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Co-location and Cedar Lake Parkway Crossing Remain Contentious SW Light Rail Issues



The Kenilworth Corridor freight rail track and bike/walk trail crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway (below) has been a problem for years. The Met Council's proposed solution for light rail – a mammoth flyover bridge carrying trains and catenary power lines high above the roadway (above) – has been met with derision from residents, park lovers, and City officials.

“I will never, under any circumstance now or in the future, support co-location. If it means the project does not move forward, so be it.” – 7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman

With a single freight rail track the Kenilworth Corridor (below) includes pleasant biking/walking trails. Two light rail tracks carrying 250 trains daily will severely stress the trails, but successful mitigation will help retain the bike/walk experience. CO-LOCATION of freight rail alongside light rail (above) will destroy the Corridor's ambiance, residents and park lovers believe, leaving virtually no room for the current biking/walking trails.

Co-location, Cedar Lake Parkway Crossing Remain Contentious SW Light Rail Issues

By Michael Wilson, CIDNA Board and Joint Neighborhood Task Force

Whether it happened while they were creeping along our streets and highways, mired in traffic gridlock, or when they realized how much our public transit infrastructure lags behind similar metropolitan areas around the country and the world, most Twin Citians have come to recognize that developing transit alternatives is a major priority for our region.

At the Capitol Gov. Dayton and his Commissioner of Transportation, Lowry Hill resident Charlie Zelle, are promoting a new half-cent addition to the seven-county Metro Area sales tax, in addition to the quarter-cent tax currently in place in five of the seven counties, in order to jump-start a major increase in transit development.

All well and good. But as so often happens, the devil's in the details.

Early planners had to arrive at a route for the 15.8 mile, \$1.25-billion proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) line connecting Eden Prairie and Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. The Southwest Transitway Alternatives Analysis began in 2005 with evaluation of several route and mode options. Two routes through Minneapolis were considered: along the Greenway to a point near Nicollet Avenue, and then north to downtown; or along the Kenilworth Corridor through the heart of our Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods.

In fall 2009, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) recommended the Kenilworth Corridor as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). On May 26, 2010, the Metropolitan Council approved the LPA selection for the Southwest



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Transitway. Work then commenced on the required Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

The immediate question became: what about the freight rail tracks that already ran down the Kenilworth Corridor? Area residents, Kenilworth Trail users, and lovers of this singular oasis of beauty were clear in their assessment: “co-location” of the new LRT tracks alongside the existing freight rail tracks would deal a devastating blow to the Kenilworth Corridor and would require the taking of a significant number of housing units in the section of the Corridor between Cedar Lake Parkway and West Lake Street.

The DEIS, released on Oct. 12, 2012, considered both co-location and “relocation” of freight rail through St. Louis Park while supporting the relocation option. The Joint Neighborhood Task Force – CIDNA, Kenwood, and West Calhoun – vigorously opposed co-location in their DEIS response, and Hill and Lake area

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Lunch with Lisa

March 27 St. Thomas University-Minneapolis.

Peter Wagenius of the Mayor's office will discuss the "Nicollet-Central Street Car Study." 201 Opus Hall.

\$10 lunch is offered. Come early to get your lunch and a good seat. Discussion starts promptly at noon.

Minneapolis Uptown Rotary

www.clubrunner.ca/mplsuptownrotary

Uptown Rotary meets at the Minikahda Country Club 7:30 to 8:30 am on Thursdays.

CONTACT: Barbara Franklin Minneapolis Audubon Society 763-657-1907

Friday, April 12, 2013 1 p.m.

Warren Nelson will share with us more "Wildlife Scenes from Aitkin and Beyond." Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205.

Neighborhood Poet Jim Lenfestey Teaches Course on neighborhood Poet Robert Bly

Poet and journalist Jim Lenfestey, a popular teacher at Osher Life Long Learning Institute, the adult education wing of the University of Minnesota, is offering a course beginning March 25 on the life and works of neighbor and poet Robert Bly. Minnesota's first Poet Laureate, Bly is influential around the world as poet, editor, translator, essayist, thinker, social critic, and leader of cultural movements. Among his many awards, on April 5 he will receive the Robert Frost Medal for Lifetime achievement from the Poetry Society of America.

The OLLI course, "Robert Bly in This World," meets Mondays, Mar. 25, April 8-May 6, 2:15-3:45 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis. The text is Robert Bly in This World, edited by James Lenfestey and Thomas R. Smith, copyright 2010, University of Minnesota Press, available at Birchbark Books. Poet Thomas R. Smith will conduct the class on Bly's work relating to men and masculinity, and classical scholar Mark Gustafson will discuss Bly's "little" magazine that changed the poetry world. The course, #16034, is free, but participants must be a member of OLLI. To sign up, contact OLLI at <http://www.cce.umn.edu/Osher-Lifelong-Learning-Institute/>.

W. Lake St. LRT Station Walkabout

An informal walkabout is planned for Sat., March 30, at 10 am to "get the lay of the land" for the proposed West Lake Street LRT station. Planning will be complicated by the site's multiple access points and multi-level design requirements. Sophia Ginis, Met Council LRT Community Liaison, will be present. Meet in front of Punch Pizza/Rustica (Calhoun Village) at 9:55 am. Wear stout walking shoes or boots.

The Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2013 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55416. For further information, please call (612) 377-9522 or info@cedar-lakepark.org.

Light refreshments will be served.

Al Singer, the primary MPRB planner involved in creating Cedar Lake Park, has taken the founding CLP principles to Dakota County and will speak about the county's progress toward creating a system of regional parks and greenways with protected natural areas, farmland and shoreline.

Birchbark Books

Birchbark Books celebrates National Poetry Month on Wednesday April 17 at 7:00 pm with poets Nolan Zavoral, Ken McCullough, Patricia Kirkpatrick, and Margot Fortunato Galt.

Book signing and treats follow the reading at our new location: The Bockley Gallery, 2123 W 21st Street, Minneapolis. Curated by Michael Kiesow Moore, the Birchbark Books Reading Series features new, emerging, and established writers generally on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from September through May.

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<http://birchbarkbooks.com/announcements/birchbark-books-reading-series-30>

EIRA Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 9 at Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave. Dinner and social time: 6:15 pm, Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Park Siding Park

Public input is needed on the restoration and playground redesign of Park Siding Park in the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood. An online survey is available to review the proposed park concepts and playground designs. The online survey will be available through Sunday, March 24, 2013. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParkSidingParkConcepts>

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MARCH 23 6:30 ST. MARY'S, FUNDRAISER KENWOOD
MARCH 23, 10AM JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE MEETING AT 10 AM AT JONES-HARRISON
MARCH 24, PARK SIDING PARK SURVEY ENDS
MARCH 27, LUNCH WITH LISA
MARCH 30, 10AM LRT STATION WALKABOUT
APRIL 2, 7PM CLPA ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 12, 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
APRIL 9, 6:15PM EIRA ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 15, 6-8PM PARK SIDING INFORMATION MTG.
APRIL 16, 7PM PRECINCT CAUCUSES
APRIL 17, 7PM BIRCHBARK BOOKS POETRY MONTH
APRIL 20 EARTH DAY
APRIL 21, 2013, 8 AM TO 1 PM ROOSEVELT BREAKFAST
MAY 22-25 The Neighborhoods USA conference in Minneapolis. Visit www.nusa.org

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. Grace-Trinity Church,
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Park Siding Park Restoration Final Public Information Meeting

Monday, April 15

6-8 p.m.

Jones-Harrison Centrum Room

3700 Cedar Lake Avenue

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EARTH DAY 2013

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the City of Minneapolis will host the 19th annual Minneapolis Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in neighborhoods and parks throughout the city.

The public is encouraged to participate by volunteering to help pick up trash in parks, neighborhoods, and watersheds. No registration is needed – just choose a site and show up to help. For more information about the event and a list of cleanup sites, visit www.minneapolisearthday.com or call 612-230-6479.

Saturday April 6th 7 PM**St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lake of the Isles Caritas Vocal Ensemble Benefit Concert**

Caritas Vocal Ensemble will be performing a benefit concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Lake of the Isles on Saturday, April 6th. Beginning at 7 pm, our audience will be treated to delightful a capella choral music repertoire performed by a mixed group of experienced singers. This year's theme is "Give Good Gifts" based on a Shaker tune that will be part of this season's repertoire. Tickets are \$25.

To purchase your event ticket, the link is

<http://tinyurl.com/caritaspways>

The Minneapolis DFL will kick off the city's 2013 election cycle with precinct caucuses Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. This is your chance to meet your neighbors, learn about the candidates, and be a part of the process. Caucus attendees will elect delegates to their Ward Conventions and the City Convention on June 15 - these conventions will determine which candidates receive DFL endorsements. To find the location of your caucus please visit our website mpls.dfl.org.



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AN EXPLORATION OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS WITH A FOCUS ON EMBRACING LGBT STUDENTS

April 12, 2013, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

With Tammy Aaberg of Justin's Gift

Several types of bullying will be discussed and solutions and resources will be provided to aid schools and families in creating a safe and nurturing environment for all students.

WHAT DO I TELL MY KIDS ABOUT THE PAIN IN THE WORLD? HOW DO I HELP?

April 28, 2013, 9-10:15 a.m.

