanksgiving Day on November 28, 2019.

Visitors to Como now can see Kulu in the deep-water exhibit of the Polar Bear Odyssey habitat. While Kulu will be able to see, smell, and verbally interact with Como's current resident polar bears Nan and Neil, they

will be physically separated until Kulu completes a mandatory quarantine period.

This move for the 23-month-old Kulu is based on recommendations by the polar bear Species Survival Plan (SSP), the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' (AZA) advisory group that uses a science-based approach in managing the population in North American Zoos.

Kulu also come to Como Zoo with a new innovative tracking device called the "tri-brush attachment", just one of several prototypes in the "Burr on Fur" Program. Developed through a partnership with Polar Bears International and 3M, the "Burr on Fur" Program advanced prototype devices stick to a polar bear's fur, providing a minimally invasive way of tracking wild polar bears.

What started as a tech challenge to invent a better way to track polar bears has moved out of the lab and onto the fur of Kulu. Kulu is testing out a new prototype tag created by 3M scientists, including White Bear, Minnesota resident and retired 3M research specialist Jon Kirschhoffer, through a voluntary Polar Bears International challenge. The pilot tags are non-permanent and combine currently available satellite transmitters with innovative ways to attach them. Kulu's care team at the Columbus Zoo secured the tag to Kulu's fur just before his move to Como Zoo.

"Traditionally, scientists have used satellite collars to

follow polar bears, but the collars can only be placed on adult females," said Geoff York, senior director of conservation at Polar Bears International. "Adult males can't be collared because their necks are as wide as their heads, and young bears grow too quickly to be safely collared. As transmitters have become smaller researchers have tested GPS ear tags and implants. But ear tags must be permanently attached, and implants require minor surgery. The devices designed by 3M represent a major potential step forward—they could be used on all classes of polar bears and would allow us to obtain critical data with the least impact possible."

Researchers study polar bears behavior in the Arctic to better understand movement patterns and habitat use while collecting other data. But scientists are always looking for ways to improve existing technology and make research less invasive. In this case, the challenge was to create a way to attach a tracking device to a polar bear's fur.

3M researchers created four new prototype polar bear tracker tags that are now in a pilot phase. Two of the designs were tested on wild polar bears in Western Hudson Bay in the far north of Manitoba, Canada, in the fall of 2020. Polar Bears International worked with research teams to deploy an additional twelve tags in Southern Hudson Bay this Fall as well.

Kenilworth Channel Repair Fall 2021 Update

Posted on 18 October, 2021

Project area dewatered, work begins after City of Minneapolis sewer project

Kenilworth Channel closed between the Burnham Road Bridge and Cedar Lake on Sept. 7, 2021 to prepare for a project that will remove the old wood channel walls and replace them with a naturalized shoreline featuring plants, stone and soil.

First, a contractor hired by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) dewatered this section of the channel to prepare for the repair project. While the channel is dry, the City of Minneapolis is replacing an 80-year-old section of sanitary sewer line near the channel. Please visit the Park Lane Sanitary Sewer Improvement project page for more details on that effort. The MPRB will perform channel repair after the sewer project is complete.

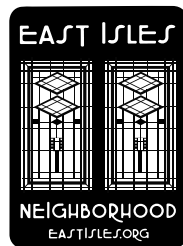
Throughout the design process and during construction, City of Minneapolis Public Works and the MPRB have coordinated efforts to preserve as much of the existing tree canopy as possible during these projects. This coordination will result in many trees being preserved, however, some tree removal is inevitable. An MPRB tree preservation expert evaluates any trees impacted by these public infrastructure projects to determine if they need to be removed to maintain a safe recreation environment when the channel reopens.

The MPRB and City of Minneapolis will continue to coordinate efforts to protect the tree canopy in Kenilworth Channel as much as possible during the sewer and channel repair projects. At least one tree will be planted for every tree lost during construction.

Kenilworth Channel is scheduled to reopen for winter recreation by December 2021, weather permitting, and water recreation in spring 2022.

East Isles and Lowry Hill Super Sale

September Hill and Lake Presss showed EWMS Pickup and two men who helped. Their names are Matt Sunderman and Shane Larson. They were very helpful to this successful event last month. Our apologies for neglecting to identify them.



Tuesday
Nov. 9
7 p.m.
Zoom

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CIDNA Fall Festival Made a Jubilant Return on October 9

By Patty Schmitz

The 2021 CIDNA Fall Festival made its return to Park Siding Park on a spectacular 80-degree day. The 2020 Festival was cancelled due to COVID, and neighbors were eager to gather and visit after a long 18 months, confirmed by the estimated 250 attendees.

The 2021 Festival featured both old and new activities. CIDNA rolled out a new logo, which sports a fresh and modern look. Snacks were served, but truth be told, the most popular “food” of the day was from the ice cream truck that dispensed free treats to all in attendance.

The festival offered a few new entertainment features. A “Fun Zone” for kids included a stilt walker, who brought toys and giant bubble makers, providing hours of fun. Large sized yard games were set up throughout the park for young and old to enjoy. A bike decorating station was a busy spot with creativity galore.

Great live music was performed by RJ Vocal as well as Marina Capri and Uncle Jun, which added to the festive feel of the day. Both performed familiar tunes and a few brave souls were inspired to get up and dance.

Most people asked agreed that the best “entertainment” of the day was provided by the kids bike parade. The parade was nominally led by the stilt walker, until he was overtaken by the “cyclists”. They took a few laps around the course that circled the playground, and miraculously only one kiddo took a spill.

One long-time resident and CIDNA board member reflected on the day.

“My thoughts as an “old-timer”: today was part of a new vital chapter for CIDNA. We are grateful to those who came before and built this neighborhood and are still building it. Today fostered goodwill by providing, most importantly, an opportunity for us to talk with

Riders assemble for the bike parade



Photo by Dorothy Childers

each other, and perhaps cultivate future CIDNA stewards. And, of course, the kids who will never forget the man on stilts and the bubbles and the bike parade and the ice cream.”

