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## CO-LOCATION CONTROVERSY HEATS UP



The Kenilworth Corridor offers unparalleled natural habitat in the heart of a major metropolis. How best to accommodate the coming changes are a major concern of Hill and Lake residents, City officials, and the thousands of daily recreational users and bicycle commuters. (KPG photo)



What no one wants: at-grade co-location. Many point to the Central Corridor line tunnel promised to the University, then cancelled when the cost got too high, as ample reason not to signal any acceptance of a potentially hugely expensive 8000-foot long deep-bore tunnel for LRT. (Illustration: NVizeon.com)

### Southwest LRT Planners Study Six Co-location Options

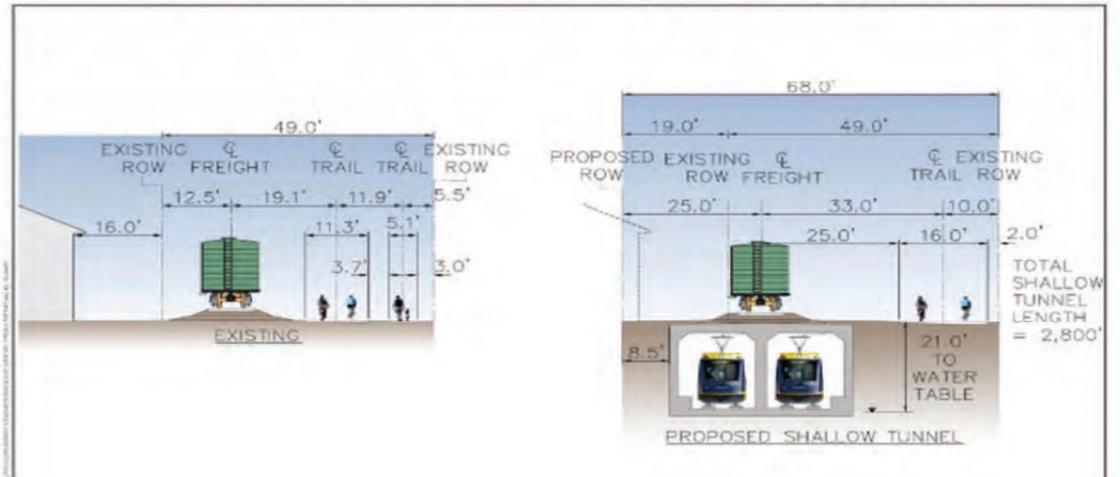
by Michael Wilson

The Southwest LRT co-location/relocation debate ramped up dramatically on May 28 with the publication of a 63-page document detailing six co-location options for the Kenilworth Corridor and two relocation options for St. Louis Park that project engineers, planners, and consultants are studying in detail.

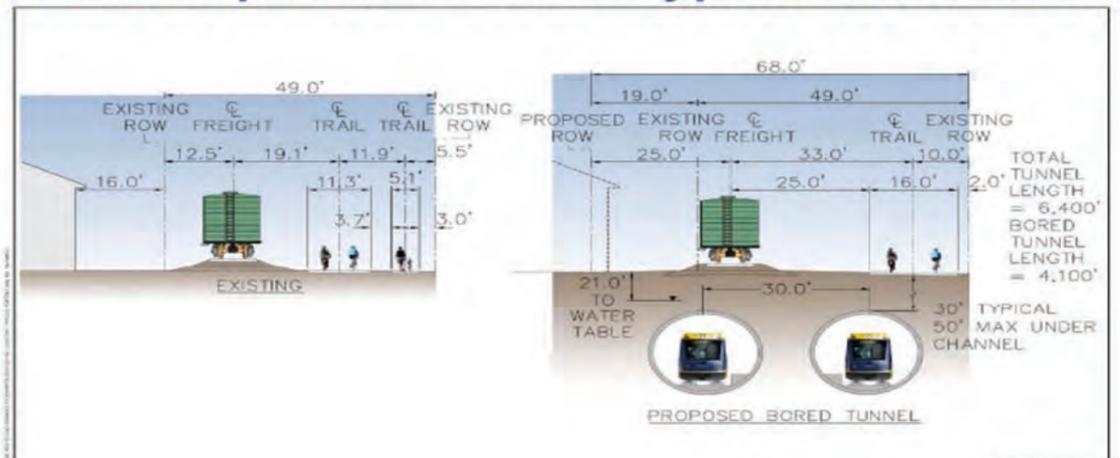
For many people the option details and diagrams came as a jolt, a reminder that the Project Development phase (previously called Preliminary Engineering) is moving inexorably forward. LRT lines, like football stadiums, are not designed with magic markers on the back of cocktail napkins. The alternatives from among which policymakers will ultimately choose a final design are grounded in facts, facts, and more facts. As more facts emerge from engineering studies and cost analyses, some people will find their beliefs and assumptions validated. Others will find their beliefs and assumptions disproven. Either way, the goal of the Project Development phase is to move the dis-

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**Blood Drive**

Bloodmobile at EXIT Realty Metro, 1 Groveland Terrace. Register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Saturday June 22, 9am to 2pm.

**Greenway Glow June 22**

Join us for the 2nd annual Greenway Glow, a community art festival and night bike ride on the Midtown Greenway.

The art festival is free, while the night bike ride is a fundraiser for the Greenway.

The bike ride will feature prizes, free food and beverages, glow-in-the-dark t-shirts, live music, prizes for the largest team, best costumes, best lights on a bike, and the top fundraisers. All proceeds will benefit programs that protect and enhance the Greenway.

Check-in for the ride will be from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at MoZaic Art Park in Uptown (behind the Lagoon Theatre), and the ride will start at 8:00 p.m., with a post-ride party from 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

\$30 includes food and beverages, with an additional \$75 in required fundraising/pledges. (You can also donate \$75 in required pledges if you would prefer not to raise pledges.)

Greenway Glow is being held in conjunction with Secret City, a nighttime arts festival that includes performances. Locations available at [www.minneapolis.org](http://www.minneapolis.org) and [www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org).

**Uptown Neighborhood News Blurb**

The Uptown Art Fair is coming up quickly and the Uptown Association is now seeking volunteers for the 50th Annual Uptown Art Fair happening August 2nd to 4th. All volunteers receive a 2013 commemorative t-shirt, a delicious waffle cone and the honor of knowing that you played a key role in the second most attended event in Minnesota! Shifts are short and fun, and there are still plenty of slots available. Grab your friends, grab your family and come volunteer! You can register online at <http://uptownartfair.com/volunteers/>. If you have questions or would like to register a group, please contact Samantha at (612)823-4581 or [samantha@uptownminneapolis.com](mailto:samantha@uptownminneapolis.com).

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**Correction:**

In the May issue, the first column on this page had "Midtown Greenway." Since the alignment (route) has yet to be decided, the correct name for the study is "Midtown Corridor."

**HLP Celebrates Marriage Equality**

Do you know any residents of our four Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods – including yourself! – who are planning on celebrating the arrival of marriage equality in Minnesota on August 1st by getting married? We would like to celebrate too with a special section in our August issue featuring brief stories and photos of the happy couples.

Let us know. Email us at [<hillandlakepress@bitstream.net>](mailto:<hillandlakepress@bitstream.net>).

To life!

**VISUAL ARTISTS GROUP SHOW**

Dorothy Childers, Hill and Lake Press photographer, is a member of Women Photographers/Visual Artists (WPVA) WPVA, which is having a group show with ten other members. The show is at the Bethesda Clinic in St. Paul for two months.

Portals - June 4 - July 28, 2013

Where: Bethesda Hospital in the Dining Room Gallery LL ( "C" ) (ramp parking available) 559 North Capital Blvd, St Paul, MN 55103

**MINNEAPOLIS MADAMS: THE LOST HISTORY OF PROSTITUTION ON THE RIVERFRONT (U OF MINN PRESS)**

Author Penny Petersen will give a lecture with book-signing at Mill City Museum, June 27 at 7pm.