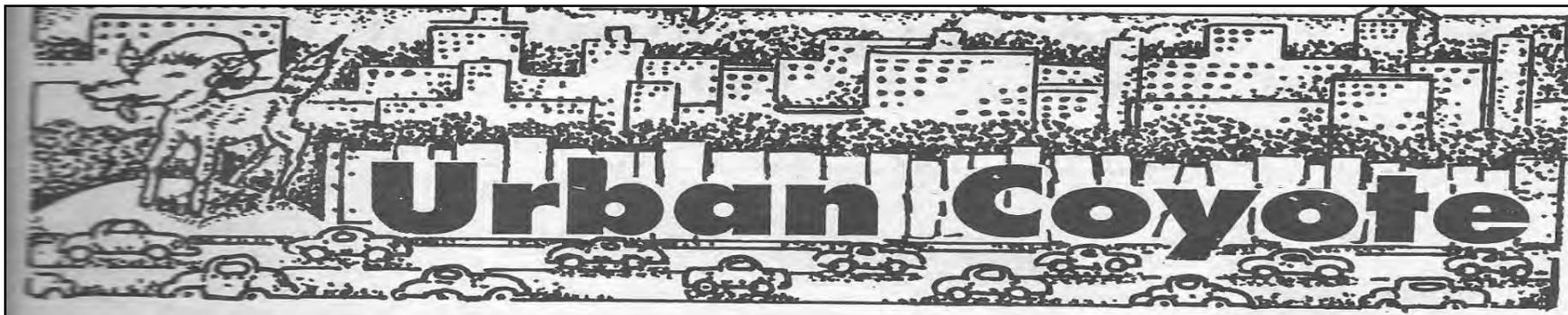
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Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to talk about how, why, and when to engage children around topics like the Newtown tragedy and help them create narratives to process their own emotions.

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THE URBAN COYOTE SLOSHES TOWARD RYE TO BE BORN AGAIN

By James P. Lenfestey

March in Minnesota historically comes in like a lion and goes out like a lion, leaving its victims bitten by howling winds and covered with shaggy snowfalls. But in our globally warmed world, March moves like a lion in galoshes, with temperatures randomly above and below freezing, a mix of snow and rain leaving greasy sidewalks. Still, what a pleasure to risk one's life to walk (or trot) through puddles and over black ice to the many destinations new and old we can reach on foot (or paws) in our neighborhood, a pedestrian paradise.

When Mrs. Coyote and I became empty burrowers several years ago, we took a desultory look at apartments and condos near the river, super views and lots of arty happenings. But we stayed behind for many reasons (including the fact that our heart wasn't really in it). One reason was the walkability of our 'hood.

We walk to Kowalski's, to Walgreens, to Anderson Cleaners, to Seb Joe's and Isles Buns, to Patina for gifts and Birchbark Books for solace (and books! Don't forget books!). To Kenwood and Jefferson schools and the Kenwood Rec center. The Walker Art Center and sculpture garden. Kenwood park for sledding and Lake of the Isles for walking, running, limping (bad knee), skating and skiing. The only important destination we can no longer reach easily, and we miss it, is the post office, formerly in Burch Pharmacy, now at 11th off Hennepin. We can, of course, but we don't. We can walk just as easily to the

UPS Store at 28th and Hennepin.

That leaves only the question of dining out, something that interests the Urban Coyote only if I can walk (or trot). In this pedestrian category, paradise has descended upon us.

Although nominally retired, the Urban Coyote seems to have 400 meetings a week. As a working home-based writer, I no longer take breakfast meetings, a staple of Minnesota culture, as mornings now are sacred writing time. I take all my meetings at lunch at RYE, a clean, well lighted deli warmly owned by neighbor David Weinstein, that has the best borscht and matzo ball soup in the United States outside of New York City (which is not part of the United States) and good espresso and beer and wine and house smoked meats and swift service and beloved quiet so meetings actually accomplish something. That takes care of lunch, unless you want something quietly extraordinary, then walk the other way to The Kenwood, wait if necessary in a comfortable chair or better yet browse Birchbark Books next door, then marvel at the culinary inventions you've never heard of, but your taste buds eagerly rouse to the task.

But wait, we can also walk to Namaste for the best chai in town, and the best fried rice and lunch special to boot. Or walk easily to Tao Foods, organic warm vegetable salads and sandies and soup, newly remodeled from a lair for the dreadlocked set into welcoming bright surroundings with beer and wine too, how great is that! And right past that, of course, steady Damico's with all of the above and killer ciabatta too.

OK, that finally takes care of lunch, unless one is a

fan of The Lowry, which I have not yet explored.

Dinner makes me lick my furry chops. The Kenwood again of course, magic chef Don Saunders behind the stainless counter, and Rinata for intimately delicious ravioli and other Italian fare, and of course eating at the intimate bar at RYE again and again.

But Burch! I can't wait to get to Burch (coming up for me later this month!). Our beloved and sadly idle pharmacy building has been lovingly restored by incomparable Twin Cities architect Julie Snow. The Burch restaurant is run by chef Isaac Becker and sommelier Nancy St. Pierre, whom I met when they were starting out downtown at 113 North Third St. two doors from my office, when I could brave the crowds. When I abandoned that office for my now 30-foot commute across the hall (weep, ye office bound!) I thought I'd never experience their deliciousness again. But sometimes good things come right to you if you wait long enough, like a beloved dog or coyote circling back home.

Isaac and Nancy have brought their compelling cuisine and wine palette and sensible late night hours (until 1 AM, 2 AM on weekends) to Hennepin and Franklin and Colfax four blocks from my burrow. Think I'll trot over that way, pick up my laundry and cozy in for a glass of robust cabernet and a leftover T-bone – just the bone, please. Later I'll explore the downstairs lair for a Belgian beer or Sangiovese and a pizza crust – just the crust, please. I am drooling as I write this, my keyboard beginning to short circuit. I'd better save this docu.....



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residents became cautiously optimistic that at least a semblance of our neighborhood's quality of life and our beautiful trail could be preserved.

Residents along the proposed freight rail relocation route through St. Louis Park formed an action group, Safety in the Park, to carry their opposition to a wide range of audiences and also to St. Louis Park City Hall. Minneapolis residents' concerns returned when Twin Cities & Western RR, which leases the freight rail track in the Kenilworth Corridor, filed a DEIS response expressing serious reservations about safety, efficiency, and cost regarding the DEIS plan for freight train relocation.

Hill and Lake area residents, concerned about disruption to traffic at the Cedar Lake Parkway crossing caused by 250 LRT trains per day, were appalled by the DEIS' proposal to build a massive flyover bridge, lifting the LRT trains and their overhead catenary power lines high into the sky and creating an instant behemoth landmark "totally out of character with the neighborhood," as one Burnham Road resident put it.

Where Things Stand

Met Council planners are currently deep in the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and have been instructed by the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) to plan for both the co-location and relocation options. Once the PE phase is 30 percent complete, perhaps as early as September, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be issued. The seven cities along the route will then need to vote their "municipal consent" for the project. Consent from all seven municipalities is required for the project to move forward.

Opposition to co-location and the flyover bridge was expressed in the DEIS responses of all area neighborhood groups, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, the Cedar Lake Park Association, and the Calhoun-Isles Condominium Association. Other groups, including the Midtown Greenway Coalition, wrote statements opposing co-location and the flyover bridge.

Minneapolis 7th Ward Councilmember Lisa Goodman, a staunch supporter of Hill and Lake neigh-

borhoods, has been unwavering in her opposition to co-location in the Kenilworth Corridor. "I will never, under any circumstance now or in the future, support co-location," Goodman pledges. "If it means the project does not move forward, so be it."

"I will advocate strongly for the City to continue its strong opposition to co-location as we have done several times in the past, as we have outlined in our first municipal consent vote and as we commented on in the DEIS," Goodman states. "Any attempt to shove co-location down the throats of Minneapolis residents will be met with solid opposition from the City of Minneapolis, who only agreed to this route on the condition that freight was relocated."

Regarding the issue of a flyover bridge at Cedar Lake Parkway Councilmember Goodman states, "I am offended this was even put forward in the first place. This was an attempt in my mind to focus the community's efforts [on] something we would dislike more than an at-grade crossing instead of [on] how to best mitigate the crossing issues. A flyover bridge will never be funded, so to suggest it was a distraction we didn't need with so many other major issues to be worked out."

At the monthly CIDNA board meeting on March 13 Councilmember Meg Tuthill (10th Ward) stated that she does not like to see neighborhoods split up by things such as rail lines. She says she is waiting to see the FEIS. "Once I read it," she states, "I will need to ask questions, listen to the community, and do my due diligence before I can comment on how I will vote. I can't make decisions until all the information is available."

"That being said," Tuthill adds, "I have never been in favor of co-location and I think the flyover bridge is just ridiculous."

Several residents, including longtime CIDNA Transportation Committee Co-chair Arthur Higinbotham, have been meeting with elected and appointed officials to push reconsideration of the LPA through the Kenilworth Corridor. One such alternative would route LRT west from Target Field along I-394 out to Hwy. 100, where it could turn south to rejoin the current LPA route through St. Louis Park and then out

to Eden Prairie. This rerouting would provide service to the rapidly developing West End area as well as infrastructure for a future LRT route out to Ridgedale and Wayzata, Higinbotham notes. It would also moot the co-location/relocation controversy by leaving freight rail in the Kenilworth Corridor.

A group of Hill and Lake residents has formed the Kenilworth Preservation Group (KPG), with the mission to preserve the natural beauty and recreational opportunities of the Kenilworth Corridor. "Light Rail is an essential element in the transit of the future," states Stuart Chazin, one of KPG's founders. "But we must make sure that it is implemented in a way that preserves the recreational and environmental resources of the Kenilworth corridor." KPG hired an attorney and began raising funds last fall to support their mission.