There are so many people to thank – our volunteers, the local businesses who donated gift cards and items for door prizes, the organizations who staffed tables and provided information and ALL who attended the festi-

val. Thank you all!

We’d love to get your feedback on the festival. Everyone who provides feedback will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card from Crisp & Green. There are two ways to provide feedback:

Send your comments to festival@cidna.org

Look for the post on Next Door with a link to the survey.

Jubilation Days from page one

In September, only weeks from the grand reopening, the park had a long way to go. The grounds were a mud bath. The pavers on the pool’s lower end had yet to be rebuilt. Bushes were overgrown and weeds from a summer of neglect had crept in. But then one day if you happened past Thomas Lowry Park you saw a group of young people from the Park Board busy at work planting, mulching and sodding. Two clumps of Whitespire birch now stand next to the new underground filtration bunker. Rhododendron and evergreens were planted along the pool’s banks. The gar-

dening design was understated and easy on the eyes. It was a tremendous undertaking and seemingly came together overnight.

It’s been a couple weeks since the two-day celebration. Water still flows over the pools. When I stand at the foot of pool #7 and look toward the mouth of the falls, I see the landscape’s gentle rise toward the pergola. There’s a dance in Wyman’s design that has the eyes following upstream to the fall’s source. For the first time I notice that each pool is progressively bigger. As I make

my way up the south bank I also notice that each pool resembles two hands cupping a bowl of water. Now when I watch the water bend its way down the cascades, I see Wyman’s vision more fully. I see the refurbished Seven Pools not like a secret place in the heart of the city those lucky enough to live nearby can enjoy. I see the Seven Pools and their rushing waters as a symbol of what Minneapolis can achieve when its government agencies, leaders, and citizens come together.



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Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

Submitted by Amanda Vallone and Michael Jon Olson

Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting (held via Zoom)

DRAFT - PROVISIONALLY APPROVED

Attendance

Board Members Present: Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Mary Paddock, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Amanda Vallone

Board Members Absent: Stephen Goltry, Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair)

Others Present: Lisa Goodman (City Council – Ward 7), David Davies (SWLRT Project Office), Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Steven Savitt (owner of 3112½ West 28th Street) Huberto and Fernando (architects for proposed project at 3112½ West 28th Street).

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:04.

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion item about the SWLRT report.

The minutes of the September 8 board meeting were approved.

The minutes and notes from the September 25 board retreat were approved.

Reports & Presentations

Ward 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman reported:

The next Lunch with Lisa is 12:00noon - 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 27 at the University of Saint Thomas - Minneapolis Campus featuring Medaria Arradondo, Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department. Attendance limited, so email Goodman's office if interested.

Street Sweeping begins on October 19.

Our polling site is Kenwood School this year.

Governor Tim Walz is currently seeking applicants for the District 6 seat on the Metropolitan Council, recently vacated by Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson. District 6 includes Cedar-Isles-Dean. More information is available on the Met Council website.

The \$0.05 bag policy is back in effect in Minneapolis.

SWLRT. David Davies reported:

The mandatory SWLRT Rail Safety meeting is scheduled as a virtual meeting for 6:00 - 7:30pm, Thursday, December 2. Laura C. is participating in the planning process and will ask CIDNA residents ahead of time what issues they want raised at the meeting. All are encouraged to attend.

Corridor Construction tours will be coming to an end as the weather gets cooler.

Extended work hours may be in effect in the coming weeks for intensive concrete work on the tunnel.

Anyone who has concerns about inappropriate parking of vehicles by contractors should take photos to document the problem and call the SWLRT construction hotline number.

Responding to a request from CIDNA board members who participated in a tour of the construction site, the Met Council will engage in additional review of elements of the SWLRT landscaping plans.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported that the committee will work on a draft Work Plan and Budget for 2022 and will bring those to the November meeting. Mike reported that there is a new payment process in place. Two approvals will now be required — those of the vice-chair (Tim) and the treasurer (Mike). Mike will continue to cut checks as he is currently the only signatory. The board asked the Governance Committee to add Tim as a backup signatory in the event that Mike is unavailable. It was noted that the board should try to recruit a permanent secretary, who would also complete the Governance Committee.

Communications Committee. Mary reported that the new CIDNA brand rollout at the Fall Festival was a great success. CIDNA now can easily order and make available for purchase CIDNA-branded sweatshirts, T-shirts and hoodies. A few sweats/hoodies are on hand for purchase right now. The next focus for the committee will be the redesign of the website, and the next step is the audit of the current website.

Social Committee. Amanda and Kristin reported:

The Fall Festival was a smashing success with over 200 people in attendance, including many families with young children. The new elements (e.g. live music, kids bike parade, ice cream truck) were true crowd pleasers!

Local businesses donated over \$500 in door prizes and in-kind donations. So, SHOP LOCAL and support our CIDNA businesses!

The committee will put together a follow-up survey to engage our community in future planning of family fun events.

Next up for the social committee: Art Mart on Small Business Saturday, November 27.

Environment Committee. Claire reported:

The new concrete retaining curb has been installed on the west side of Cedar Lake South Beach; MPRB will replace the turf to the west of the curb. New picnic tables have also been installed at the beach and new grills have been ordered.

Gardening at Park Siding Park is done for the season.

The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 19 and will discuss the process for selecting an artist for the installation on the Cedar Lake South Beach comfort station. The art installation will be natural themed.

On October 22, MPRP with the help of volunteers from a local high school and others will plant about 400 woodland plants at the Cedar Lake South Point natural area. Amanda will promote the event on the CIDNA Facebook page.

Joint Safety Committee. Laura D. reported that some concrete barriers have been installed to discourage drag racing in the Lake Street/Excelsior Boulevard area. She recommended that the next safety walk include sites in Cedar-Isles-Dean.

Archive Project. Rosanne reported that Hennepin County Library has collected the first set of CIDNA records. Rosanne also reported on her investigations into a potential CIDNA storage unit.

3112½ West 28th Street. Stephen Savitt, Humberto Caballero, and Fernando Lino presented the concept plans for a new building with 9-units of market rate housing at 3112½ West 28th Street. The board was generally impressed by the design and supportive of the concept. The board suggested that the architects consider ways to introduce more natural light into the units.