**BARBETTE PRESENTS THE 11TH ANNUAL BASTILLE DAY BLOCK PARTY**

The free block party will take place rain or shine on Sunday, July 14th from 3pm-10pm outside at Barbette. Organic foods and cold beverages.

**GAY PRIDE ACTIVITIES**

June 27th, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Bishop Gene Robinson is the featured speaker for the Westminster Town Hall Forum. The Forum explores critical issues of the day from an ethical perspective. Location: Westminster Presbyterian Church (1200 Marquette Avenue)

**Love Free or Die Movie Screening at St. Mark's Cathedral**

June 28th, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Bishop Robinson joins us to view and discuss this award-winning documentary about his personal journey as he calls for all to stand for the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. (Source [www.lovefreeordiemovie.com](http://www.lovefreeordiemovie.com)). Youth and adults are welcome to see the film (length 1:23), join the dialogue and attend a reception with Bishop Robinson.

**God Believes in Love: Straight Talk About Gay Marriage.**

This groundbreaking book lovingly and persuasively makes the case for same-sex marriage ([www.random-house.com](http://www.random-house.com)). The Cathedral Book Shop will have copies available at all events. Bishop Robinson will join us in the Saint Mark's booth (# P023) in Loring Park at the Twin Cities Pride Festival on Saturday and Sunday (1-3 p.m.), as well as at the movie screening and after the Pride Service, to sign books.

**Pride Parade**

June 30th, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Bishop Robinson will join the Episcopal Church in Minnesota for the Pride Parade.

**One Voice Mixed Chorus**

June 30th, 3:15 -3:45 p.m. - Enjoy the music of One Voice Chorus at a special performance prior to our Community Pride Service. St. Mark's Cathedral.

**The Twin Cities Community Pride Service at St. Mark's Cathedral June 30th, 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.** - Bishop Robinson preaches at this service of worship and affirmation, sharing his message - "Out, Proud, and Christian." This service is for all LGBT and friends, and all are welcome to fully participate in this service. Join us before and after the service for fellowship and celebration. Childcare will be available - starting at 3:00 p.m.. A tour of St. Mark's historic Cathedral will be offered after service.

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

JUNE 22, 9AM TO 20M RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

JUNE 22, 6PM TO MIDNIGHT GREENWAY GLOW

JUNE 23 10-4PM LYNDALE OPEN STREETS

JUNE 26, NOON, LUNCH WITH LISA

JUNE 27, 7PM WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL FORUM WITH BISHOP GENE ROBINSON

JUNE 27, 7PM BETH OBERMEYER AT SUBTEXT

JUNE 27, 7PM PENNY PETERSEN BOOK SIGNING

JUNE 28, 7-9PM LOVE FREE OR DIE MOVIE ST MARK

JUNE 30, 10AM GAY PRIDE PARADE

JUNE 30, 4PM GAY PRIDE SERVICE, ST. MARK'S

JULY 8, NOON, MEET WITH MEG LUNCH

JULY 13, ARGENTINE TANGO SOCIETY 8PM

JULY 14, 3PM-10PM BARBETTE BASTILLE DAY

JULY 16, LOWRY HILL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

CONTINUING THROUGH JULY 28, WPVA SHOWING

AUGUST 6 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Neighborhood monthly meetings:**

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. July 9 & August 13, The Bridge for Youth

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**ARGENTINE INDEPENDENCE DAY, TANGO SOCIETY OF MN (TSOM) MILONGA.**

Saturday July 13 at LOTI Lutheran Church, 2020 W. Lake of the Isles Pkwy Minneapolis, MN 55405. ADMIS- SION: (free beginner lesson available, milonga and demo): \$10 members, \$ 14 non-members, discount for students, Argentines free. 8 - 9:15 pm SPECIAL lesson \$25/person at the door, by Fabian Salas and Lola Diaz. For details go to [www.BlueMoonBallroom.com](http://www.BlueMoonBallroom.com) 8 - 9:00 pm. FREE BEGINNER lesson available by Sabine Ibes-Diane Devi. 9:15 pm - 1:00 a.m MUSIC by DJ Peter Truran Special DEMO by Fabian Salas and Lola Diaz from Buenos Aires, Argentina. "Tanda de CHACAR- ERAS" Argentines APPETIZERS (empanadas and other small bites) Pot luck, please bring a light appetizer to SHARE with your friends. WEAR light blue and/or white if you can. Hope YOU can JOIN us ! Check our link at [www.mntango.org](http://www.mntango.org)

**The Days of Song and Lilacs by Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer**

Author Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer will be at Subtext: A Bookstore, 165 Western Avenue North, St. Paul MN on Thursday, June 27, 7:00.p.m.

The book was one of three finalists for the Midwest Book Awards 2012, Memoir, nominated by North Star Press of St. Cloud MN.

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# Meet Your Neighbor, Arlys Freeman

Craig Wilson interviews Arlys Freeman, President of Bro-Tex and Midwest Floating Islands, about how her family started thinking sustainably in 1920s St. Paul and why floating islands are a solution to Minnesota's habitat and water quality issues.

**What is Bro-Tex and how has sustainability been a part of your business model over the years?** Bro-Tex started in 1923 by my grandfather going door-to-door as a rag supplier to the manufacturing industries in Minnesota. We would collect used cloth, launder it and cut it into rags. Much the same way we still do it today. Today Bro-Tex is primarily a converter of industrial and janitorial wiping cloths. Many of the paper items we offer are made from recycled content. Of course all of the cloth wipers we offer are 100% recycled from used clothing, hospital linens and cutting from mills. Over the years we have expanded our recycling efforts and about 6 years ago we started to recycle carpet—to date our carpet recycling efforts have saved the US 1,000,000 gallons of oil. Our search to find outlets for the carpet lead us to Floating Island technology. We've since formed another company, Midwest Floating Island, dedicated to promoting the Floating Island technology in the Upper Midwest.

**What is a floating island?**

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**Do you manufacture them?**

Yes, at our headquarters in St. Paul where we assemble the islands. We offer standard sizes and shapes as well as the ability to custom design islands into company logos or other shapes.

**How are floating islands beneficial?**

Floating islands are beneficial several ways. They are beautiful, each one a unique garden that adds critical ripar-



Arlys Freeman

ian habitat for fish, birds, reptiles and some mammals. Floating islands purify water by removing and reducing nitrogen, phosphorus, organic waste, heavy metals and pharmaceuticals. They also help by reducing erosion damage to surrounding natural shoreline—and they are virtually self-sustaining and maintenance free.

**Two summers ago you installed seven floating islands at Spring Lake in Lowry Hill. How have they fared?**

The islands are doing really well. We have observed an increase in the number and the variety of birds in the park. An increase in the number of dragonflies in the park has also been observed which is one indicator of the health of an ecosystem. Every time that we go to check on the islands we see turtles sunning themselves and birds flying back and forth between the islands and the trees on shore.

**What are other projects you are working on?**

We just installed a 324 square ft island at Tamarack Nature Preserve that was shaped as a yin and yang. This was a 2-part island for each part of the design. We are also

part of the Mississippi River project and hope to have islands in the river by the end of the summer.

**Will the Park Board bring floating islands to the Mississippi River?**

The RiverFirst initiative in North Minneapolis is very interesting and exciting. The plan is to construct a series of long narrow islands that will be attached to a set of pylons that will keep the islands in place and also allow them to rise and lower with the level of the water. The goal is to provide a natural habitat for many animals including native birds and aquatic wildlife. We live in such an innovative and forward thinking city—I'm pleased Bro-Tex and Midwest Floating Islands can help prepare Minneapolis for the 21st century.

**THE MAGNIFICAT AT SAINT PAUL'S**

By Dr. Robert Holt

On the evening of the last day in May, music from a new composition of the Magnificat echoed from the walls of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Logan and Franklin. The composer, Zachary Wadsworth, won support from the American Composers Forum for the project and he worked with the Church choir and its director, Jacob Manier, in preparing his Magnificat. This performance before a large audience was its world premier.