Get informed! Get involved!

Learn about SWLRT at the Met Council's project page

(<<http://www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Projects/Current-Projects/Southwest-LRT.aspx>>) and the Hennepin County Southwest Transitway page (<<http://www.southwesttransitway.org>>).

Come to the next Joint Neighborhood Task Force meeting at 10 am on Saturday, March 23rd, at Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave. The Task Force is in the process of creating an informational website at <kenilworthalliance.wordpress.com>.

Keep in contact with City Council members and the Mayor to enlist and support their opposition to co-location and the best possible mitigation in the Corridor. (<<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/council/index.htm>>)

Read the Hill and Lake Press as well as your neighborhood websites (<www.cidna.org>, <www.kenwood-minneapolis.org>, and <www.westcalhoun.org>) for meeting announcements for the many Advisory Committees and other groups working on various aspects of SWLRT.

Go to <<http://kenilworthpreservationgroup.org>> to learn more about this advocacy group's efforts.

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Robert Bly awarded Robert Frost Medal

Lowry Hill neighbor Robert Bly, a stalwart force in poetry for more than fifty years, has been awarded this year's Robert Frost Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the Poetry Society of America, for "distinguished lifetime achievement in poetry." The medal will be awarded at a ceremony on April fifth in New York City.



Robert Bly's influence as a poet, cultural critic, editor, and translator is impossible to overstate. The Frost Medal recognizes his tireless commitment to the fields of American and international poetry from his pioneering magazine *The Fifties*, *The Sixties*, *The Seventies*, to his translation for 23 poets from ten different languages, to editing three major anthologies, all still in print.

In 2001, Minnesota's Graywolf Press published *The Half-Finished Heaven*, Bly's translations of the poetry of Tomas Tranströmer, who received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2011. This April, Graywolf will publish *Airmail: The Letters of Robert Bly and Tomas Tranströmer*, a monumental collection that celebrates over forty years of friendship and collaboration between two master artists.

To celebrate *Airmail's* release, Robert Bly will give a public reading from his letters to Tomas Tranströmer on April 2nd at 7:00pm at the beautifully renovated American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 612-871-4907 to reserve tickets.

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

April showers bring May flowers and door-to-door solicitors. Do you know if they are legitimate sales people or are they con artists or worse, burglars?

It's known that burglars will sometimes pose as solicitors in order to knock at doors to determine if anyone is home. If there is no answer, the suspect will continue to knock on nearby addresses, circle back and break into the home which they believe the residents are not inside. Usually they work in pairs and have a vehicle parked nearby. Sometimes, the vehicle will be parked in the alley with the second party waiting the all clear.

If someone comes to your door and you don't want to open it, let them know that you are home by turning on the outside lights or yelling through the door stating that you aren't interested. If you do answer and the person claims to be selling something, ask to see their city-issued photo ID card.

Last July, the city of Minneapolis approved new rules for door-to-door solicitors. All salespeople selling door-to-door, taking orders for future delivery or setting up a temporary business must wear a city-issued photo identification card. There are examples of the ID card

and other helpful information at <http://www.minneapolis.gov/www/groups/public/@communications/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-096805.pdf>.

Please note that canvassers for religious, political or social groups and are NOT asking for money don't need a city-issued card. Also, school, church and youth groups who are fundraising can get group identification cards at no cost.

If parties who are acting as solicitors cannot produce the required ID, do not buy from them. Call 911 if you suspect suspicious activity. Please note physical description, direction of travel and if there are any other parties involved. If there is a suspicious vehicle nearby, please give a description of that as well including a license plate if it is safe to obtain it.

Amy Lavender and Chelsea Adams

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RAKE IT Spring Yard Clean-Up

Improve your health while helping a senior citizen in Minneapolis remain independent in their home! You choose the date and time to rake and clean up the yard. Perfect for individuals, groups, and families. Seasonal: April – November (depending upon the weather). This is a one-time fun, flexible activity on weekdays or weekends. Feel free to sign up multiple times! Supplies needed: rakes, gloves, brooms, and compostable bags.

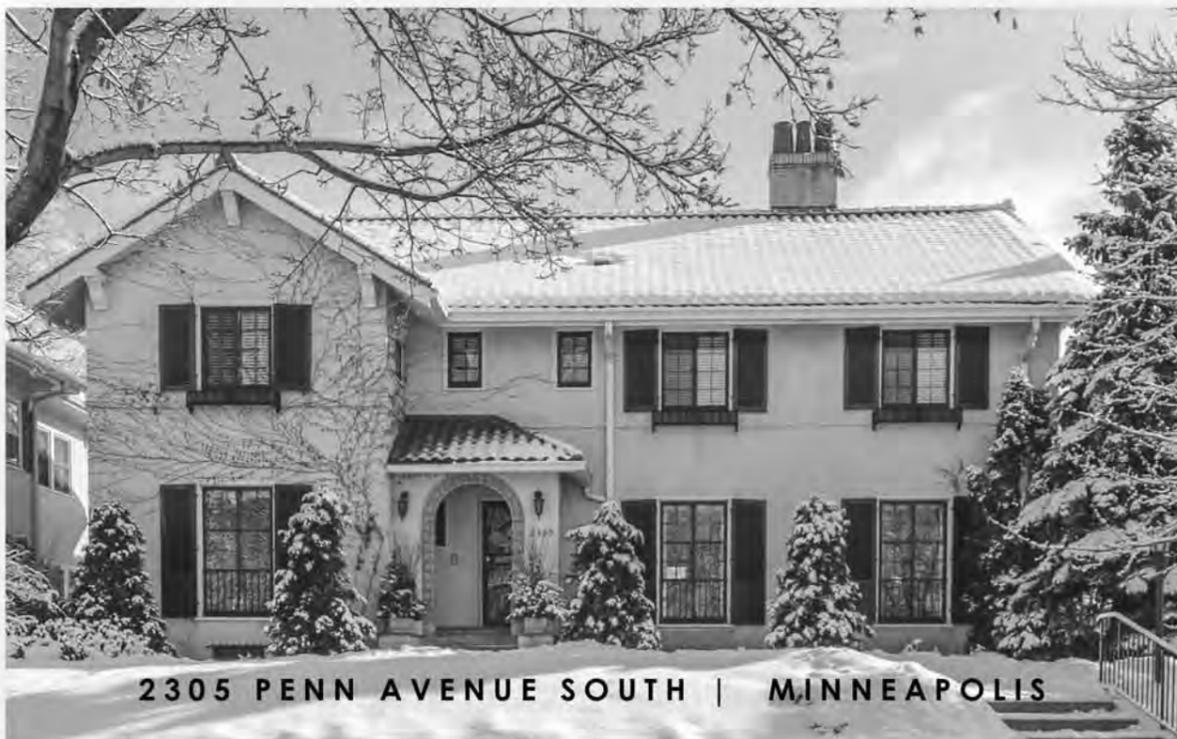
Exact location TBD in North or Southwest Minneapolis, depends upon where the senior citizen resides. Ongoing volunteer opportunities are also available. Please contact Jeanne the NIP Seniors Program, Volunteer Coordinator at srvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org or call 612-746-8549 for more information.

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Seniors Program of Neighborhood Involvement Program assists elders aged 60 and over in North and Southwest Minneapolis with a variety of services so that they can remain safely in their home or apartment. Our services are specialized for each resident and we strive to provide as much as possible via the assistance of volunteers. To be eligible for seniors' services, people must live within the following boundaries: south of 44th Avenue in North Minneapolis, north of West 36th Street in Southwest Minneapolis, 35W on the east, and France Avenue on the west. For information about NIP Senior Services email seniors@neighborhoodinvolve.org or call 612-374-3322. Our website is www.neighborhoodinvolve.org

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Study to identify transitway in the Midtown Corridor

By Michael Mechtenberg, Project Manager
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Metro Transit, in partnership with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis, is leading an alternatives analysis to identify possible transitway options along either the Midtown Greenway or Lake Street in south Minneapolis.

The goal of a transitway in the Midtown Corridor is to improve mobility, increase ridership and enhance transit connections through high-quality, frequent and reliable transit service in this busy commercial corridor.

The 18-month study will analyze the benefits, costs and impacts associated with various transit alternatives in the Midtown Corridor. Among the options being considered include bus, street car, bus rapid transit and light rail.

Two recent open houses (Jan. 28 and 29) had strong turnout. Residents and other stakeholders told planners that their top priority was faster travel times, followed by easy transfers to light rail and good connections to bicycle and pedestrian walkways.

Planners are using this feedback to document the top transportation needs in the corridor and how the transitway can best address those needs. Another round of open houses will be held in early May to provide more information about the top alternatives.

The study will result in the selection of an option that best meets the transportation needs of the local community. An alternatives analysis is the first step toward federal funding and implementation of a transitway project.

For more information, visit midtowntransitway.org.