Actions

Moved: To empower Mike Siebenaler to further investigate options for renting a storage unit, make a final decision, and enter into a rental agreement for a unit with a cost of up to \$100/month. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To approve the following as CIDNA's core values, as discussed at the board retreat on September 25: Respect, Environmental Sustainability, Community Service, Welcoming to All, Accountability, Collaboration, Optimism, Education. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To approve the Neighborhood Network Fund application as presented in the board meeting materials. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To approve the Equity Engagement Fund application as presented in the board meeting materials. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To return to having the SWLRT report from David Davies on the CIDNA board agenda every month. Seconded. Motion failed on voice vote.

Discussions

CIDNA Operations Manual Documents. Michael Jon encouraged the board to review the draft policy and procedure documents in the Operations Manual folder in the CIDNA Google Drive. The City of Minneapolis is requiring all neighborhood organizations to adopt these policies and procedures prior to receiving funding in 2022.

A discussion about recruitment for CIDNA committees and a discussion about the use of the returned Propel housing loan funds were tabled and will be placed on the agenda of the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization

KNO Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2021

Online Meeting

*** Draft, not yet approved ***

Present: Jim Barnett (Vice Chair), Jeremy Nichols (Treasurer), Matt Spies (Secretary), Will Stensrud, Evelyn Turner, Melinda Platt, Angie Erdrich, Courtney Kiernat

Absent: Mark Brown (Chair), Jack Levi, Kyle Leir, Lana Baggentos

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis), David Davies (SWLRT), Jono Cowgill (Park Board), Elizabeth Shaffer, Amanda Vallone (Artrageous)

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Jeremy Nichols to approve August Meeting Minutes, motion passed.

2. Update from Councilmember Lisa Goodman.

Lunch with Lisa on September 27 with Police Chief Arrandonda. Please RSVP if you are interested as there will be only 100 spots. Street sweeping starts on October 19. More information can be found on the city's website. Midtown Greenway closed from Burnham to 5th Ave south for repaving. Polling locations have changed, but 7-2 is still at the Episcopal Church. Home energy squad visits have resumed. Sign up through Excel or CenterPoint. You can also

call 651-328-6220 to set up an appointment. Traffic control will be adding staff on weekdays to help with urgent parking complaints.

3. Update on Southwest Light Rail from David Davies.

Bridge and tunnel work continues.

4. Update from Park Board President Jono Cowgill.

Parks for All comprehensive plan will be considered by the Park Board at an October meeting. The plan will guide the work of the park board for the next 15 years. Board of taxation passed a levy increase that will fund about 22 additional staff for children's programs.

5. Hidden Beach Committee update from Will Stensrud.

People looking to help. Will will coordinate a meeting to discuss future ways to coordinate efforts in the coming months.

6. Treasurers update from Jeremy Nichols.

Expenses during the month related to end of summer hidden beach events and activities.

7. Miscellaneous. Courtney Kiernat notified the board that there will be an open house for PERIS HILL affordable housing community on November 16 from 4pm to 7pm.

Jim Barnett continues to explore potential partners for a community building event in 2022.

The Met Council will vote on approving the B Line, a new bus that will run from Uptown to Union Depot in St. Paul. The B Line will replace most of the service from the 21 bus, which is the slowest and second-busiest bus in the system, stopping 35 times between Uptown and St. Paul's western border. The B Line will be faster and more reliable (with a new bus every 10 minutes during the day) and stop at fewer places along Lake Street. The 21 will still run, though less often, if you need those frequent stops. There will be other improvements to make it even faster, like people paying before boarding. There are ongoing discussions about adding bus-only lanes to parts of Lake Street. If approved, the B Line will start service in 2024.

East Isles Residents Association

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan

EIRA Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7 pm Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Emma Erdahl (President), Erik Anderson (Vice President), Andrew Degerstrom (Treasurer), Laney Barhaugh (Secretary), Becky Accettura, Mike Erlandson, Rod Lauture, Peter Mason, Brian Milavitz

Staff present:

Jenna Egan, Coordinator

Guests present:

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council - Ward 7
Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board - District 4
Debbie Gold, Co-Chair - Farmers Market Committee
Other East Isles Neighbors

President Emma Erdahl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Lisa Goodman, Minneapolis City Council - Ward 7 Council Member Goodman gave the following announcements:

Lunch with Lisa on September 29, 12-1 pm, at the University of St. Thomas downtown Minneapolis campus. Casey Carl, City Clerk, will give an informational presentation on the Charter amendments that will be on the ballot this year.

The Uptown Association is hosting many events like the Uptown Dog Fair on October 2. Learn more about upcoming events: <http://www.uptownminneapolis.com/events/uptown-open-events/>

The City of Minneapolis is seeking feedback from residents, businesses, and neighborhood and community organizations as it considers funding priorities for the second round of American Rescue Plan Act funding awarded to the City to address economic and public health impacts from the pandemic. The survey is open through September 24. https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/budget/american-rescue-plan/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

September National Preparedness Month, plans available at <https://www.ready.gov/september>

Early voting has begun for the November 2 municipal election. Ballots may be cast early by mail or in person at the Early Vote Center, 980 E. Hennepin Ave. Voters who have applied for mail-in ballots should allow seven to ten days for their ballots to arrive. All mail ballots need to be received by Election Day (November 2) for them to count. If voters choose to deliver their ballot in person to the Elections & Voter Services office, it must be returned by 3 pm on November 2. Mail ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places on Election Day.

https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

City of Minneapolis Redistricting, Process and Timeline, seeking feedback from residents: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/redistricting/>

Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board - District 4

Commissioner Jono Cowgill gave the following report:

The Minneapolis Park Board is hiring: <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/jobs/>

Youth programs are doing amazing work and is looking for increased funding from the levy to continue. Learn more at https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities__events/youth_programs/teen_programs/

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MPRB Comprehensive Plan: Parks for All will be coming to the Board of Commissioners in the coming month. Learn more about the draft plan: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/mprb-comprehensive-plan/

Park Board has procured benches for The Mall, awaiting delivery. Park equipment has been delayed due to COVID.