One might think that a world premier preformed in Kenwood must be the work of a beginning, unknown composer. Nothing could be further from the truth. Wadsworth has an international reputation of first order. For example, in 2011 a choral work of his composition was performed in Westminster Abbey in the presence of Elisabeth II, the Prince of Wales, and the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is rare indeed, that these three characters are together and you can be assured that whoever prepared the program for the occasion spent weeks selecting the music that would be appropriate for this august congregation.

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cussion towards data-driven decisions.

Speaking of facts, let's discuss a few before reviewing the six options being studied.

**Fact #1: the Kenilworth Corridor is reserved, by law, for transit.** The corridor is owned by the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) and is reserved for one ultimate use only: transit. Recreational use of the 55 miles of HCRRA corridors is regarded by law as an "interim use." "Transit" is usually taken to mean "mass transit" but in fact refers to "highest and best transportation use." HCRRA could reconvert an abandoned freight corridor back to freight use, if that were determined to be the "highest and best transportation use." [See "HCRRA, SWLRT, and Those Little Brown Signs," HCL May 2013.] Bottom line: it's wishful thinking to imagine we can just "make LRT go away."

**Fact #2: current freight use of the Kenilworth Corridor has always been regarded as temporary.**

When freight traffic along the Midtown Greenway corridor ceased in 1993 because its connection across Hiawatha was severed, the TC&W trains were supposed to be rerouted through St. Louis Park. This could not happen right away, however, because of environmental contamination at the National Lead/Golden Auto site. So a temporary placement down the Kenilworth Corridor was arranged.

The HCRRA's 2009 "TCWR Freight Rail Realignment Study" in one short paragraph on p. 7 refers to TC&W's use of the Kenilworth Corridor as "temporary" no fewer than five times. The HCRRA's 2011 "Staff Report on Freight Rail Relocation" stated on p. 15 that "our analysis concludes that (1) freight rail should be relocated from the Kenilworth Corridor, as has been assumed and recommended since the 1990s; (2) leaving freight rail in Kenilworth is the least preferred option." Bottom line: many Minneapolis officials and residents who have been involved with the SWLRT saga for decades feel bushwhacked, if not betrayed, by the fact that freight rail is now being studied as a permanent fixture in the Corridor.

**Fact #3: the battle to determine the ultimate route for SWLRT was fiercely fought in the late 2000s.** Result: Kenilworth was selected as the "Locally Preferred Alternative" (LPA) instead of the Midtown Greenway corridor. Hennepin County voted to approve the selection in 2010 and the Met Council formally accepted the decision shortly afterwards. Bottom line: many people are still smarting over the selection of Kenilworth as the LPA, but it is extremely unlikely that decision process will be reopened. Similarly, there is no chance that an SWLRT reroute out I-394 and down Hwy. 100 will be considered.

**Fact #4: Southwest LRT engineers and planners are studying co-location options in Kenilworth because they have been ordered to do so by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).** By 2011 the effort to find a satisfactory new route for TC&W had become so intractable that the FTA, which is ponying up half the cost of SWLRT, ordered the region to resolve the TC&W reroute as part of the Preliminary Engineering/Project Development process. Bottom line: SWLRT engineers and planners are not engaged in "scare tactics," as some would have it. They are performing their due diligence duties because

they are required to do so.

Yes, you're right – this is all very complicated!

Now let's look at the six co-location options being studied.

### Option #1: All Modes At-Grade

The projected right-of-way (ROW) required for all modes at grade is 94 feet. This includes 25 feet of clearance on both sides of a freight rail track, as measured from the center of the track – not a Federal requirement but a widely-observed standard of safety and best practice recommended by the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA). The 25-foot standard must be observed under bridges, however, such as Lake Street and Burnham Road, to protect bridge abutments from collapse if a freight rail car should derail while passing underneath.

Some report Mark Wegner, president of TC&W, as being happy with whatever right-of way his trains are given. It should be noted, though, that the ROW decision will be made by the professional engineers of SWLRT and by HCRRA, which owns the Corridor, not by an individual railroad.

In figuring out these drawings it's important to know that Section B-B' lies in the southernmost narrowest section of the Corridor, between the Calhoun-Isles Condominium Tower and the Cedar Lake Shores Townhomes. It has been thought for years that this "pinch point" was 62 feet wide. Recent state-of-the-art surveying has determined this right-of-way "pinch point" to be a mere 49 feet wide, which is why Jim Alexander, SWLRT Director of Engineering, testified to the Minneapolis City Council's Transportation Committee on June 4 that ALL co-location options being studied will require the demolition of the townhomes. You simply can't make it work within a 49-foot right-of-way!

At "All Modes At-Grade – Typical Section D-D" – just north of the 21st Street station and at 183.5 feet wide, the opposite end of the spacious ROW continuum from the 49-foot wide Section B-B' ROW. No problems here, one might think – but wait! Note that currently the rail bed spills over onto Park Board Property. The freight track would have to be moved 25 feet into the right-of-way. The LRT tracks would replace the current bike-walk trails and would need additional space between them to accommodate the Station platform. This would require the clear-cutting and bulldozing of a 107-foot wide swath of the Corridor, leaving a denuded wasteland where trees could not be allowed to grow.

It should be noted that light rail cars, which are articulated in the middle and have secure couplings, can handle frequent and subtle curves, such as we might want them to do to wend their way between copses of beautiful trees instead of through them. Curves, however, pose a constant danger to freight trains. They can cause derailments and uncouplings. The curves along the proposed reroute in St. Louis Park, after all, are why TC&W is fighting the proposal.

Freight trains, whether running alongside light rail or atop a deep-bore light rail tunnel, do not conform their route to the natural landscape. The landscape conforms to the freight trains, which just plow right through. Not a pretty sight.

### Option #2: Trail Relocated

Now the engineers want to explore what happens if you either remove, elevate, or tunnel either the LRT component or the bike/walk trail component. (You can't elevate a string of 125 freight cars, each one carrying the industry standard of 286,000 pounds – 17,875 tons, plus locomotives. Well, you could, actually, but not many of us would want to stand underneath.)

Two trail reroute options are proposed for Section B-B', the narrow 49-foot "pinch point section. The 4000 daily Kenilworth Trail users could connect via the Greenway, spilling down the Dean Parkway exit, swarming across the newly reconstructed Dean Green, flooding across the intersection with Cedar Lake Parkway, and climbing up the hill back to the Kenilworth. All this land, including the roadways, is owned by the Minneapolis Park Board. They and the residents along Dean Parkway, it seems safe to say, would not be pleased.

Or the 4000 daily Kenilworth Trail users could exit the Greenway at France Ave., take a ramp of some sort up to street level, then at either France or Drew, dodge the tens of thousands of vehicles which speed along Lake St. every day. If you survive the crossing, you would then be directed to Sunset Blvd, where everyone, adults and kids alike,

would be required to ride in the street. Cedar Lake – home free? Not quite; you still would have to dodge all the cars on Cedar Lake Parkway in order to cross back over to the Kenilworth.

Does this option spare the townhomes? Freight and LRT would still require 74' of ROW, so good-bye townhomes. It's probably safe to say the "Trail Relocated" option is dead on arrival.

### Options 3 & 4: Trail Elevated and LRT Elevated

Preliminary engineering drawings suggest that a 74-foot right-of-way might suffice for freight and LRT at grade if the bike/walk trails were elevated 35 feet into the air along a concrete viaduct. A 65-foot right-of-way might suffice for freight and bike-walk trails at grade if LRT was elevated 40 feet into the air along a concrete viaduct.

Several problems: neither option could be made to fit within the existing 49-foot ROW, so the townhomes would have to be demolished. (2) Freight cars would run perilously close (9 feet) to the viaduct supports, which would have to be designed and built incredibly strong to survive a direct blow from a derailed quarter-million-pound freight car. (3) What would the ramps at either end of the viaduct look like? (Maximum gradient for LRT is 6%.)

(4) What happens at Cedar Lake Road? Would we remain stuck with the current at-grade freight crossing PLUS a flyover viaduct? (5) The community already shouted down the flyover bridge proposed in the DEIS for Cedar Lake Parkway. How would these viaducts in the sky be any different? (6) Bikers and walkers love the Skyline Trail in Duluth, but would they embrace a Skyline Trail along the Kenilworth?