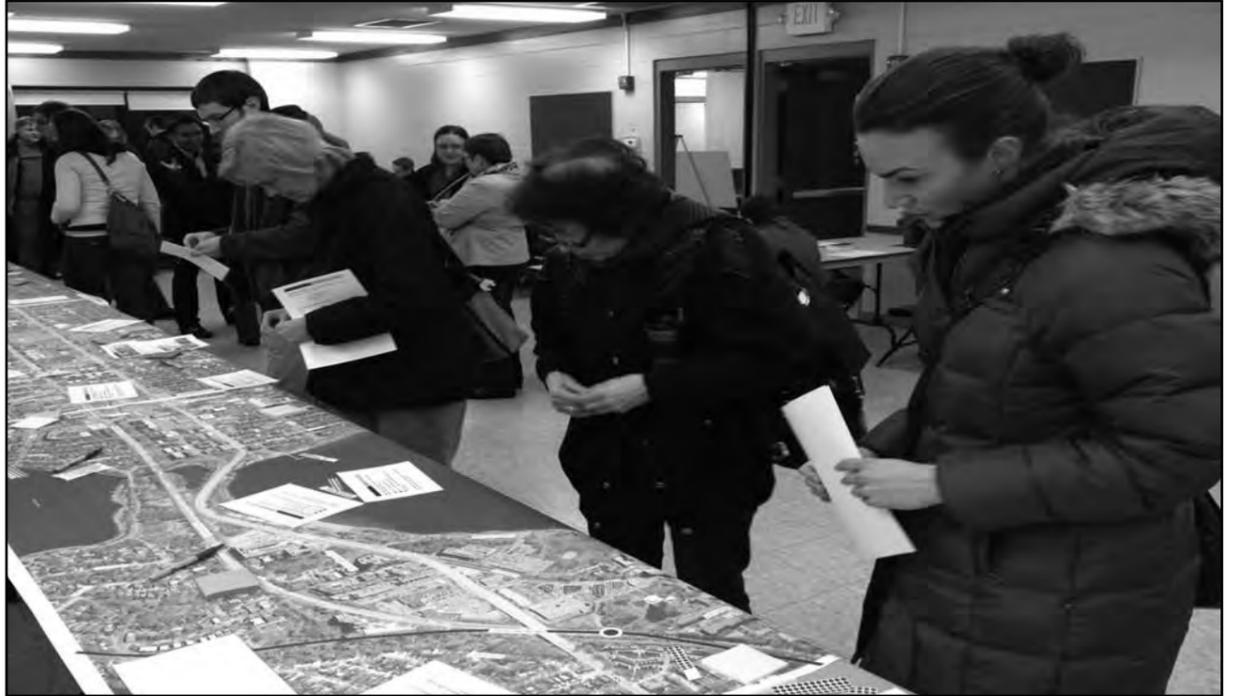


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Recent open houses that provided information regarding transitway options in the Midtown Corridor were well attended. Feedback from attendees included desires for faster travel times and more convenience for travelers.

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Problem Landlord Spiros Zorbalas Sells all Properties to a New Owner

I am thrilled to let everyone know that the City of Minneapolis has been successful in resolving long-term housing violations at properties owned by landlord Spiros Zorbalas, with the sale of all of Zorbalas' properties in the city to a new owner. The 38 properties formerly owned by Zorbalas include 762 rental units. Over 200 of those units were located in the Lowry Hill East (the Wedge) neighborhood, with additional units in the Lyndale, East Isles, CARAG and East Calhoun neighborhoods. Many of the properties have a history of housing violations that affect tenants' safety and the quality of their housing. This sale means tenants of

those properties will have a new property manager, and the City will not need to displace tenants by vacating those buildings.

\$25 Trees available early to 10th Ward Neighborhoods

The 10th ward is one of four wards with historically low participation in the City's \$25 tree program. Ordering opens for Wards 3, 5, 6 and 10 Monday, March 18th. Ordering opens citywide Monday, March 25th. A total of 1,000 trees in nine different varieties will be offered for sale. Trees are available for Minneapolis homeowners, businesses and nonprofits and must be planted on private property. Trees can be picked up on May 18-20 at the Minneapolis Impound Lot.

The City partners with Tree Trust on this program. Tree Trust will hold two free workshops on proper tree planting and tree care.

For more information, and a link to the order form, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/citytrees.

Our tree canopy is very important! Not only does it

improve our air and water quality, but it reduces our heating and cooling costs. I hope you take advantage of this offer.

Foreclosure Prevention Counseling at City Hall

The HomeOwnership Center will be providing Foreclosure Prevention Counseling at City Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month from now until the end of 2013. Counseling will be held in Conference Room 333, just outside the Mayor's office, from 10:00am-Noon and 1:00-4:00pm. No appointment is needed. The morning of the first Thursday, Spanish speaking counselors will be available and the morning of the third Thursday, Hmong speaking counselors will be available. As always, homeowners or tenants facing foreclosure may call Minneapolis 311 to be connected to the HomeOwnership Center counseling network.

Meet with Meg April 8, noon to 1pm

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Happenings at Kenwood School

By Nicole Valentine

The biggest fundraiser of the year for Kenwood's PTA is being held this weekend at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Irving Avenue. "A Mad Hatter's Tea Party" is the theme for this year's silent and live auction event. The PTA's goal is once again to raise \$35,000 to fund art residencies, field trip busses, and other classroom needs. A dedicated auction committee has planned a great party and collected tempting donations from local businesses as well as from parents and teachers.

The March 23rd event starts at 6:30 p.m. and goes until midnight. The silent auction will go until 9:30 p.m. and a lively live auction will follow until 10:00 p.m. Music, dancing, mingling and checkout will end the evening between 10:00 p.m. and midnight. Tickets to the event can be purchased at the door for \$30 per person. All are welcome to this fun party for a great cause. For donation and sponsorship information, please contact event chair Alyssa Wolney at alyssa@midwestmelangerie.com.

And next week all the buzz will be about Kenwood's annual musical production. This year the play for 4th and 5th graders is "Fairy Tale Bits & Bytes", the story of fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters and what can go wrong when an evil computer virus invades their world. Performances are free and will be held in the school's multi-purpose room at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27. These annual performances are not to be missed and really showcase the creativity that flourishes at Kenwood School.

Update: Redevelopment at 24th and Colfax By Trilby Busch

Last October, Michael Lander, the developer of new apartments, condos, and townhouses along the Uptown Greenway, presented plans to demolish two houses at 24th and Colfax Avenue South in the Wedge and erect a four-story apartment building on the site. Since then, the project has encountered resistance from Wedge preservationists and from the Healy Project, a group dedicated to preserving the architectural legacy of iconic Minneapolis master builder Theron Potter Healy. The center of contention is the Orth House, 2320 Colfax, designed and built by Healy in 1893.

In January, Anders Christensen, researcher for the Healy Project, sent a letter to the City disputing the Planning Director's determination that the house at 2320 Colfax is not an historic resource. Minneapolis statutes mandate an appeal process, so on March 15th, after the developer filed an application for demolition permits for the houses at 2316 and 2320, Anders Christensen filed an appeal with the City regarding 2320. The Heritage Preservation Commission will hear the appeal on Tuesday, April 16th. Until the hearing and determination by the H.P.C., the City review process on the Lander proposal will be suspended. On March 19th, a demolition permit was issued for 2316.

On March 5th, project architect Pete Keely presented the project to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission. However, because the developer is now requesting four zoning variances that were not previously proposed, Pete Keely will have to return to the LHENA Zoning and Planning Committee to request its approval. The LHENA hearing will not take place until the appeal process is completed. Previously, motions before the LHENA Z&P Committee and the LHENA Board to approve the Lander project both resulted in tie votes and the motions did not pass.

Minneapolis architect John Cuninghame, Healy's great-grandson, toured the house with an eye to redeveloping the existing structure. (Cuninghame's firm, the Cuninghame Group designed the Uptown Small Area Plan.) In addition, the Healy Project has found a potential financial backer for such an adaptive reuse project.

Meanwhile, preservationists have begun making contingency plans should the demolition permit eventually be issued for 2320, the Orth House. Nicole Curtis of the "Rehab Addict" show on the HGTV cable channel is looking into the possibility of moving the house to a lot further east on Franklin. She and Minneapolis house mover John Jepsen have examined the house and determined that such a move would be feasible.

For more information about T.P. Healy's architectural legacy, visit the Facebook page, "T.P. Healy, Master Builder: King of the Queen Anne" and the Healy Project's blog at tpealy.blogspot.com.



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Jim Smart, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairperson, presenting The Preferred Concept plan for proposed trail improvements along Dean Parkway and Cedar Lake at the March 6th Park Board Meeting

MYSTERY SOLVED IN KENWOOD

"I can't believe all this time I had a busted pipe," a local resident said in disbelief after a number of contractors insisted that the water intrusion at his turn of the century home nestled in the Kenwood neighborhood was coming from the outside. A team from *Closure Construction* found the source of water intrusion within five minutes. The repair was made by day's end.

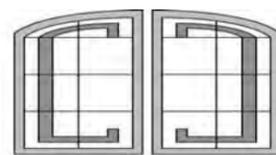
Closure Construction has an extensive background in renovations, restorations, and disaster management.

In the weeks following the discovery of the source of this leak, the *Closure Construction* team re-built the homeowner's water-damaged custom bookshelf and cabinets to their original condition and appearance. "I can't believe how clean they are, it's like they're brand new again," the pleased homeowner boasted when asked about the construction project.

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Ward 10 City Council Candidate Forum: Left to right, City Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ken Bradley, Lisa Peterson Bender, Kendal Killian, and Moderator Polly Kepper. The well-attended event was sponsored and moderated by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis and held at the First Universalist Church, 34th and Dupont Avenue South.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Craig Wilson interviews newlyweds Council Member Lisa Goodman and Ben Horn about how they met, married, and made a life together.

Congratulations on your wedding this past September. It was truly gorgeous. Can you share the details and highlights with Hill and Lake Press readers?