Shade structure for Triangle Park has a timeline: constructed next Summer (no specific date). Work expected to be complete by mid-Summer.

Superintendent will release the 2022 budget by mid-October. A levy increase will be included to provide additional funding for at risk youths.

Approval of Minutes

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 4:

Motion to approve the the minutes for the August 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Erdahl, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Open Forum

Tom Fletcher, owner and manager of properties at 2736 and 2524 Hennepin Ave, spoke during open forum about his concerns regarding the Hennepin South Reconstruction Project. Fletcher requested that EIRA sign onto a position or contact the City. The request would run counter to EIRA's ongoing outreach and engagement activities regarding the project, and thus the Board took no action.

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Farmers Market Committee

Farmers Market Committee Co-Chair Debbie Gold informed the Board about two security incidents that took place during the September 2 and September 9 markets and presented the following Committee recommendations:

For the last two markets of the season, the following should take place: activate and engage the existing market staff and communicate about the thefts to the vendors so that everyone at the market can have a heightened awareness.

Looking forward, the Committee is recommending at this time to add staff training and participate in a collaboration with other markets on formulating a comprehensive security plan. Contract with a community organization with a preference for WE PUSH FOR PEACE, or other initiatives happening specifically in the Uptown neighborhood.

Since the last two recommendations are longer term efforts, they will be tabled until after the current season ends.

Bylaws Review

Emma Erdahl and Andrew Degerstrom have been working on updating EIRA's Bylaws so that they meet the City's new funding requirements. Erdahl and Degerstrom presented a draft report to the Board. The plan is to continue discussion on the Bylaws over the next month and vote to submit the new Bylaws to the voting membership for approval at the Fall Membership Meeting in November. The Board reached consensus on making the following changes before continuing discussion next month:

Remove the requirement that only one person per household may serve on the Board at any given time. Instead, apply that requirement to the Board Officers.

Remove requirement that members must have attended at least three meetings meetings of EIRA in the past year in order to be eligible to serve on the Board.

Change the quorum requirement for membership meetings from 25 to 30.

Change the Executive Committee membership to consist of the Board Officers instead of the President and any committee chairs.

Change language to make it explicitly clear that all EIRA meetings will be open except for discussion of personnel or legal matters.

Change the voting threshold for the Board to amend either the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws from simple majority to two-thirds majority.

IRS Status Change

EIRA is now recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.

2020 Charity Annual Report and 990-EZ

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 8c:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-23: Resolved that EIRA approve the Charity Annual Report and 990-EZ for Fiscal Year 2020. Motion by Erdahl, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Budget Amendment

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented an amendment to EIRA's Management and Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 to include a new Halloween Parade at Triangle Park. Degerstrom reported that the Ice Cream Social came in under budget, so the net impact on projected unrestricted fund balance by the end of the year would be minimal by adding this new event. The budget amendment currently identifies all expenses for this event to come out of unrestricted funds. However, eligible expenses will be switched over to CPP contingent on if there will be leftover funds still available by the end of the year.

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 8d:

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021R-24: Resolved that EIRA approves an amendment to its Management and Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Motion by Accettura, seconded by Degerstrom. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Committee Announcements

The following Committee announcements were made:

BET Committee will be partnering with the Park Board for community engagement and outreach on implementation of improvements for The Mall that are included in the Southwest Area Master Plan.

NRP Committee had a meeting earlier this month, will have a more comprehensive report in November.

Outreach and Engagement Committee asks for Board members to volunteer for the Halloween Parade event at Triangle Park.

The remainder of the meeting was held in closed session to discuss a legal matter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jenna Egan

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Degerstrom presented the following items:

Finance Report

The following action was taken regarding agenda item 8a:

Motion to approve the September 2021 Finance Report. Motion by Degerstrom, seconded by Barhaugh. Motion carried with 8 ayes and 0 nays.

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Pivotal Park Board Race Determines Future of Minneapolis Parks

By Jean Deatruck, Editor of Hill & Lake Press



Jono Cowgill and Elizabeth Shaffer

We have seen dramatic change in Minneapolis over the past four years since our last municipal election in 2017. This is especially true in our beloved park system. In 2020, the Park Board permitted use of housing encampments in parks, even while the Covid-19 pandemic led to greatly increased recreational demand. Throughout the city and in many parks, we saw a surge in crime — a situation made worse for Park Police after commissioners temporarily severed ties with the Minneapolis Police Department as political statement in the aftermath of George Floyd.

Throughout these challenges, the MPRB commissioners believe they have advanced racial equity. The Hill & Lake Press wants to give credit where it's due, however progress made by the current contentious and ideological board is thanks in large measure to former Superintendent Jayne Miller, who launched a nationally acclaimed Racial Equity Matrix as the basis for the Park Board's planning and policy making decisions. Further, in 2016, the MPRB and the City of Minneapolis approved the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20), a long-term initiative that dedicates an additional \$11 million annually for increased maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital investments in neighborhood parks. These extra funds use a data-driven, criteria-based system to help address racial and economic equity.

The current Board of Commissioners now wants to make their own mark with the new "Parks for All" comprehensive plan. In an age when many politicians are vying to signal their commitment to pursuing issues of the day, what tangible policies can be implemented to create more equitable parks? What types of park uses should be permitted in public parks? How should the Park Board live up to its mission and charter? What are its core competencies and what should be left to other agencies? What is political theater versus sound governance?

The League of Women Voters Minneapolis presented some of these questions to District 4 candidates Jono Cowgill, the current incumbent Commissioner and Park Board President, and Elizabeth Shaffer, a community volunteer and teacher who decided to run after leading an effort to "Save the Seven Pools" in Thomas Lowry Park, which successfully reopened last month. Responses to the questionnaire can be read in full at <https://lwvmppls.org>. Based on these responses and community engagement with the candidates, The Hill & Lake Press has found that Mr. Cowgill and Ms.