### Option 5: LRT in Shallow Tunnel

(See drawing on page one)

Test borings on the southern section of the Corridor, between the Greenway and the Kenilworth Channel, suggest a 21-foot-deep water table. Engineers are exploring construction of a shallow tunnel down to that depth.

Schematics indicate that, using the industry-standard 25-foot safety buffer, a 68-foot right-of-way would be required, necessitating (you guessed it) the demolition of the townhomes. Proponents of a shallow tunnel say: why not reduce the safety buffer to 15 feet? That's fine – if you don't mind losing a few bikers or a few homes in the event of a sudden derailment.

The tunnels themselves would have to be built to extremely high standards of strength. Remember that sitting a few inches above them is a 17,875-ton freight train. This massive weight will exert incredible downward force, so the freight track would have to be built exactly above the middle of the tunnels. (Think Gothic cathedrals and flying buttresses.)

No matter where you place the finished tunnels, the construction process will require property easements, meaning (you're catching on!) the taking of townhomes. This might not be necessary, though, if anyone knows where Mike Mulligan and his steamshovel are hanging out these days.

Finally, a major problem with both the shallow and deep-bore tunnel options. TC&W freight trains cannot simply be mothballed during a multi-year tunnel construction process. Provision must be made for them to go somewhere – and that "somewhere" would most likely be a bypass spur constructed on the northwest side of the Corridor. And what would that bypass spur require? By now I think you know the answer.

### Option 6: LRT in Deep Twin Tunnels

(See drawing on page one)

Due to lack of space in this issue, an article from Michael Wilson about the many meetings about LRT as well as several drawings showing options could not be published unfortunately. We will publish as space allows in July.

### New Feature Starting In July: "Ask Us"

Starting with July's Hill and Lake Press a new column, "Ask Us," will attempt to answer your questions about Southwest LRT, the Midtown Corridor, and transit in general. Email your questions to <hillandlakepress@bitstream.net>. All submissions must be signed and include a phone number and street and email addresses. Writers will be identified in print only with their name and neighborhood of residence. We reserve the right to edit questions for content and length.

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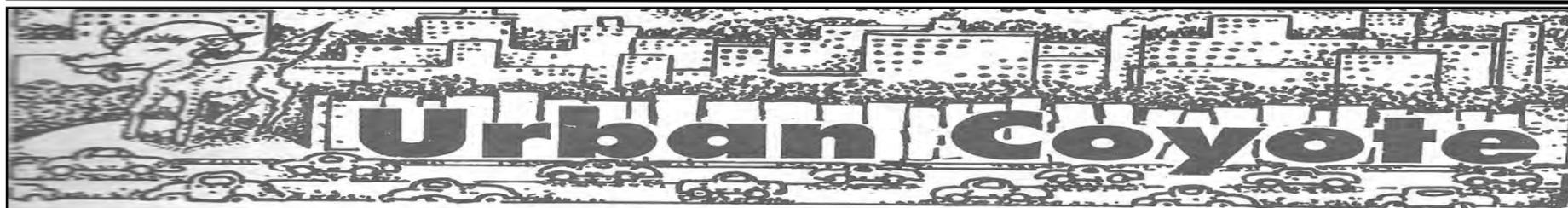
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# THE URBAN COYOTE/ June, 2013 THE MEANING OF SPRING RAIN

by Jim Lenfestey

The spring of 2013, the spring that never arrived, is the opposite, lest we forget, of the spring of 2012, the summer that arrived months early, hideously hot. This spring humans feel cool and gloomy, although not the grass, lush as a velvet carpet, the hosta gone berserk, the wild geraniums and other shade plants exquisitely happy.

On rare occasions the sun pours late afternoon light through an opening in the cloud cover, bathing the neighborhood in gold. But then the clouds slam shut again, squeezing more rain from the sky.

This is weather for wild plants, not cultivated people.

Case in point. On Saturday, June 8, I traveled to one of The Nature Conservancy's prairie restoration sites, Schaefer Prairie, about an hour west of the neighborhood on Highway 212, just past Glencoe (turn south at Nature Road) and spent the morning following naturalist David Astin around the property under a leaden sky.

Two weeks prior, the Conservancy staff burned off the dry grass cover, the way the prairies used to live when lightning and bison cultivated that landscape, before human animals disrupted its habits with our hungers and drainage and plows.

After the burn and the rain, low green plants sprouted everywhere, native plants with roots three to six feet deep, not the three inches of our domestic lawn grass. We walked the 160 acre parcel, disturbing a few leopard frogs and garter snakes, a bull snake and the nests of ground dwelling prairie birds. A yellow-headed blackbird astride a cattail presided over the nearby wetland. The thrill of the day, however, was neither reptile nor mammal nor bird, although an eagle circled lazily overhead, but a plant – a diminutive orchid, a prairie species of lady's slipper,

Cypripedium candidum, clumped in full bloom near the wetland, a plant that "likes to have its feet wet," David said.

A pale green cluster of leaves no more than ten inches tall displayed finger joint-sized spots of white, you'd step on it if you weren't looking, or in a hurry. But up close, this orchid is as exotic as any of those bred in the greenhouses of maniacs, the kind collectors steal from each other to hide away for their private pleasure. So delicate and egg-like, with startling magenta spots inside when you bend way down to see, a universe of magenta stars exploding over the curvature of a different kind of space and time. But to know it you have to kneel down very low and cradle the blossom between two fingertips, and peer inside, and hold your breath, the way you would admire the elaborate jeweled innards of a Tiffany egg nestled in velvet on a jeweler's counter.

This is a window to another world, but not one wait-

ing for you or me, but for a pollinator's visit, a friendly fly or ant, to touch its laden stamens as it passes in and out. And yet we who bow down low get pollinated too. But only if we tend the landscape the way bison and lightning once did, the way The Nature Conservancy does now.

Summer will come, probably has come as you read this, warm and humid and languorous and lake filled. Enjoy it. Meanwhile, hope the crops were eventually planted and receive enough sun to fully grow, as this was a difficult, muddy spring for farmers.

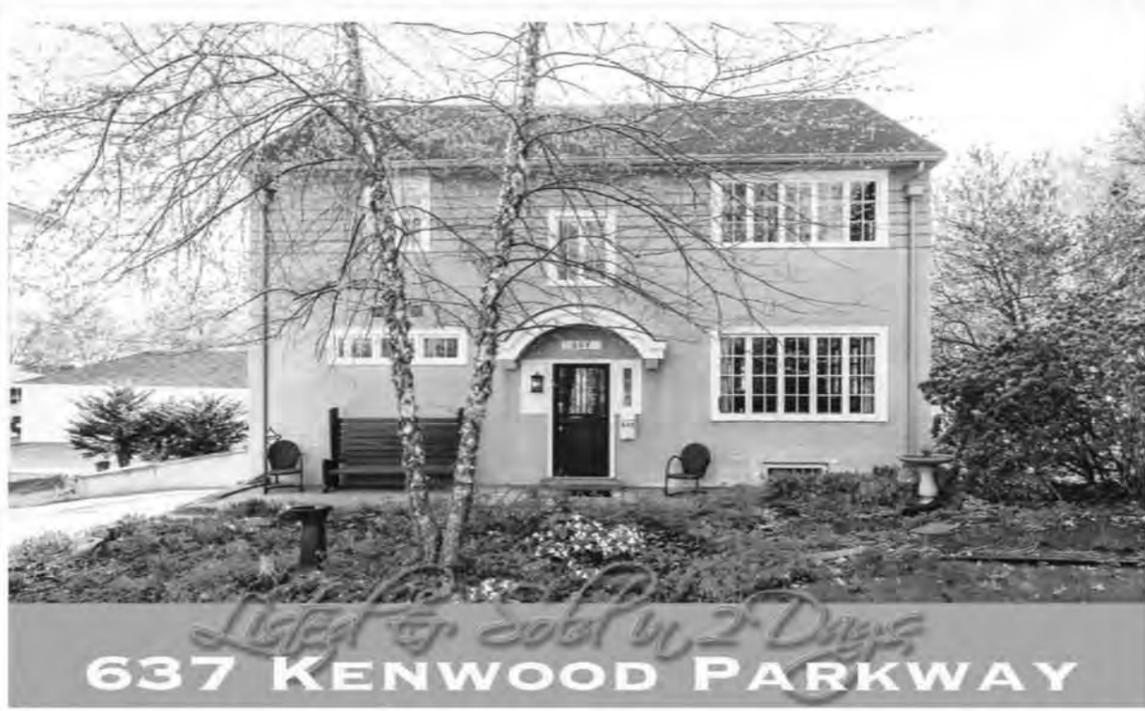
But this flower is why I am determined to save the earth, even as farmers with their plows, bless them, work so hard to feed me. So others have a chance to see such a small, nearly infinite thing.