(Lisa) Although both of us are originally from Chicago, Minneapolis is now our home so we decided to have all of our family come here for our wedding. Ben has 4 siblings living in four different parts of the country plus a number of cousins, nieces and nephews and even his 94-year-old mother who traveled from faraway. My parents, brother and his family, many cousins, aunts and uncles and even my grandmother who was 101 came here to celebrate with us. We were married by Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman at the Chamber's hotel with a reception and dinner/dance following. My former colleague Scott Benson and his partner Joe sang as I walked down the aisle. Ben's son Max who is 17 was the best man, and my roommate of many years and best friend Kim Havey was the man of honor. It was a fall wedding with a burnt orange color scheme. One of the more personal and unique things we did was print "Vote NO" on M&M's and pack them in flowered Marimekko boxes to give all of the guests. We had a late night snack of S'Mores made by the fire pit in the Chamber's 'Eden' patio at midnight.

How did the two of you meet?

(Lisa) Ben and I met at the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood (BMNA) association meeting. He was the treasurer and I attend monthly meetings to give a short report on issues and goings on in the city. I mentioned that I was going to be going to Kuopio Finland, our sister city, to tour the annual Finnish Housing Fair because



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, LISA GOODMAN AND BEN HORN



Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman officiating at the marriage of Lisa Goodman and Ben Horn.



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Lisa Goodman, Ben Horn, and Max Horn at Chambers

of my work on affordable housing issues. Ben actually lived in Kuopio Finland as an AFS student when in high school so we struck up a conversation about Finland and he offered to suggest some interesting places to visit while we were there. When I returned from Finland we bumped into each other at an event where I was asked to speak a bit about my experience in Kuopio. He approached me after my comments, we discussed a few things we had in common like being from Chicago and the fact we were both Jewish. I looked to see if he was wearing a wedding ring, he was not so I asked him if he's like to go out for a drink to continue the conversation. He followed up with an e-mail suggesting dinner and we have been together ever since.

Most of the Hill Lake area is very familiar with Lisa's job, what does Ben do for a living?

(Ben) I own a small e-commerce business called Our World Shops. We have several niche websites selling products such as umbrellas and shower curtains. Our biggest site and main focus is selling items imported from Finland such as Iittala glass and Marimekko textiles and clothing. Our largest website is FinnStyle.com and we have a shop that used to be in Gaviidae and is now by the farmers market on Glenwood called FinnStyle.

You recently completed a new house in the Bryn Mawr neighborhood. What was the inspiration for the design and what are your favorite features about the house?

(Ben) I started working with architect Tim Alt on a house design before Lisa and I became a couple. I fell in love with a one-of-a-kind property on a dead-end street nestled into Theodore Wirth Park. Tim designed a Scandinavian modern house with two decks and floor to ceiling windows, which is perfect for the lot. Many people comment that it feels like being in a tree house when relaxing in our second-floor living room. My favorite feature is undoubtedly the huge windows, allowing the trees, fauna and weather to provide never-ending entertainment.

(Lisa) My favorite feature is the green roof on the front of the house planted with sedum and flowering perennials and the adjoining deck. Coming from living on Hennepin Avenue for 20 years this location is so quiet. It's contemplative to sit on the deck and watch the birds, the many critters, and the tall burr oak trees wave in the wind. In the winter it is really fun to watch all of the

cross-country skiers ski by; the dogs love the excitement of the animals and people too.

What are favorite things the two of you do together as a couple?

(Lisa) We spend a lot of time walking around and about Theodore Wirth and JD Rivers parks with our dogs Sadie and Finn. We love to see movies, attend events for our favorite non-profits, and travel to warm and exotic places. We hope to spend a lot of time this summer starting to garden at the house; we planted 100 plus bulbs in the fall and hope to add a perennial garden this year.

They say the best relationships turn character flaws into attributes. What are your "attributes"?

(Lisa) Ben makes me a better person. He has helped me to realize what's really important in life. His presence calms me and his positive outlook on life is a good influence on me. I'll also note he is very progressive; he makes me look moderate by comparison.



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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting March 12, 2013 Grace-Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Linda Schutz (Vice President), Richard White (Secretary), Al Rodriguez (Treasurer), Sue Durfee, Vaughn Emerson, Tina Frontera, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini and Jane Schommer. Alternate Donna Jansen, other East Isles residents and guests were also present.

Vice President Linda Schutz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Jessica Galatz, Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA)

HCRRA, owner of the Midtown Greenway is planning an Arbor Day event for an East Isles section of the Midtown Greenway (May 4). Landscape Architect Gina Bonsignore presented the planting plan (north side of Greenway, west of Hennepin along YWCA parking ramp) that will include native shrub planting with that allow for clear sight lines. Volunteers needed.

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner, District 4

Information is expected soon from the City regarding the apartment building that has been pumping groundwater from the parking garage into the lagoon (the channel that connects Lake of the Isles with Lake Calhoun).

Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Lakewood Cemetery. Twenty percent of the trees in Minneapolis are Ash. The Park Board has a three-year plan to remove ash and plant new trees at the City-owned golf courses. The foresters are also monitoring other invasives that may be a threat.

The Park Board and the Loppet Foundation are working on an agreement in which the Loppet Foundation will build a Welcome Center at Wirth Park and the land will remain in Park Board control.

The Park Board purchased a second milfoil harvester and will be handling their own harvesting on City lakes.

The Smith Triangle sub-committee will meet with Commissioner Tabb to discuss ideas for that park.

Tabb will give an update on Lake of the Isles maintenance at next month's EIRA Annual Meeting.

REPORTS

Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

The Social Committee will help with the EIRA Annual Meeting.

Ideas for EIRA's involvement with the City of Lakes Loppet: organize a team to create a snow sculpture, staff an aid station, and/or help with organics recycling.

The Social Committee will present a proposal for Facebook and Twitter at EIRA's May BOD meeting.

Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

The next meeting is March 19, 5 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church. Agenda includes a final vote on the proposed changes to the fence ordinance; Mesa Pizza's (1440 W Lake St) request for extended hours; and review of EIRA's development/variance process document.

The City Planning Commission approved the site plan for the development at 2700 Hennepin but denied the front yard variance request. A "No Left Turn" sign is to be installed at the driveway on 27th St and a stop sign and painted stop bar is to be added at the drive-thru.

Linda Schutz, Outreach & Nominations (O&N) Committee

Recap of committee meeting on March 12th:

Donna Jansen and Carla Pardue joined the committee.

The committee has candidates for the three open BOD and one Alternate position. They are seeking candidate for the final BOD position and the second Alternate. Materials to the candidates has gone out. Candidate responses to three questions are due April 1st.

The committee agreed to proceed with the following items: evaluation form for the Annual Meeting and volunteer appreciation certificates.

Recruiting efforts are underway for committee chairs.

The Board approved a motion to authorize up to \$100 for O&N copying expenses for the Annual Meeting.

Monica Smith, NRP Committee and Staff Report

The East Isles' affordable housing loan will be used for South Quarter (corner of Portland and Franklin) for mixed use development with affordable housing. When the loan is repaid, the funds will be available for other East Isles priorities.

The BOD approved a recommendation from the NRP Steering Committee to increase our home improvement loan program's maximum loan amount to \$15,000 and extend the term to ten years. \$45,000 remains in the loan pool.

Work on redesigning the website continues.

An annual report for EIRA's 2012 CPP program will be presented to the EIRA BOD for approval at the May 2013 meeting.

Green Team

Recent Green Team events included: Green Meet; climate change discussion series (ongoing); Uptown Green Team meeting addressing sustainable development; and Raingarden Primer. Next event is Film Series featuring "The WaterKeepers," March 18, 7 pm at Grace Church.

Challenges continue to be: outreach efforts; building connections with existing East Isles networks; and limitations of current website.

Candace Dow, Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Candace Dow is East Isles delegate to the CAC, an advisory committee for the Alternatives Analysis. Four modes of transportation (dedicated busway, bus rapid transit, streetcar and light rail) are being studied for transit on either Lake St or the Greenway. The BOD discussed ways of engaging residents about the project. The next meeting of the CAC is April 23.

The BOD unanimously approved Candace Dow as the Chair of the new Transportation Committee.

Board Review

Annual Meeting planning:

Meeting is April 9 at Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin.

6:15 pm Social time with free chili dinner for East Isles residents. Committee Chairs will be at designated tables to answer questions and recruit new committee members.

7:00 pm Meeting starts with Dan McLaughlin giving an EIRA report to include financials, strategic planning, committee report and housing loan program testimonial. Speakers include Meg Tuthill, Anita Tabb and Candace Dow (Midtown Corridor). Board elections will complete the evening.

Board members agreed to help distribute promotional fliers. Carla Pardue and Donna Jansen to help create the fliers.

The BOD unanimously approved the following:

Revised membership form

Committee Guidelines

EIRA coordinator will keep and update the EIRA membership roster, and release limited information it contains subject to increased privacy controls (e.g., per the recommendation of the O&N committee, if an EIRA member makes a written request for such information and indicates the purpose for the request, and if the is consistent with EIRA's purposes, then all EIRA member names and addresses, will be released to the requesting EIRA member pursuant to the EIRA Bylaws, (telephone numbers and email addresses will not be provided).

Draft of Neighborhood Priority Plan identifying parkland as a priority.

Authorize funds for two attendees to the NUSA conference.

To be discussed at a future BOD meeting:

Universal sign in sheet

Recommendation regarding member privacy: To continue to respect members' privacy, guide staff (or committee chairs etc.) in fielding occasional requests, and facilitate communication:

if one member wishes the contact information of another member and is unable to directly obtain it, a request can be made through the EIRA coordinator who will inquire as to what information the individual is willing to share.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

Next meeting: EIRA Members Meeting Tuesday, April 9, at Uptown Diner, 2548 Hennepin Ave, 6:15 pm dinner and socialize, 7:00 pm meeting.