Delayed bells arrive at last!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Delayed Bells Arrive at Last

In early May when Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church commissioned a new bronze bell to be forged in France to commemorate the end of the pandemic, little did they know of the impending global shipping crisis. Support for the project increased, and three bells were newly forged. In late August, however, the congregation discovered that their new bells had been placed dockside in Europe waiting for over a month for a container ship to transport them across the Atlantic. Week after week the pastor announced their imminent arrival. The bells finally arrived in Minneapolis to be dedicated in a special service on Sunday, October 17th.

In the picture, Pastor Arden Haug is seen blessing the largest of the three bells which will bears the inscription. "Now Thank We All Our God" for his faithfulness in the Covid-19 Pandemic 2020-2021.

In addition to the three bells, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church will be installing a clock into the tower facing the lake. The clock will be unveiled and the bells will ring at a special outdoor service on Reformation Sunday, October 31st at 11:00 in the morning. Bells, trumpets and bagpipes will be a part of the celebration. The community is welcome to attend.

Shaffer are two very different candidates. The winner of this election will likely play a pivotal role in future of Minneapolis Parks, as District 4 has historically played a leading role on the Park Board.

Mr. Cowgill, a self-described progressive, would like an opportunity to continue the initiatives he has championed over the past four years. Of significant concern is that after his election to the Park Board, Mr. Cowgill was hired by SRF Consulting, an MPRB contractor that worked on the Southwest Service Area Master Plan and Bryn Mawr Meadows Park Improvements, both located in his district. An early supporter of encampments who later changed his position on the issue, Mr. Cowgill has been critical of the police, even the State Troopers use of Park Board bathroom facilities. In a recent interview Mr. Cowgill condemned the Seven Pools renovation effort as elitist, a community-driven grassroots public-private partnership in his own district that raised \$650,000 in private funds to restore the historic fountain prior to its 100th anniversary. This is disappointing, as it appears as if Mr. Cowgill is more committed to his ideological positions than to his constituents' volunteerism and priorities. Meanwhile, in addition to the current MPRB basic and supplemental NRPP levy, he is also prioritizing a new \$2.6M tax levy to support youth initiatives and promoting climate friendly policies and programs.

Ms. Shaffer, in contrast, describes herself as a nonpartisan pragmatist who would like to see the Park Board operate according to its mission and bylaws, not politics. Ms. Shaffer is keen on promoting equity through initiatives such as improving park maintenance throughout the park system, creating safer parks by investing in the Street Reach initiative and Park Police, building community around local parks through sup-

porting "friends" and community groups, and making all decisions based on data and the core competencies and mission of the Park Board — which includes equity at its core. When asked about the Seven Pools, she replied that the Seven Pools brought a community together during a tumultuous time and that it should be celebrated, not scorned, especially by its representative on the Park Board who failed to attend its opening after being invited. She supports establishing more public-private partnerships to further leverage fiscal and volunteer resources so that tax dollars can stretch further into supporting communities where it's needed most. In her advertising, Ms. Shaffer commits to actively listen to her constituents and represent their voices. She finds the current Park Board's "growing political posturing alarming, distracting from its charter and good governance." She has volunteered all of her time on park initiatives to date.

Who do you think will be a better leader for our parks? Please vote on November 2 at your local polling precinct. You can get more information at www.vote.minneapolismn.gov.

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Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes Date: October 5, 2021. Location: Zoom

Time to Call Meeting to Order after Quorum: 7:02 PM by President Charles Scheiderer

Board Member Present: Chas Scheiderer (President), Thomas Regnier (V.P.),

Toni D'Eramo (Treasurer), John Lillehei, MD (Secretary), Jaquelynn Brown, Fran Davis, George Montague, Sue Westerman, Craig Wilson, Jennifer Wirick Breiting, Robert Hink

Other Attendees: Elizabeth Shaffer, Chad Harkin, Anne Nelson, Courtney Kiernet, Lisa Goodman, Josh Winter, Lt. Mark Osland

Minutes of August 30, 2021 LHNA Board Meeting

Motion carried to approve the minutes.

Zoning Report

Fran Davis, Zoning Committee Chair, addressed the variances for 1527 Franklin Avenue West. On 9/23/2021, the Zoning Board of Adjustment denied 3 of the 4 variances for this property. Josh Winter, project manger for TEA2 Architects discussed the denied variances: 1: Decrease the corner front yard setback, 2. Increase the height from 2.5 to 3 stories, 3. Permit the expansion of the curb cut for a larger tuck under garage. The Zoning Board will formally hear the four variance requests on 10/7/2021.

There was extended discussion on this topic with Josh Winter. Josh left the Zoom Meeting.

Later in the evening, LHNA Board made the collective response: The LHNA Board does not find a reason to disagree with Zoning Board of Adjustment 9/23/2021 decision on 1527 Franklin Avenue.

The variance was approved on 9/9/2021 to subdivide the Searle mansion from St. Paul Episcopal Church at 1927 Logan Avenue South. The 2 structures will remain physically attached.

Peris Hill Update

Courtney Keirnat stated that Peris Hill is nearing completion. Peris Hill will host an Open House on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 4PM –7PM at 1930 Hennepin Avenue South.

Minneapolis City Council Update

7th WarCouncil Member Lisa Goodman gave a

Lowry Hill Update. Street sweeping begins on Tuesday, 10/19/2021. Suspended during the Pandemic, the 5 - cent grocery bag fee has been reinstated in Minneapolis. The early vote center is located at 980 E. Hennepin Avenue. Lunch with Lisa will be held by Zoom Wednesday, 10/27/2021 from 12PM -1PM.

Crime and Safety Report

Sue Westerman, Chair of Crime and Safety, presented Minneapolis Lt. Mark Osland to give and update on Crime in Lowry Hill. 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell was unavailable on assignment. There were recent 2 armed robberies on Mount Curve Avenue in early September. In Lowry Hill, from January 1-August 26, 2021 there have been 116 property crimes (93 in 2020) and 14 violent crimes (8 in 2021). Lt. Osland stated that there has been a decrease in crime in the last month in Lowry Hill.