To see a photo of the orchid, go to <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wildflowers/smallwhitelady.html>. But you have to go to the prairie in June to see inside.



Young volunteers pull weeds, assist with planting, and water the garden at The Bridge for Youth on the corner of 22nd and Emerson Ave South. Photo by Dorothy Childers

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## FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

Hello to all of you at the commencement of our “mild winter”. Let us hope it stays this tolerable thru May 2014.

As long as the article began with a downer, there is more sad news to relate. A vandal(s) appears to have been operating within Thomas Lowry Park and stripping bark from the trees. To date there has been three trees which have been vandalized: (i) a mugho pine (an original planting from the 1920s), (ii) a pink ornamental crabapple (a memorial gift), and (iii) a weeping crabapple (a donation from People for Parks). This writer wants to thank Suzanne Payne for this information. Friends is asking all of you to keep your eyes and ears open. If you see or hear about a person or persons who are committing or have committed an act of vandalism in the Park, please call the Minneapolis Park Police and report what you are seeing or have heard. Friends, and I am sure all of you, want to arrest and convict the perpetrator(s). Friends is offering a \$300 reward (collectively) to the person or persons who provide the police with the information which results in the arrest and conviction of the jerk or jerks who have committed or are committing acts of vandalism in our Park. As you walk thru the Park and see one of the damaged trees (the bark has been stripped) say a few kind words to the Mungho tree and wish it well. We all want this tree to survive the senseless and mean-spirited acts of the perps. Sadly, the two crabapple trees will not survive and will be removed by the MPRB.

Clean up of the Park this spring was a joint effort of Suzanne and Bill Payne, Barb Fogel, Peg Birk, Pete Engelen and his crew, and the staff of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (“MPRB”). Whenever you see any of these fine folks, please take a moment to thank

them for their good work.

Last winter, Bill Payne (who spent countless unheralded hours last summer supplementing the maintenance performed by the MPRB) asked the MPRB to provide Friends with plants for planting this Spring. The MPRB, thanks to Sherry Brooks, did furnish Friends with a beautiful assortment of annual and perennial plants this spring as requested. Once again, our neighborhood can thank Suzanne and Bill, Barb Fogel, Dr. Eric Schned and Tom Huppert for planting these flowers. Notice also the delightful urn arrangement from Sunnyside Gardens.

The Park is looking good as of this writing thanks to the efforts of all those above referenced and Mother Nature. Take a stroll through the Park and enjoy this pleasing neighborhood amenity. Certainly the wedding parties and the end of school picnickers are grateful to have the pools flowing and the Park lush and green as they enjoy one of the most serene of the many parks in Minneapolis.

Help keep this little treasure bring a smile to the young, old, hood residents, and visitors by donating funds to Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, c/o of Hill& Lake Press. (Friends is an IRC Section 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation) or by helping out with Park upkeep. Any day you wish you can go to the Park and pick weeds. The designated volunteer days to help out in the Park are on Saturdays from 10am to noon on June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12. Why not bring the children and family pets (no snakes) or a work group from your block. It is an opportunity to do good for the community, meet new friends, and feel good.

See you in the Park and have a great month.

National Night Out celebrates partnerships between the community and law enforcement. This year we'll celebrate the 30th Annual NNO! Just about everything you'd need to know about National Night Out in Minneapolis can be found by linking to <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/>

If your block has not had an NNO event in the past few years, we encourage you to consider hosting one. Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist to connect with your block club leader to plan your event. If you're a block leader already, you probably know the drill! If your block has no leader, consider launching your block club with an NNO party on August 6th—your CPS can help you get it going. link directly to <https://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/blockeventapp/ApplicantInformation.aspx>

## Letter: Last Chance to Save the Kenilworth Corridor

Did the caption to the article catch your eye? The Met Council will be voting later this summer on the route for the planned SW LRT, and perhaps the most significant decision impacting the Hill and Lake Press neighborhoods is around co-location of freight and light rail. Co-location is defined as having both the current freight traffic and the future LRT traffic running in the same corridor. If co-location occurs, it will have a huge, negative impact on the Kenilworth Corridor.

The communities impacted by the development of the line (notably Minneapolis and St. Louis Park) entered into an agreement of sorts related to many aspects of the line, including what will happen with the freight trains that currently run on the corridor. That agreement is known as the Locally Preferred Alternative (“LPA”). Minneapolis agreed to the LPA, only if there was no co-location (that is, either freight or LRT could run in the corridor, but not both).

St. Louis Park residents are very well organized in their opposition to the freight relocation, as evidenced by hundreds of yard signs throughout St. Louis Park, as well as their attendance at the recent LRT open house at Benilde St. Margaret. There were numerous signs stating “Co-Location, No Relocation of Freight” seen at that event.

Many Minneapolis residents also attended the open house, asked questions, and voiced their concerns. Hill and Lake neighborhood groups have voiced their opposition to co-location to Hennepin County, and many residents have worked for years trying to raise awareness of the impact of the LRT. But the Minneapolis residents haven't spoken as a group in the same organized way the St. Louis Park residents have spoken.

If the current freight trains and the LRT are co-located on the corridor, it will result in the forced taking of the Cedar Lake Shores Townhomes and a portion of the Kenilworth trail will be gone, diverting cyclists and pedestrians onto city streets.

The current Minneapolis City Council has stated that they will not agree to co-location, but the final deciding authority is the Met Council.

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**Four "Open Streets" taking place this summer**

I am excited to let everyone know that there will be a total of four Open Streets events this year starting in June. This year's first event will be held in Ward 10 along Lyndale Ave S as has been the case in previous years. All events are co-sponsored by the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition.

The Lyndale Avenue Open Streets is on Sunday, June 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I have been to every Open Streets event with my family. They are a blast! Don't miss it.

For more information on this year's events, visit the Open Streets website at [www.openstreetsmpls.com](http://www.openstreetsmpls.com). To learn more about bicycling in Minneapolis, visit the City's bicycling website at [www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/bicycles).

**Council passes amendment to protect air quality**

The City Council has made changes to the recreational fires ordinance to protect air quality: recreational fires are now prohibited during an air pollution public health advisory. Those advisories are issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency whenever air pollution levels are likely to affect health. Sign up to receive air quality alerts at <http://mn.enviroflash.info/>. For more information on recreational fires, visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/news/WCMS1P-092785](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/news/WCMS1P-092785)

To register a complaint about a recreational fire, call 311 or email [Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov). Outside 311 hours, call 911. The Fire and Police departments are authorized to extinguish a fire immediately if it is hazardous.

**Minneapolis moves toward big expansion of car sharing**

The City of Minneapolis is moving forward with plans to greatly expand car sharing in the city. The company selected to implement the pilot program is Car2Go. City staff will make recommendations on additional companies in June. There is no City funding in this expansion of car sharing options. However, through the pilot, the City will allow car sharing companies to use on-street parking spaces for the first time, making it more convenient for users to get a car when they need it.

**Meet with Meg**

The next Meet with Meg will be held on Monday, July 8th, 2013 from Noon-1pm at the 5th Precinct Community Room (3101 Nicollet Ave S). It will be a chance for you to ask me questions, and voice any concerns you may have. Bring your sack lunch! Cookies and lemonade are provided! Meet with Meg is held the second Monday of every month.