Meet your neighbors and find out what your neighborhood organization is up to.

East Isles Residents' Association Annual Meeting

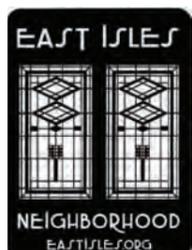
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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

March 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met March 4, 2013 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Amy Lucas, Ed Pluimer and Bob Tennesen.

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Katie Walker (Henn Co), Sophia Ginis (Met Council), Brian Thyr (Kenwood resident and CAC member).

7th Ward Update –Council Member Lisa Goodman

“Lunch with Lisa” will be on Wednesday, March 27 at St. Thomas Univ- Opus Hall. Peter Wagenius of the Mayor’s office will discuss the “Nicollet-Central Street Car Study.”

The owners of 2112 Kenwood Parkway own the neighboring property at 2108 Kenwood Parkway. The owners have applied to the City of Mpls for a demolition permit for 2108 Kenwood Pkwy for an expanded side yard. The Mpls Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) staff has determined that the property is a potential historic property and demolition must be evaluated by the HPC.

The Blake School is applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a rear addition.

Single-sort recycling is being implemented in Kenwood this spring.

Dean Parkway-West Cedar Lake Trail Improvement Project-Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Update – Brian Thyr, Kenwood rep.

The CAC covered the bicycle and pedestrian trails along Dean Parkway and the west side of Cedar Lake. The main concerns were bike and pedestrian safety along the roads and at road intersections.

CAC recommendations: provide separate bike/ped trails along Dean Parkway; protect trees; improve street intersection of Dean Parkway (south and north) and Cedar Lake Parkway; eliminate road-side bike trail on Cedar Lake

and create a off-road bike trail.

The project will begin in Fall of 2013 and completed in Spring 2014.

For more info on all Mpls Park and Rec Board projects visit: www.minneapolisparcs.org and review the side bar of “projects.” There is a power point presentation of the recommended design concepts on this site.

Southwest LRT Update-Jeanette Colby and Sophia Ginis (Met Council public communications Sophia.ginis@metrotransit.org 612-373-3895) and Katie Walker (Henn Co. Community Works-SWLRT project manager-katie.walker@hennepin.mn.us)

On Jan. 1, 2012 the responsibilities for the Southwest Light Rail Transitway (SWLRT) project were officially transitioned to the Met Council from the Henn Co Regional Railroad Authority. The SWLRT is divided into 25 technical issues. Kenilworth Corridor has been assigned Issue #18 and West Lake Station is Issue #17.

Sophia Ginis, Met Council, is assigned to communicate the Met Council updates for the rail areas between St. Louis Park and Minneapolis.

Met Council (and its Metro Transit div) is the lead agency for the design and construction of the LRT line. Henn Co is leading efforts to aid cities in station area planning and development plans called Station Area Action Plans (TSAAP).

Katie Walker (Henn Co) explained that TSAAP will handle “park and ride” facilities, development around stations, circulation plans for bikes/pedestrians/auto/bus, storm water management, environment preservation. TSAAP areas are most affected at ¼ mile around station, but study area includes circle 2 miles around stations.

SWLRT completion expected in 2018. Co-location/Relocation of freight and transit line will be discussed and finalized in fall 2013.

For more info: www.southwesttransitway.org and feel free to contact Sophia Ginis at Sophia.ginis@metrotransit.org with questions/concerns throughout the process.

Community Participation Program (CPP) Update

KIAA presented a list of funding ideas with remaining

CPP funds and suggested these ideas be included in an upcoming survey to Kenwood neighborhood residents.

Funding ideas: 1) Continued police patrol at Hidden Beach 2) Consultant to design mitigation and safety at 21st St Station of the SW LRT 3) Contract for part-time help for KIAA 4) Support a three-neighborhood coalition (West Calhoun, KIAA, CIDNA) in SW LRT efforts 5) Plant trees with Cedar Lake Park Assoc 6) Funds for Lake of the Isles parkland maintenance 7) Funds for KIAA annual meeting and forums 8) Support the Kenwood Rec Center 8) Support the Kenwood Business District events 9) Support Kenwood School initiatives for environmental education

Kenwood residents will be asked to provide input on these funding ideas through an upcoming neighborhood survey; results will assist in the Neighborhood Priority Plan.

Treasurer’s Report- Ed Pluimer

KIAA is working on being good stewards of the funds and how to build on them in the future. The CPP priority plan and upcoming survey will assist.

Miscellaneous-Larry Moran

Kenwood Park Sidewalk (along Franklin Ave.)-Lowry Hill would like KIAA to take the lead with the Park Board on use of their NRP/CCP funds for landscaping along the new sidewalk. Input from KIAA and affected stakeholders, including residents along Franklin, will be sought. Kathy Low will follow-up with Park Board, Lowry Hill and Franklin Ave residents.

Salvation Army-Offered to have a neighborhood pick-up this spring. HGTV-Is looking for interesting, unique remodeling projects in Kenwood. A resident of Thomas Ave S has offered to support “Movies in the Park” this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be Monday, April 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. The public is welcome to attend these monthly meetings.

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 13, 2013

The March meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Ryan Fox, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Art Higinbotham, and David Lissauer. NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee was also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcements:

The Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 15. West Calhoun is becoming a Hill and Lake Press participating neighborhood.

The Treasurer's Report was presented.

Park Siding Park Update

Gail Lee reported on the March 12th Public Meeting for the restoration and playground redesign. Two playground concepts were presented as well as three options for the park entrance from the Kenilworth.

Feedback can be given through March 24 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParkSidingParkConcepts. The final playground design will be shared at a Public Meeting on April 15, 6-8 pm, at Jones-Harrison. A Public Hearing will be held at the Park Board headquarters on May 1, and the final Park Board approval vote is scheduled for May 15. The park is expected to reopen in early July.

NRP Committee

CIDNA's affordable housing loan will be used for South Quarter (corner of Portland and Franklin) for a mixed use development with affordable housing. When the loan is repaid, the funds will be available for other CIDNA priorities.

An annual report for CIDNA's 2012 CPP program will be presented to the Board for approval at the April 2013 meeting.

Dean Parkway and West Calhoun Lake Trail Improvements CAC Report

A Public Hearing for the CAC recommendations was held at the Park Board's Planning Committee on March 6. Residents' concerns resulted in a meeting on March 11th to review a section of the plan (Dean Pkwy between Benton and Cedar Lake Pkwy). Four options were presented and a consensus was reached to change from a combined trail to separated bike and pedestrian trails in this section.

The Park Board Commissioners will vote on the final plan on March 20. Public comments will be allowed.

A final meeting of the CAC will focus Cedar Lake Pkwy and proposed SWLRT intersection area and South Beach on March 26, 6:30-8:30 pm at Kenwood Community Center. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Sewer Construction Update

Ryan Fox reported that Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) will begin construction on Sunset Blvd in May (and continue through September). Public Works is directing MCES to install a sidewalk on the north (lake) side of the roadway as recommended by the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Public Works is finalizing their plans for parking bays.

A Public Meeting about the project, construction schedules and traffic impacts will be held March 27, 6-8 pm at Jones-Harrison.

Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

Violence Against Women Act passed the US Congress. Minneapolis City Council supports the position.

Crime alert: Smart phone theft has increased. Don't use your phone while walking; pay attention to your surroundings.

\$25 trees are available to Ward 10 residents beginning on March 18 and citywide on March 25. Info at: www.treetrust.org

The Park Board is condemning infested ash trees on private property in and around Prospect Park.

The next Meet with Meg is April 8, noon-1 pm at the 5th Precinct.

In response to a question about her position on Southwest LRT and municipal consent, Tuthill replied that she will support the Locally Preferred Alternative but is concerned about mitigation.

Transportation Committee

Ed Ferlauto gave a summary of the February 23rd meeting of the Joint Neighborhood Task Force for LRT. Sophia Ginis, Community Outreach Coordinator, attended the meeting and updated the group on the project. Regarding station planning, Met Council is working on the stations and track, and Hennepin County is focusing on access to station and the surrounding areas.

There are varying opinions about LRT among task force members, but all oppose co-location. The Task Force and the Kenilworth Preservation Group (KPG) agreed to remain as separate groups but will work together on issues.

Next meeting of the Task Force is March 23, 10 at Jones-Harrison. Guests include: Sam O'Connell, Southwest LRT Public Involvement Manager and Sophia Ginis. Other agenda items: mission statement

and group name. A walk-through for the West Lake Station area is being organized.

Art Higinbotham discussed concerns about the LRT routing. St Louis Park conditionally opposes and Twin Cities and Western RR has concerns about safety, efficiency and cost regarding the DEIS plan for the freight train relocation to St Louis Park and Minneapolis will not accept co-location within Kenilworth. Higinbotham proposes that the Met Council should look at alternate routes. The Project Office is looking at adjustments to track placement in Eden Prairie as part of their Preliminary Engineering Technical Issues process and has stated that it does not require a new DEIS because the adjustments are not significant to the Scoping Principles. Higinbotham proposed a resolution asking Met Council to consider alternatives to the Kenilworth Corridor. Two options were presented: 1) Relocate LRT to Highway 100 corridor and maintain freight on Kenilworth Corridor. This option was considered in 2003 but was rejected prior to approval of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). With new development at West End and planned reconstruction for Highway 100, could this be reconsidered? 2) Relocate LRT to a tunnel along France Ave. Either alternative eliminates stops at both West Lake St and 21st St. No action was taken. Board members are to review proposal and respond to Craig Westgate by March 17. A revised resolution may be presented.