Later Sue reiterated the importance of know your neighbor as well as keeping outdoor lights on at night.

Chas Scheiderer General Comments

President Scheiderer gave thanks to all Board volunteers for the well –received and attended Thomas Lowry Park Seven Pools Grand Opening on September 25-26, 2021. He also thanked Craig Wilson for his work to construct North High School's donation quest to help purchase much needed track equipment for their Track Team.

Treasurer's Report

Toni D'Eramo, Treasurer Chair, gave the report. As of August 31, 2021, total LHNA assets are \$46,158.37. Remaining balance on CPP Contract funds are \$29,822.72. Un- contracted CPP funds are \$19,994.30 for total CPP funds of \$42,817.02. Total Phase 2 NRP funds of \$94,500 (Propel Contract) are available in April 2022.

In summation, LHNA has \$29,822.72 in CPP funds we should spend before the end of 2021.

CPP (Community Participation Program) & Neighborhood Priorities Report

The following is the result of recent CPP Committee Meetings:

Thomas Regnier presented the cost of 8 retractable banners and 8 tablecloths with LHNA branding as \$760. It is preferable to use local businesses when utilizing CPP funds.

Motion carried to use up to \$1000 of CPP funds for this LHNA branded material.

Tyler Ecklund-Kouba discussed the estimated costs of LHNA boulevard signage, streetlight banners and structural monument signs. The CPP Committee will meet again to attain a firm cost for the November 9, 2021 LHNA Board Meeting.

Craig Wilson addressed his vital work on helping North High School Track Team purchase much needed track equipment with a goal of \$40,000. There will be a future article regarding this drive in the Hill and Lake Press, information on the LHNA website, and other venues. President Scheiderer is exploring avenues with the City on the possibility of utilizing CPP funds for North High School track equipment.

Thomas Lowry Park/ Seven Pools Historic Plaques Request

In a September Gala, Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools celebrated the 2021 historical renovation of the Pools and Park. Friends of Thomas Lowry Park would like to memorialize this centennial history with 2 descriptive plaques to be installed symmetrically on the TLP Pergola brick columns.

Thomas Regnier and Craig Wilson made a request to the LHNA Board for CPP funds to be used for the creation and installation of these 2 plaques that will denote the history of Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools.

Motion carried for up to \$7,500 in CPP funds to be utilized for the creation and installation of 2 two bronze (or similar material) plaques that would provide historic

context for Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools.

LHNA Events Report

Events Chair Jackie Brown stated that 9/1/2021 Super Garage Sale and the 9/25-9/26/2021 Grand Opening of Thomas Lowry Park & Seven Pools were very successful, Joyful, and made wonderful connections for all attendees including renters, new homeowners, members of The Kenwood, many children and the like. All queried why the LHNA does not host these events more often. All enjoyed the food and events.

Motion carried to provide up to \$2000 in LHNA CPP/Cash Reserve funds for a celebratory event on Saturday, October 24, 2021 in Thomas Lowry Park and Seven Pools.

It should be noted this is contingent on attaining a Park permit for this event on short notice.

Motion carried for the LHNA to provide \$200 of CPP funds for the neighborhood Halloween Trick or Treat Event on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Communications Committee Report

Communications Chair Toni D'Eramo and Tyler Ecklund-Kuba will host a future communications session to educate all interested in learning/ brainstorming communication methods to increase neighborhood awareness of and participation in the LHNA.

Nominations for LHNA Board Membership

The December 2017 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Lowry Hill Community Corporation, Article Four (Board of Directors), Section 2(Number and Eligibility), sets the number of directors to no less than 3 and no more than 15. There are currently 13 board members on the LHNA Board.

Nominations Chair Fran Davis proposed Chad Harkin and Anne Nelson as new LHNA Board members. Both reside in Lowry Hill and are enthusiastic in community and Board participation.

Motion carried to elect Chad Harkin and Anne Nelson as new LHNA Board members.

Compliance and Engagements Plans for LHNA are in Process

November LHNA Zoom Board Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 7:00PM

As there was no further business, Meeting adjourned by President Charles Scheiderer at 9:07PM by a motion carried.

Minutes submitted by John Lillehei, MD

Readers,

**We have made it to October,
I wish this year would soon be over-
It may sound too extreme,
But the COVID variant peaked before
Halloween!**


**How can people be so careless,
Science has told us what works best-
Thankfully I passed the test,
I don't know about all the rest!**

**I pray that we make it to Thanksgiving,
A goal for those of us still living;
But the death toll is deceiving,
All the news is so confusing!**

**But 38th & Nicollet is getting better,
We haven't suffered any stormy weather,
My shop team is getting stronger,
Another young mechanic is staying longer!**

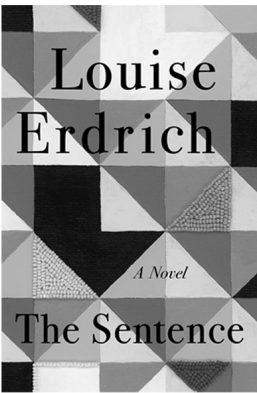
**Suddenly the leaves are falling,
Cooler weather has me balling,
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Meet your Neighbor from page 3

Jory was on a whole different level. He ended up jumping a personal best and taking third place with a height of 6'3. Last season was a huge success and the athletes had so much fun, they have been spreading the word and working on helping me recruit other athletes who will help us excel and want to be a part of something special.

What are you hoping to fundraise for the team?

We all know what the North High Polars are capable of when given the right time and equipment. Last year was the first year our team had High Jumping equipment. After seeing how much Jory excelled and the other students who are beyond excited to try high jump next season, I want to continue that trend. The North Track team needs \$40,000 to purchase the needed supplies and equipment to have hurdles and pole vault added to our events. If given these funds to purchase the needed supplies to compete in both Hurdles and Pole vault, I have no doubt that the Polar Track Team will continue to develop athletes who will help us achieve my ultimate goal, which is bringing a state high school championship back to North High School.