**Memorial Day at Lakewood Cemetery**



Photo by Dorothy Childers

At the traditional Memorial Day ceremony, veterans were remembered in a beautiful and peaceful setting at Lakewood Cemetery. This year's services paid special honor to Minnesota's involvement in the Civil War 150 years ago. Shown here, the First and Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantries executing a rifle salute. Other activities included the Gettysburg Address given by Abraham Lincoln (re-enactor Kevin Koester), the reading of General Logan's orders creating the Memorial Day observances, patriotic music by the Gospel Quartet led by Robert Robinson, the Minneapolis Police Band and a dove release.

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### Gini Corrick Displays Her Textile Art at Kenwood Isles

By Harriet Horwitz

On Tuesday, May 14, 2013, life got very exhilarating -and exhausting-even for effervescently youthful 90-year-old textile artist Gini Corrick. That day she was featured in the StarTribune Variety section's "Achieving Excellence" series. The article mentioned there would be an open-to-the-public display of her creations at the Kenwood-Isles Condominiums, where she lives and Gini would be available for conversation.

"I couldn't believe the number of people, mostly women, who came here," she said. "Many of them holding the newspaper article, wanting to know how I dye the fabric, create the design, attend the details. I sense they have a real need to see authenticity of workmanship. This is so different from what they find in stores."

Eavesdropping on visitors' conversations, the word "inspirational" is heard again and again, especially as Gini assures them what she does is not extraordinary, but only needs patience, practice, and willingness to fail, which, she hastily explains, often leads to accidental discoveries. Anyone can sun-dye fabric, she says, showing the fossil-like outlines of leaves and ferns and coloring from rusty nails.

The show, displayed on 10 torsos borrowed from the Textile Center, encompassed 25 years of amazing creativity: One-of-a-kind clothing feature original details such as a whimsical embroidered dragon, reptile scales, bone belt closures, intricate cutwork. Each piece has its own "aha" discovery.

"I loved talking to everyone, but I got so tired," she said. And how does she relax?

"Next week I'm going to Tennessee for a week of learning new fabric techniques."

*Gini Corrick's son, Bob Corrick, lives in CIDNA and is well known in our Hill and Lake area. His wife Beth Parkhill's friendship with Gini evolved over their shared interest in clothing creations.*



Gini Corrick talking about "Taking the Dragon," a creation she made with her daughter, Rose, also a textile artist. Photo by Dorothy Childers

### Will Steger book launch



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The Bockley Gallery was a fitting setting for friends and well-wishers, as Will Steger, the Polar explorer, launched his just-released book from Moon Press Ink "Will Steger: A Wilderness Vision Coming to Life," with photographs by John Ratzloff. This hand bound, limited edition shows Steger the artist, architect, designer, master craftsman, educator and friend. It offers a visual tour of Steger's homestead and his stunning environmental learning center, now nearly completed after twenty-four years of construction. Conceived by Steger while crossing Antarctica by dog sled, it is nestled deep in the wilderness of northern Minnesota, outside Ely. A source of beauty and inspiration, it will provide an astonishing venue for scientists, educators, students, politicians, artists, business groups and environmentally concerned religious leaders; all interested in addressing and solving the pressing issues and opportunities of our day. For more information on his foundation, please check out his website: <http://www.willstegerfoundation.org/>

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### YALE DAY OF SERVICE

By Max Musicant

It was another fun filled Yale Day of Service in the dirt of Cedar Lake Park on May 11. Over a dozen Yale graduates and their families were led once again by our esteemed host and amateur horticulturalist extraordinaire Ruth Jones. After a short but very informative lesson on the ecology and native species of the area the group split up, tackling various sizes of buckthorn, garlic mustard, and fallen stumps.

Some of the work included solving some safety issues by removing two unsightly specimens of human dumping, from the days when it seems that the railroads thought it just fine to use the woods as a dump!

There were also a number of trees that had come down over the main trail that parallels the Kenilworth bike trail as a result of last winter's wind-fall. They were in a tangle and were dangerously hovering over the trail. Four strong smart safety-conscious guys got these trees untangled – one-by-one – and on the ground, where they sawed them up enough to keep them from totally blocking the path.

After a morning of work, many new areas were free of invasive plants and sizable new mounds of mulch had accumulated nearby. In this day and age, it is an all too rare occurrence to have such a physical record of a job well done.

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith

### East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)

Below are abbreviated minutes from the May 14 and June 11 EIRA Board meetings. The complete minutes can be found at [www.eastisles.org](http://www.eastisles.org).

#### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2013

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Antone Melton-Meaux (Secretary), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Renee Gust, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini and Linda Schutz.

#### Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

Smart phones theft continues to be a problem in the city.

The City is working on a two-year pilot car-sharing program.

1800 Lake: The City, Park Board, neighborhood organizations and residents submitted comment letters to the DNR opposing the permit for 1800 Lake to continue pumping groundwater into the Lagoon. The DNR will not be issuing a permit at this time. The City's legal staff is meeting with the building owner to try to reach a solution without litigation.

#### Election of EIRA Officers

The 2013-14 EIRA officers were unanimously elected: Dan McLaughlin, President; Vaughn Emerson, Vice President; Antone Melton-Meaux, Secretary; and Ramon Ramirez Quintero, Treasurer.

#### Announcements

The May 14 Star Tribune featured an article about East Isles resident and textile artist Gini Corrick.

#### REPORTS

##### Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

Amy Sanborn submitted a proposal to use Facebook to help promote EIRA events. The board approved a motion to have Amy run a pilot Facebook program for one year. Concerns were expressed about security; rules to be established especially to discourage derogatory comments and obtaining permission first to post photos, especially of children. EIRA's website will remain the primary source of substantive information about the association.

The board approved a budget of \$2,275 for the 2013 Ice Cream Social (August 15 at Levin Triangle Park).

##### Harvey Ettinger, Zoning Committee

The Zoning Committee recommended board approval on actions taken at the April 23rd Zoning Committee meeting.

The committee submitted a letter of no objection for a request for a certificate of nonconforming use to establish legal nonconforming rights for 2516 Humboldt Ave S. The Minneapolis Board of Adjustment approved the certificate. The EIRA Board approved a motion to endorse the Zoning Committee's position.

Mesa Pizza, 1440 W Lake St is requesting support to extend their hours of operation to 3 am on Friday and Saturday nights (currently 2 am). The EIRA Board voted to approve Mesa Pizza's request.

1800 Lake – The Zoning Committee and NRP Committee each sent letters to the DNR opposing the permit to allow 1800 Lake to continue pumping groundwater into the Lagoon. The EIRA Board approved a motion to accept the letters from the two committees and

to endorse two resolutions:

To ask the City to move as quickly as possible and explore all options to minimize continuous flow including consideration of a temporary injunction.

Be it resolved: Our local and state governmental appointed and elected officials, and entities (city council, the City Park & Recreation Board, the Minnehaha Watershed District, the MPCA, the DNR, etc.) take sufficient improved measures to prevent anything similar unpermitted situation from occurring again, whether in Chain of Lakes Areas or other Shoreland Overlay Areas throughout the City, adopt better policies and procedures (whether ordinance changes, rules or regs, more thorough site plan review at assorted levels and junctures, enhances staff accountability measures, etc.), engage in rigorous permit compliance, implement best practices, capture water rate charges, and strengthen oversight including more timely inspections and monitoring to identify unauthorized suspicious and /or illegal illicit discharges and flows, and ongoing measurement of water for contaminants, etc. to ensure that our surface waters are indeed protected, that water quality is improved, species are protected, and environmental degradation is avoided; and further that there be sufficient public notice, to widely solicit public input, relative to any permit issuance process associated with such discharge or flowage permits now and in the future.

The resolutions will be sent to the CM Tuthill, the City engineers and to the DNR.