Mike Wilson is working on a LRT article for the March 22 issue of the Hill and Lake Press.

Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

The MGC's Crime Prevention Task Force is making recommendations to the City to make the Greenway safer (working telephones, lights, etc).

Mike Wilson will select CIDNA's area for the Adopt-a-Greenway program.

Wilson will represent the MGC on a Task Force for reopening Nicollet Ave (at Lake St).

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

Mike Wilson is CIDNA's delegate to the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The first meeting (February 19) was an informational meeting. The next meeting is April 23.

Annual Meeting Planning

The CIDNA Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, May 8.

Evening will begin with social time. CIDNA's elected officials in the positions of Park Board Commissioner, County Commissioner, City Council Member, State legislator, Mayor and Rep for 5th Congressional district will be invited to participate in a panel discussion. The agenda will also include board elections and presentations on neighborhood issues.

New Business

Recommended book: "Cedar Lake Park Association: A History" by Neil Trembly.

CIDNA Board participation for the NUSA Conference will be discussed at the April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 10 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.



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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

By Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, March 5, 2013, Kenwood Recreation Center

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; David Weinstein, Vice President; Janis Clay, Secretary; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Thomas D. Huppert; Ruth Shields; Raj Dash; Marty Broan; Rebecca Graham; Jimmy Fogel.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board; Christopher Stevens, Chief of Finance and Development, Walker Art Center; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Maureen Sheehan, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Tom Huppert moved and Raj Dash seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the February 5, 2013, minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements - Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: Lunch with Lisa will be on March 27, 2013, at noon at St. Thomas University's downtown Minneapolis campus. The topic will be the Minneapolis Street Car Feasibility Study. Blake School is planning a renovation project, which will involve converting a greenhouse to additional space. This project will require a Conditional Use Permit. Lisa discussed single sort recycling, which has been implemented in a portion of Lowry Hill. Lowry Hill residents who do not yet have single sort recycling will have it soon. The city hopes to see a significant increase in recycling with single sort because it is easier and more materials are recyclable under the new program. Curbside compost collection could be a possible next step.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson reported that we will end with a small surplus this year. Maureen Sheehan and Chris Madden previously met with Robert Thompson, Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, regarding financial reporting. Dan Aronson will follow up with Robert Thompson to finish the reporting process.

Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board: Anita Tabb provided an update on the upcoming renovation of Parade Ice Arena. The Arena, over 40 years old, has significantly deteriorated, and the cooling system is inefficient and leaks freon. The extensive renovation planned will be expensive, but is positive for the environment, and will save on energy costs and permit better summertime usage. Renovation will start sometime this spring. Ice sheets will shut down one at a time, and one might be completed by summer. A Citizen Advisory Committee has met regarding improvements to the Dean Parkway - West Cedar Lake Trail segment of the Minneapolis Park trail system. A public hearing will be held tomorrow night.

Committee Reports:

Zoning and Planning Committee: Christopher Stevens, Chief of Finance and Development at the Walker Art Center, updated the Board on the Walker's exterior renovation project. The 1971 era brick façade

has deteriorated and is energy inefficient. It will be completely replaced with new brickwork very closely matching the original. The work will pause to accommodate Rock the Garden on June 15th. Because of the renovation work, the Walker lawn will be unavailable for Open Field events. Various events will take place in the Sculpture Garden, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The Walker's Internet Cat Video Festival will be at the State Fair Grandstand this year. Questions related to the renovation can be directed to Christopher Stevens at christopher.stevens@walkerart.org. Marty Broan moved, seconded by Raj Dash, that we submit a letter in support of Rock the Garden, as we did last year. All approved. Maureen Sheehan will contact the Walker for a draft. David Weinstein summarized issues surrounding the request at our last meeting that we support a lot line and parking variance, sought to accommodate additional apartments at 1937/1941 Fremont Ave. South. The Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment denied the requests at a meeting last month. The owner is not planning to appeal.

Environment: Marty Broan updated the Board on plans for the First Avenue Music Event scheduled for July 20th at Parade. The event will begin at noon and will finish before 10:00 p.m., with the last of the crowd expected to be gone by 11:00. It will take place on the baseball field, with the stage and speakers directed toward Dunwoody, rather than toward the neighborhood. This will be a zero waste event; with a maximum attendance of 8500 (permission has been given for up to 10,000). First Avenue has committed that \$1.00 per ticket will go the LHNA, which we plan to direct toward improvement of Spring Lake. Marty Broan will work with First Avenue on parking and traffic. Board approval last year was conditioned on First Avenue working closely with affected neighbors to mitigate potential problems in areas such as noise, trash, traffic, parking, and neighborhood security. We need to make sure those who attended our meetings to voice objections last year are kept informed. The Spring Lake committee will include Marty Broan, Craig Wilson, Rob Reul, and Janis Clay. The Board discussed the pros and cons of a Pavilion in Kenwood Park, including construction cost and on-going maintenance, possible detriment to the natural look of Kenwood Park, and on the positive side much-needed shade and a gathering spot. No new steps were identified for the Pavilion. The Board discussed snow removal for the Kenwood park sidewalk. When the sidewalk was built, the Park Board expressly undertook no obligation to shovel or maintain it. The Board discussed developing a volunteer corps willing to shovel or plow. We will look into this for the next winter season. Tom Huppert expressed interest in working on this. We are awaiting a decision from the Kenwood Neighborhood Association as to whether they want to proceed with a trees only landscaping plan for the sidewalk, or are going to try to fund additional plantings. Marty Broan reported on the investigation he has undertaken on the

possibility of a dome at Parade Field.

Crime and Safety: Rebecca Graham is doing great work compiling information for the LHNA Crime and Safety Report in the E-Blast. An ad was placed in the Hill & Lake Press as part of our "Leave a Light On" crime prevention mailing.

Events: The Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at the Walker Art Center. Maureen Sheehan passed out a proposed agenda. The Board discussed a possible mayoral candidate introduction for the event. Chris Madden will work on preparing the mailing in advance of the meeting and ads for the Hill & Lake Press.

Election of new Board Members: At present, we have one open seat to fill.

Proposed Projects and Goals for 2013: We will address proposed projects and goals further at next month's meeting.

New Business: An individual contacted the Board regarding a complaint she was told came from the Board regarding her porch. It was confirmed that the Board had issued no such complaint.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



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Rhoda Lewin

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Lewin, Rhoda G. age 83, of Minneapolis and Tucson died in January. Rhoda was an independent scholar, oral historian, writer and editor. She is survived by her husband, Thomas M.; children, Ellen Lewin, Susan (James) Roth, Kate (Scott) Shablott, and Jeffrey (Jennifer) Lewin. She was a proud grandmother of Salomé, Amalya, Rachel, Max, Simon, and Devra; great-grandmother of Iris, and Ima to her "extra" daughter, Jayne White. She is also survived by her sister, Myrna (Kurt) Pfundner of Vienna, Austria; niece and nephew, Linda and Michael; and many cousins, extended family, and friends. Rhoda was a graduate of North High School, and earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in journalism and mass communication and her Ph.D. in American studies at the University of Minnesota. After a career in newspaper reporting, publication editing and public relations, she taught journalism, wrote a column for the 'American Jewish World,' edited 'Identity,' a local literary magazine, and wrote for and edited 'Hill and Lake Press.' She was a reader at Temple Israel's daily worship services, and co-chaired a project to create a permanent archive for Temple Israel. She will be missed.



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2928 Dean Pkwy #5I	159,900	3,960	154	132,000	C	2/2	1,048	194,000	3,169	1960
2400 Girard S #2	369,000		481	330,000	C	2/1	1,600	270,000	4,861	1900
2705 Ewing S	560,000		547	435,000	H	3/2	2,600	590,500	10,959	1939
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Where we are Now

By Jean Deatrck, Editor

I didn't know Rhoda Lewin. Her time with Hill and Lake Press was earlier, but she occasionally called me from Tucson with news or opinions about issues. Many residents of our four neighborhoods have helped with Hill and Lake Press since it began in 1976 and Rhoda Lewin was one of the dedicated hard working volunteers who enjoyed writing and editing and was an expert at doing so. We thank her for her dedication to our neighborhood newspaper.

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I occasionally receive calls from would be readers who didn't receive their monthly Hill and Lake Press. Although we believe that most people who receive it also read it, I have learned recently that some do not. Concerned residents have expressed lack of knowledge about the SWLRT issue and about changes at Dean Parkway even though we have published articles regularly this winter. So please...please...read your Hill and Lake Press when it arrives at your doorstep or go online at www.hillandlakepress.com and read it there.

And don't forget to attend your precinct caucus on April 16 and ward conventions from April 27 through May 18.



From Left: House Speaker Paul Thissen, Rep. Frank Hornstein, and Senator Scott Dibble

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Nearly 100 people packed a room at the Kenwood Recreation Center on March 10 for a meeting that was billed as a Senate District 61 town hall meeting led by House Speaker Thissen, State Representative Hornstein, and State Senator Dibble. Senator Dibble talked about legislative issues that include a progressive income tax rather than the regressive income tax of the past and a focus on transportation with an exciting proposal by the governor. Speaker Thissen reminded the audience that we have had three speakers from this legislative district in the last 20 years. The first hour was devoted to gun control issues. An often heated exchange took place by audience members who emphasized the need to apply pressure since public opinion is in favor of gun control and background checks. Speaker Thissen urged attendees to go out and build coalitions of like-minded people. He along with Rep. Hornstein and Senator Dibble support universal background checks, but reminded everyone that strong differences exist on gun control issues between city and rural Democrats.