What do students do without the necessary equipment? Without the necessary equipment, it is plain and simple. The Polars will not live up to their potential. North students would be forced to travel to other schools in order to participate in events that nearly every other school in the district can do. Yes \$40,000 is a lot but North High School deserves this. North students, just like all other students deserve the best. Like I have said before, every situation I have encountered as a Polar has proven to me that North High Students rise up to the challenge and take things head on. If given the funds to purchase the needed supplies, I have no doubt that they were show Minneapolis and the state of Minnesota what they are made of.

North High School has been redistricted to serve as the public school for the Hill Lake Area, how can Hill Lake residents be most helpful in your effort? North High School is beyond excited to have the Hill Lake Area included within their boundaries. And I truly hope the Hill Lake Area is excited too. Students from the Hill Lake Area who attend North High, and hopefully participate in sports programs such as Track and Field, will witness the joy of being a Polar. Any donations and support can help with our goals. Please make checks payable to the North High Booster club and send them to North High School 1500 James Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411 attention: Athletics Booster Club.

Anything else you'd like to share? I can promise you this, The North High Track team is ready to compete once again this season. We have the amazing stories from last year which is just the tip of the iceberg in regards to the many future success stories yet to be heard. Please come out and enjoy one of the many track and field meets we are going to be hosting at our brand new track this season. Be sure to wave if you join us this season for a meet. You can look for me on the infield in my Polar Blue Track suit, cheering and coaching our young athletes.

Urgent Plea to Neighbors!

As most of you know, property owners in the City of Minneapolis are responsible for maintaining the public sidewalks surrounding their property in a safe, usable condition for pedestrians. In addition to removing snow and ice on a timely manner, please also remove other tripping hazards such as wet leaves, seeds, fruit, sticks, branches, rocks, etc. And most importantly, fix any raised sections of the sidewalk. I tripped on a section of sidewalk that was raised about 2" above the adjoining section and landed on my face. Thank you to the neighbors who called 911. After spending more than 10 hours in the emergency room of HCMC with a broken nose, stitches in my face and mouth, bruises, cuts, scrapes, chipped tooth, and a brain bleed I have been slowly recovering at home. I am writing this in the hope that this does not happen to anyone else.

Your Lowry Hill neighbor



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League of Women Voters Minneapolis - Park Board District 4 Candidate Questionnaire (reprinted with permission): Responses from Jono Cowgill and Elizabeth Shaffer. Continued from page 4.

Elizabeth Shaffer: I will prioritize improved water quality. Increase onsite water infiltration to eliminate run-off, improve maintenance of stormwater outlets and long-range solutions, expand riparian habitat and defend the Shoreland Overlay District ordinance. Reduce wildlife waste, not only for water quality, but also beach access. 32nd Street Beach is often unsafe for children to play in the sand and swim. Consider the benefits/risks of alum treatment and periodically perform third-party analysis of water quality data. I will focus on tree canopy. Prioritizing trees helps mitigate heat islands, improves carbon sequestration and habitat. Increase funding to offset the expiring tree levy, improve watering and pruning practices, hire ecologist/invasive species manager, prioritize native trees and develop tree planting scorecard (longevity, habitat, balance of species, cost).

With MPRB charged with stewardship of our city's natural resources, MPRB needs to find supportive partners to join us. We need the city, Met Council, Minneapolis residents and others to work together for progress, promoting electric/solar and eliminating pesticides/salt. As it pertains to our green spaces, MPRB must be the one to demonstrate tenacity and creativity to lead.

Jono Cowgill: The greatest systemwide need now and for years to come is major climate resilience investment, particularly in Minneapolis communities that have experienced major environmental injustices. This climate resilience investment includes expanded tree planting, installing stormwater best management practices in all construction, expanded green spaces, reduced auto-oriented uses, reduced monoculture grass land, expanded urban agriculture uses, and aggressive expansion of MPRB's carbon reduction goals. The Park Board can and should take a leading, coordinating role in building climate resiliency investments collaboratively with our watershed districts, Hennepin County, and the City of Minneapolis.

6. Your Vision & Top 3 priorities for next 4 years

Jono Cowgill: Investments in youth. The best benchmark to look at for youth investment is to evaluate the percentage of the budget that goes to youth-serving programs and to see if that is increasing. Another key benchmark is to track the value of pro-

grams - how many returning users does MPRB have to a given program? Do young people engaged in Park programs return to work for the Park Board? Are we retaining and providing growth opportunities for youth-serving staff?

Climate resiliency. The best benchmarks to understand MPRB's progress on preparing for and combating climate change include: Number of trees planted and their locations year on year; Percentage reduction in mow-able land across the system; Increase in urban agriculture uses and participation; Carbon reduction benchmarks across all MPRB facilities and fleet Constituent services. It is important that a commissioner keep their constituents apprised of important MPRB initiatives, board votes, and other park related thought leadership. I pledge to build on my current regular email newsletter, hold regular constituent office hours, and continue to provide social media updates on key park related issues.

Elizabeth Shaffer: I will focus on MPRB's core mission and competencies. There are many needs within our city and pressures to expand our role and influence. I will not stray into areas MPRB does not have the expertise to lead in and stay laser-focused on what we do best. I would establish a quality of parks survey/index for community input and accountability. I will push for data around our recreation, in terms of which programs are driving the biggest impact and results. Secondly, we need improved strategic planning and resource allocation directed towards asset management. MPRB has been largely reactive to emergencies rather than proactively anticipating repairs or looming environmental issues. This approach doesn't lend itself to a consistent, safe level of service, leverage the size of our assets for financial savings, or support long-range environmental protections. Lastly, I will prioritize relationships and communication. We need to rebuild trust and credibility by electing leadership that is responsive to constituents, promotes collaboration and teamwork, respects staff and drives results. If together we can do just some of that, we will inspire all of us to become more engaged and committed to our park system in the years ahead.

Sand Upon the Waters

By Tom H. Cook

An earworm is a fragment of music, usually three or four bars, which go round and round and round. This is a special form of musical imagery which is out of control and can become quite unpleasant and intrusive.