The EIRA Board approved sending a letter to CM Tuthill regarding living fences: "The East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) urges the City of Minneapolis, in a manner similar to how the city regulates fences, to determine effective methods of regulating the height, density and maintenance of plantings on private property which could negatively impact neighboring properties and/or public thoroughfares (i.e. obstruction of sunlight/views). Planting height regulations have been considered and enacted by various municipalities in Minnesota and other states around the country to contend with situations of this nature, and EIRA feels that similar measures are appropriate for consideration by the City of Minneapolis."

##### Smith Triangle Subcommittee

A cleanup event is planned for Smith Triangle Park (Hennepin at W 24th St), June 8. The Board approved a request for \$25 for food and authorized a letter of inquiry to be sent to the U of M School of Landscape Architecture for possible student design proposals for the park.

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

Dan McLaughlin will develop a process to handle requests for personal information.

Dan will also draft a conflict of interest statement to be read at committee meetings.

##### Candace Dow, Transportation Committee

The committee is in the process of scheduling their first meeting.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis — The project is studying transit option on Lake St and/or the Greenway. Open houses are being held May 21 and May 23. More info at [www.midtowntransitway.org](http://www.midtowntransitway.org).

##### Green Team

Save the date for: Green Film on July 15 and the second annual Super Sale on September 7.

### Monica Smith, NRP Committee Report

The NRP Committee sent letters to select homeowners informing them that they could request a free boulevard tree from the Park Board. As a result, 23 new boulevard trees will be planted this spring.

#### Board Review

The board approved the annual report for the 2012 Community Participation Program.

### EIRA Board of Directors Meeting June 11, 2013

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Antone Melton-Meaux (Secretary), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Renee Gust, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini and Linda Schutz.

Leslie Foreman, Policy Aide to Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

The City continues to work with the developer of 1800 Lake to find a permanent solution for the groundwater discharge issue. The developer, CPM, is proposing a new development at the northeast corner of W Lake St and James Ave S.

CM Tuthill hired an Urban Scholars intern to work with multi-unit buildings to ensure that they are in compliance with the City's recycling ordinance.

To prevent the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, don't prune Ash trees between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

A new ordinance bans recreational fires on air quality alert days.

#### REPORTS

##### Amy Sanborn, Social Committee

EIRA will be staffing a pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair. Contact Amy at [events@eastisles.org](mailto:events@eastisles.org) to volunteer for a shift.

The East Isles Facebook page is up and running. Please "like" us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/eastislesresidentsassociation](http://www.facebook.com/eastislesresidentsassociation)

##### Zoning Committee

Monica Smith reported on the May 21st meeting of the Zoning Committee:

Presentation for a new restaurant at 1513 W Lake St (in East Calhoun). The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and include a full bar. The committee took no action.

Allan Amis volunteered to serve as the committee Chair; Jill Waite will be the Vice-Chair.

Recommendation that the Smith Triangle Subcommittee be moved from Zoning to become a subcommittee of the new Parks & Open Spaces Committee.

Next meeting is June 18, 5 pm at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St. Agenda will include a Uptown Small Area Plan primer by Lara Norkus-Crampton.

##### Smith Triangle Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Renee Gust thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Smith Triangle Park clean up on June 8.

A letter of solicitation was sent on June 6th to the University of Minnesota Department of Landscape Architecture inquiring about possible graduate student involvement in public engagement and design work for Smith Triangle Park. The Park Board owns the property and has final authority of any designs and stipulates three important factors: simplicity, ease of maintenance and sustainability. EIRA members may request a copy of the letter by sending an email to [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org).

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

A report of the 2013 O&N Committee was provided to the EIRA Board. EIRA members may request a copy of the report by sending an email to [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org).

##### Betsy Allis, Green Team

The EIRA Board approved the request for funding by the Green Team for:

Up to \$700 for multi-purpose banner(s) and permanent stand for Green Team and EIRA events (NRP funds).

\$200 of operating expenses for the Green Team for the next four months.

Budget of \$548 for the 2nd annual Super Sale (Sept 7). Projected income is \$550 (including income from sales and corporate sponsors).

Betsy Allis shared information that the utility contracts

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## KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Amy Lucas

### June 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met June 3, 2013 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Dylan Thomas of Southwest Journal, Interim Chief of Park Police, Captain Jason Ohotto and Kenwood residents James Lockhart and Mark Johnson.

### 7th Ward Update – Council Member Lisa Goodman

“Lunch with Lisa” will be noon, Wednesday, June 26 with Jayne Miller, Mpls Park Board Superintendent, at University of St. Thomas, Terrence Murphy Hall, Room 252. Anita Tabb, Park Board Commissioner, will guest host for CM Goodman.

Backyard fires are restricted when air quality alerts in place.

The 311 Call Center will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. this summer.

“Bike Walk Week” is June 9-15. Thursday, June 13 is “Bike to Work Day” and a rally will be held at Henn Co. Gov Center at 7:30 a.m.

Register your bike with Mpls Police and it will be returned if stolen and found. Register through 311 or city website: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/parking/bicycles\\_stolen-abandoned](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/parking/bicycles_stolen-abandoned).

CM Goodman will be meeting with SWLRT project office on June 4 for co-location presentation. She has received a number of calls since over 60 Mpls residents have been contacted regarding “eminent domain” for their properties.

**Park Police Update** – Capt. Jason Ohotto (Interim Chief of Park Police) and Mark Johnson, Chair of KIAA Crime and Safety Committee

KIAA is requesting Park Police updates in Kenwood over the summer.

Interim Chief of Park Police, Capt. Ohotto, explained that there are 33 sworn Park Police Officers and 20 Park Patrol Officers. They patrol over 200 parks with 22 million visitors per year.

While the Park Police also answer 911 calls, their main role is to support field staff in recreation, environmental and planning.

The population at Hidden Beach has changed in the last ten years. It has a wider regional interest today and greater numbers of visitors. Alcoholic beverages are the biggest issue at the beach. The Park Board officially authorized the park as “East Cedar Lake Beach” with staffed lifeguards and more police patrol. The Park Police are also training lifeguards on the beach patrol.

Capt. Ohotto guarantees more Park Police communication with KIAA and Kenwood residents especially regarding East Cedar Lake Beach/Hidden Beach.

KIAA Park Police Funds has leftover 2012 budget of \$2,000. Mpls Park Police tried to staff police patrol based on weather. The contract for additional police patrol from last summer can be renewed rather than rewritten. Park Police will provide a monthly crime report update to KIAA.

KIAA will approve additional funds for Park Police Patrol. Capt. Ohotto recommends patrolling earlier in warm days before behavior collapses in the evening. Neighborhoods are required to buy patrol time in 4-hour blocks. Park police regular hours are 7 a.m.-midnight. Minneapolis Police manage calls after these hours.

Due to the late summer weather, crime in the parks is down 60% compared to the same time as last year.

Park Police are also managing “off-leash” dog laws. “Off-leash” calls are the number one Park Police complaint.

Park Police cannot solve crime without neighborhood partnerships. Capt. Ohotto recommends more Kenwood residents visiting Hidden Beach and promoting positive activities at the park/beach.

### Zoning Committee Presentation

James Lockhart, owner of 2514 Thomas Avenue, presented the proposed variance for a rear addition.

The house is situated on a triangular lot and the two-story addition (with basement) will infringe upon the required 5” setback of the (southern) lot line.

The neighbor to the south, Bob Tennesen, supports the variance.

KIAA approved a resolution to submit a letter to the City of Mpls noting that KIAA does not object to the variance.

Neighborhood Survey and Community Participation Program (CPP) Budget-Kathy Low and Mike Bono

KIAA approved the CPP Budget as proposed. See the CPP budget on the KIAA website [kenwoodminneapolis.org/blog1](http://kenwoodminneapolis.org/blog1).

KIAA NRP survey results: 112 responses (of 566 residences); the highest responses asked for SWLRT planning staff and continued payment for additional police patrol. The results of the survey will be posted on the KIAA website.