Poems for Mothers and Others

By Madeleine Lowry

My father-in-law introduced me to the poetry of Billy Collins, the two-term U.S. Poet Laureate, by giving me a copy of *Sailing Alone Around the Room*. That was over a decade ago and I still pull it out every so often.

If you are unfamiliar with the work of Billy Collins, I can best describe it as being in the Erma Bombeck style of narrative literature, except in poetry. His poems are startling and funny, profound and moving, sly and charming.

Mr. Collins writes about the ordinary foibles of mankind—forgetfulness, insomnia, snow shoveling, jazz music, wood-splitting and even the allure of Victoria's Secret catalogs. He is something of a rock star of contemporary poetry and I think his success is due to the accessibility and freshness of his writing.

Did I say that he's the Erma Bombeck of the poetry world? Well, not quite. Ernest Bombeck or Ernie Bombeck is more accurate because, you see, he tends to write about guy stuff.

I mean, Mr. Collins is a very appealing poet, but he is, after all, a man and is therefore not privy to the kind of experiences that are the sole provenance of mothers.

And as much as I enjoy his poems, I started to feel that I could really embrace the poetry of someone more like Bonnie Collins, or Blanche Collins. Just think of the material that his female alter ego could mine! Hmm.

So, a few years back when I began to wonder why a mother couldn't be a poet, I got in touch with my inner Blanche Collins and scratched one out (with apologies to Mr. Collins.)

Speed Poems for Mothers
Even I can write verse,
Why not?
Are there any rules to adhere
to anymore?
Rhyming, rhythm, meter—
these are old news.
Broken by the likes of
Billy Collins, ee cummings
(who didn't even think it
was important to capitalize
his own name)
and others.
Opening the floodgates
For mothers, like me,
Who see this as the ideal
art form.
Short, pithy
can be written at the
kitchen table,
composed while
folding clothes,
making a salad.
A small pastime
fitted into the cracks of life.

That looked like a poem, smelled like one.
Encouraged, I wrote another.

Naptime
Trapped in his room from two to four
these are my golden hours.
We creep around the house
on expectant toes, hoping
for things not meant to be.

In his room he sings
a garbled aria from the opera

Wee Wee Cars and Trucks.
The one for booming tenor voice
with truck noise accompaniment.

The Fedex lady rings the bell,
on the heels of USPS,
and someone from a boy scout troop
seeking a donation.

The phone rings, the door slams.
My older son decides this would be
a fine time to practice the drum.

I hang my head,
I need a drink.
I pour a stiff cup of tea.

And that was pretty fun, so I pounded out another,
probing a few ancient mysteries.

Ancient Mysteries No More
I have no trouble understanding
why the pyramids were built in Egypt,
the Aztec temples, crop circles,
Easter island statues,
armies of clay soldiers,
Stonehenge.

These were obviously projects commissioned
by women
who needed to get their men
out of the house
so they could beat the grain from the chaff,
cut down the rice,
milk the goats,
slip the feathers off the chickens,
sweep the floors,
trade for fruits and vegetables,
and everything else that must be
accomplished in a day.

These tasks are impossible with
men at home
trailing after you like small children.
Needy.
Bleating.

I know, I know—
the historical documents point
to the will of a King
but have we not seen
that women have posed
as men throughout history
when convenient?

I cannot say how
it was done
but the evidence points to a woman's design.
Imagine the Pharaoh handing down this dictum:
"Build me a pyramid!"
The first attempts were meager
I am sure.
A pyramid the size of a shrub.

"No, no no," She said, "think grander—
Monolithic proportions!
Immortality hangs in the balance."
(She knew how to sell it.)

"A size to rival mountains."
"But that will take 5,000 men two and a half lifetimes!"
"Yes!" She exclaimed,
"that would be—PERFECT!"

Next, I set about amending the laws of physics. (I was
on a roll.)

Copernicus was wrong

Einstein, Newton, Copernicus...
they had a few things right.
The laws of planetary motion,
properties of mass, etcetera, etc.

But they did not grasp the basic principles
that are essential to my days.
That a pound of ground meat,
a jar of sauce and a box of spaghetti
will feed a family of four
in thirty minutes
every time.

That one out of every ten socks
that go into the dryer
are never seen again.
(Don't talk to me about constancy of mass.)

That two bodies set in motion
do not remain in motion,
but settle into a heap
after the requisite collisions
and more than a few tears.

These are the laws that our lives
are built on.
(Perhaps their wives would
have understood.)

I scribbled out one more, and then my inner Blanche
left me. And that, folks, was the end of my tiny little
career as a poetry-writing-mother.

Lost Poems
Of every ten poems
I compose
only one makes it
to paper.
Which may be fortunate for you,
and also for me.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

This would have been a great column twenty years ago. Much like my breathless exhortation on the world of podcasting (HLP May 2011), I am late to the dance with this revelation (to me only) of the puzzle-solving power of Internet communities. Other than bemusement at Lindsay Lohan's multiple escapes from justice, I do not follow any topic closely enough to grasp the full force of the axiom that everyone is smarter than any one. That changed when JoAnne was stumped by a weaving problem.

I have watched her chase the two sirens Curiosity and Creativity for four decades. As a serious artist and president-elect of the Southern California Hand Weavers Guild, and even with decades of experience, she continually seeks challenges. Being temporarily over her head attempting to refine the weave structure on a project is a normal state of affairs. The goal is creation not extension. Following a pattern is merely replication. The art and anxiety comes from bringing together your own vision with the wisdom of other artists. Being a "fiddler on the roof" at times is the price of originality.

When she is off in her own world, a bobbing, rifting, weaving John Coltrane, I usually grab a good book and the nearest dog and retreat. But, her latest caper intrigued me. She had a copy of the not totally obscure 1926 text *How To Weave Linens* by Edward F. Worst. Using Worst's instructions, charts, and black and white photos, JoAnne used her weaving software to digitally represent one of the cloth designs. Her computer program revealed the same weave structure except it came out sideways. Analyzing 17 other weave drafts in that chapter, she discovered all were inexplicably a quarter turn off.

Rather than just rotate the patterns 90 degrees, JoAnne wanted to know what had gone wrong. She needed to understand Edward Francis Worst (1869-1949), unfortunate name and all. Worst was a manual arts teacher, a leader in the Arts and Crafts movement, and the author of four books on weaving. By 1926 Edward Worst was America's foremost authority on hand weaving. Surely the man knew what he was doing. JoAnne, after blaming her own reading of the instructions, the software, and briefly me for hovering, turned to

WeaveTech, an international 2,000 member Yahoo group, for answers.

A WeaveTech member from Sweden solved the mystery. The photos in Worst's chapter were lifted directly from Nina Engestrom's book *Prastik Vavbok*, published in Sweden in 1896. Nina or a careless typesetter had turned the fabric photos 90 degrees in her book, and Worst had included them (unattributed and still sideways) along with instructions in *How To Weave Linens*.

I was ready to write an expose on "Fast Eddie's" grab for the gold when I began to read other posts and articles. Worst, a Chicago, Illinois native, looked like Daniel Day Lewis looking like Lincoln. Rather than a quick-buck plagiarist, he was more of a saint, committed to reversing the divorce between the hand and the brain. He was a school principal and early advocate for nascent programs in occupational and physical therapy. He taught weaving and other arts that emphasized the therapeutic value of handcraft to staff at state mental institutions. He pioneered handweaving as a resource for low income people suffering the effects of The Great Depression.

Worst was so taken by the early efforts to establish a weaving cooperative in North Carolina that a feel-good made for television movie could be made from what happened next.

Worst, the Yankee school principal, traveled to the Blue Ridge Mountains town of Penland, North Carolina to teach weaving in the summer of 1928. His classes were so popular the community committed to building a studio. A visionary local woman, Lucy Morgan, "borrowed all the money they would let me have" and led grass roots efforts to finance and construct the log "mansion in the sky." In May 1935 the locals came together like an Amish barn raising (but with liquor). They cut logs and used their mules to drag them into place. The women cooked the noon meals, which became a community event. In August of 1935 the last nail went into the roof of the four-story 50 X 80 foot Edward F. Worst Craft House the day before Worst's arrival.

If this is a movie, the locals will be lining the streets of Penland as a deeply moved Edward Worst (Tommy Lee Jones if Mr. Lewis is unavailable), and his wife

Evangeline (Holly Hunter?) slowly motor into town. Prominent in the crowd would be Lucy Morgan (Meryl Streep?), the driving force behind the school. The closing credits reveal The Penland School of Craft has become internationally recognized, and the Edward F. Worst Craft House and particularly the Chicago Room is a cornerstone of the campus. The next to last visual would state "Edward Worst began teaching summers in North Carolina in 1927, and returned every year until his death in 1949." Then the last screen: "During his more than twenty years of teaching at Penland, he never accepted compensation." There will not be a dry eye in the house, and I am misting up as I write this. It is amazing what you can learn on the Internet.

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JoAnne adds: You can read more about Penland, Lucy Morgan and Edward Worst at <http://www.wcu.edu/library/DigitalCollections/CraftRevival/people/edwardworst.html>

By the way, my handwoven linens came out beautifully. Still sideways, but lovely.

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