Dr. Oliver Sacks

The auditory cortex of the brain houses “stuck tune syndrome”. Relax, although they can be infuriating, earworms are not actual worms, besides we have enough real worries! Earworms are very common, nine out of ten of us get them. Major culprits are “Hey, Macarena”, “The Simpsons Theme”, and Bob Seger’s “Like a Rock” for Chevy Trucks. Most are benign but distracting, (though there is a special spot in Hell for the writer of a certain “cars for kids” ad).

Sometimes my pesky brain intruders are not Doo Wop, 60s classics, Bob Marley, or insipid jingles. Often they are not even music, but snippets, stories, jokes, and stray experiences. It is hard to describe. Here are a few that often come back to me. I call them morsels

Eve Arden

I am old and this is even before my time, nevertheless it makes me smile. Eve Arden, before she starred in “Our Miss Brooks” (a forgettable 1950s sitcom) was

a well known Broadway actress. During one play she and her leading man privately loathed each other. He and the bribable sound man hatched a plot. Saturday night with a full house, a prop phone, to be used in the climactic third act, instead began ringing in the first act well before the plot had unfolded. Ms. Arden standing right next to the phone could not ignore it. 1,400 people held their breath. She picked up, listened for a beat, turned to her co-star and said “It’s for you.”

My Jersey knit shorts

I have an aging pair of “knock around” shorts with a string waistband. As they are somewhat tight the elastic is all I need and the string is unnecessary and somewhat lethal. The string is tied in a large double bow and is too enmeshed for me to undo it. Being a lazy sort, when I bend down to put them on I invariably catch my big toe in the loop. I end up off balance and more than once have fallen over. Last month I finally cut the string and pulled it out. JoAnne (the editor) asked why it took me so long to do it? I replied in all sincerity, “What if the next person that gets these shorts needs the string?” JoAnne looked at me incredulously. After a very short time my words sunk in. I found saying my private albeit foolish belief aloud to be absolutely hysterical on so many levels. While not a

real earworm my self righteous statement to JoAnne as if she was incapable of understanding the obvious makes me laugh daily.

Caution: This is not the Mel Gibson or Steven Seagal movies by the same title.

Patriot (2015-2018)

“Patriot” is an episodic comedy spy series from Amazon. The hero (Michael Dorman) is a reluctant spy/hitman/folk singer filled with guilt. His cathartic release comes from the confessional ballads he sings at coffeehouse open mics where he outlines his crimes in detail to oblivious audiences.

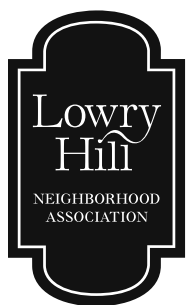
The scene that plays over and over in my head takes place in Czechoslovakia on a winter night on a river bank. The authorities are closing in. Dorman asks his handler how far it is to the opposite shore. Told it is at least 5 miles and impossible this time of year. Dorman apparently unfazed begins taking off his shoes. His handler is flabbergasted. Dorman replies, “If you think about it, I really only need to swim halfway.”

Tom H. Cook realizes these are not classic earworms. Even typing some musical examples could be maddening and habit forming. (Ba Ba Ba Ba Barbara Ann).

Urban Coyote from page 5

to tears when Rachel, Mike’s professional nurse wife, spoke candidly about his life and griefs as she combined Mike’s and Daniele’s ashes under a giant bur oak on a grassy knoll. She said Mike would appreciate the openness, forever arm in arm with sturdy roots and open sky.

On September 20, our baby daughter, Dora, 39, was married to Sam Lunger outside Charlottesville, Virginia, near where they live. After three years of frustration by pandemic complications, we crossed the finish line after one final close call. Sam joins our family with two wonderful daughters, 14 and 20. Five days before the wedding the mother of the younger daughter’s best friend and soccer teammate tested positive for coronavirus. Our hearts clutched as Dora and Sam streaked to get her tested, which proved negative. After that the Gods and their minions were on our side as the heat and rain held off, I walked Dora down the aisle arm in arm, the couple set a record for the candor of their vows, the food delicious, the band astounding. We danced the night away, our eldest grandson and his sweetie performing Fred and Ginger dips arm in arm to the songs and memory of Prince.



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- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Call 911 if you see suspicious persons or activity – don't hesitate, make the call.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Oct 24th: “Fall for Jazz” in the Park

Join us Sunday, October 24th from 1pm - 4 pm in Thomas Lowry Park for live music, a scavenger hunt, costume contest, pumpkin painting and more! Food for purchase from El Burrito Mercado food truck. See LHNA website for more details.

Oct 31st: New Halloween Trick or Treat Event!

New fun, free Halloween Trick or Treat event Sunday, Oct. 31st, 11am - 2pm. Art activities, sweet treats, storytelling and gift bags. Play an Eye Spy Bingo card for a prize. See LHNA website for more details.

Street Sweeping Starts in October - Don't Get Towed!

Find out which week your street is scheduled to be swept: www.minneapolis.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping.

Election Day Polling Places Have Changed

Visit vote.minneapolis.gov for details on early voting, registering to vote and polling place changes. Due to COVID many Lowry Hill residents will now vote at the Walker Art Center or St. Paul Episcopal Church.



Nov 9th: LHNA Board Meeting

All residents are welcome, the meeting will be held via Zoom at 7pm. Agenda and Zoom info will be posted on LHNA website prior to the meeting.

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The Urban Coyote goes wild in Kenwood Park this Sat, Oct 23, 2pm, for his newest essay collection: SEASONS OF THE URBAN COYOTE

Saturday, October 23, at 2pm, howls of joy will emanate from Kenwood Park (the triangle next to Kenwood School playground and school parking lot), celebrating publication of SEASONS OF THE URBAN COYOTE: Howlings on Family, Community and the Search for Peace and Justice, by James P. Lenfestey, AKA The Urban Coyote, brought to you by Birchbark Books and Nodin Press. A collection of 75 essays first published in the Hill and Lake Press plus a smattering from the StarTribune and four seasonal poem-prayers originally published as a limited edition.

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