Based on the survey results the KIAA Neighborhood Priority Plan was updated with five priorities: 1) Supporting cooperative efforts with surrounding neighborhoods and organizations to minimize negative impacts on the Kenilworth trail as a result of the proposed SWLRT; 2) Hiring a professional to identify ideas for mitigation near the proposed 21st Street Station, including visual, noise, and safety issues related to the proposed SWLRT or otherwise address impact of the SWLRT the station on Kenwood; 3) Continuing annual support of additional police patrols at East Cedar Lake Beach and other crime prevention efforts including police patrol in neighborhood alleys; 4) Contracting for part-time help to continue the monthly e-newsletter, and other communication efforts including developments regarding LRT; 5) Contribute funds to help keep the restrooms open at the Kenwood Recreation Center on weekends.

KIAA approved a revised budget for the CPP funds reflecting the addition of unused funds from the prior period. The revised CPP budget totals \$23,687 to be mainly directed to neighborhood priorities.

### SWLRT Update

Upcoming SWLRT CAC on co-location meeting on June 6 at Benilde-St. Margaret’s. June 13 public open house on co-location also at Benilde-St. Margaret.

Kenilworth Preservation Group, chaired by Stuart Chazin, has sent a letter to all political representatives in favor of a tunnel from Lake Street to Penn Station.

Costs are estimated at \$100 million.

### KIAA Officer Elections

KIAA approved 2013-2014 board: Larry Moran, chair; Mike Bono, vice-chair; Amy Lucas, recoding secretary; Ed Pluimer, treasurer.

### Mayoral Candidate Forum—Amy Lucas

KIAA will host (with interested surrounding neighborhoods) and provide funds for a Mayoral Candidate Forum in mid-September at Kenwood Rec Center.

Amy Lucas will contact other n’hood reps for \$ support and advertising for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

### Approved by KIAA in May:

RESOLVED, that KIAA will keep its level of general liability insurance at \$2 million and will name the City of Minneapolis as an additional insured so long as KIAA has any written agreements with the City of Minneapolis.

RESOLVED, that to insure that KIAA will not pass any board resolutions that are inconsistent with the membership guidelines of NRP-CPP, the Board affirms that no membership dues or minimum attendance criteria will ever be passed by the Board so long as KIAA has any written agreements with the City of Minneapolis Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations.

KIAA approved to reimburse Mike Bono for the cost of mailing the Neighborhood Priority Plan survey.

KIAA approved to spend up to \$1,200 for the annual meeting.

KIAA approved to pay for the yearly \$900 fee to Hill and Lake Press.

### Updates

Check out the Kenwood Recreation Center website and all the cool summer activities.

“Movie in the Park” will be in Kenwood on Wednesday, June 19 at dusk. Featuring “Miracle.”

**Reminder: The next KIAA Board meeting will be held on July 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation 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, June 12, 2013

The June meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Lowell Berggren, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, Art Higinbotham, Roger Klimek, James Reid and Amanda Vallone. Land Use Committee Chair Bob Corrick and other residents were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

The City continues to work with the developer of 1800 Lake (Lake St & Knox Ave) to find a permanent solution for the groundwater discharge issue (the property has been discharging groundwater in the Lagoon between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun).

CM Tuthill hired an Urban Scholars intern to work with multi-unit buildings to ensure that they are in compliance with the City's recycling ordinance.

The City is promoting bicycle safety with a series of new posters.

Nature Valley Grand Prix is June 14 in Uptown.

Secret City festival— June 22, 6-10:30 pm. More information at [www.minneapolismn.gov](http://www.minneapolismn.gov).

Open Streets – June 23, 10 am – 4 pm on Lyndale Ave between 22nd and 42th Streets.

To prevent the spread of Emerald Ash Borer, don't prune Ash trees between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2013 was presented.

#### Election of Officers

Officers for the 2013-14 CIDNA Board were unanimously elected: Chair: Craig Westgate; Vice Chair: Mike Wilson; Secretary, Rosanne Halloran; and Treasurer: Ed Bell. The Board thanked outgoing secretary Ryan Fox for his service.

#### Landscape Mitigation on Greenway

Metropolitan Council removed trees and plantings along the Midtown Greenway between Thomas Ave and Dean Parkway during construction of the sewer project. The Met Council will provide new landscaping to mitigate for the loss of trees and shrubs but has deferred to the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA), owner of the property, regarding the scope of the landscape mitigation.

Bob Corrick, Chair of the Land Use & Development Committee presented a resolution to request additional planting. The CIDNA Board approved the resolution.

Summary of the resolution:

"Be it resolved that CIDNA opposes the currently proposed landscape plan, and requests that HCRRA and Metropolitan Council propose a revised and more effective plan with more trees, and quickly engage CIDNA in the process. Be it further resolved that the replanting should seek objectives of mitigation and restoration rather than just another typical planting project on the Greenway."

The resolution will be withdrawn provided that the new landscape plans reasonably address concerns of the neighborhood.

#### NRP/PPP Report

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will be Wednesday, June 26, 3:30 pm at 3033 Excelsior Blvd, Suite 100. The agenda will include planning for the Fall Festival and ideas for improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach.

#### Transportation Committee

Ed Ferlauto reported that planners for the Southwest LRT have been working on options for co-location of freight and LRT in the Kenilworth Corridor. They are exploring the following options: freight and LRT at grade with a relocated bike/ped trail; freight and LRT at grade with elevated bike/ped trail; freight and trail at grade with aerial LRT; freight and trail at grade with LRT in shallow trench; and freight and trail at grade with LRT in a deep tunnel. Engineers are also studying options to re-locate the freight rail through St Louis Park.

The SW LRT Project Office has stated that all of the options of co-locating freight and LRT in the Kenilworth would require removal of residential property in the corridor.

The Board reaffirmed its Resolution of February 8, 2012, opposing co-location of freight rail in the Kenilworth LRT Corridor.

Ed Ferlauto will draft a letter to Met Council members and elected officials. The letter will be reviewed at the July 10 meeting of the CIDNA Board.

#### Southwest LRT meetings:

Southwest LRT Open Houses for Freight Rail, June 13 at Benilde-St Margaret's School.

Southwest LRT Open Houses for all Minneapolis Stations, June 17 (in North Minneapolis) and June 24, 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center, 2101 Franklin Ave W

Kenilworth Preservation Group meeting, June 17, 7 pm at Jones-Harrison Residence

#### Sewer Construction Update

Reminder to sign up for sewer project update by sending an email request to Bre Grand at [bgrand@zanassoc.com](mailto:bgrand@zanassoc.com).

Construction is focused around Park Siding Park. Work begins on June 13 along W 28th St between Dean Court and Xerxes Ave. Traffic changes and closures of Xerxes and W 29th will occur in the coming weeks. Closure to alley west of Xerxes from W 28th St begins June 13. Signs will be posted.

#### Dean Parkway and West Cedar Lake Trail Improvements

The project is out for construction bids. Construction is expected to begin this summer.

#### Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC) Report

Greenway Glow is June 22 and features two events: a free community art festival and a night bike fundraiser.

The new Adopt-a-Greenway signs will be in place soon. CIDNA has adopted the section of the Greenway from Dean Parkway to Calhoun Pkwy. A clean up day is being scheduled.

New Midtown Greenway Neighborhood bicycle trail maps are now available.

#### Land Use & Development Committee

No activity to report.

#### Bill Breon, Minneapolis Energy Options

The utility contracts for Xcel Energy and

Centerpoint Energy are up for renewal in the next two years. These are 20-year contracts. Minneapolis Energy Options is campaigning to urge the City of Minneapolis to seek significantly more conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy through contract negotiations with Excel Energy and Centerpoint Energy to reach the City's climate goals. Minneapolis Energy Options is asking the City Council to support a ballot measure (Nov. 2013) to give the City authority to study the feasibility of a municipal utility to meet the energy goals.

Minneapolis Energy Options will provide more information to the CIDNA Board for consideration in advance of the next board meeting (July 10th).

#### Elaine May, Fall Festival Chair

The Fall Festival is being planned for Sunday, September 15. The Board approved the proposed budget of \$2,142 for the event. Ideas to add live entertainment and a poster design competition were discussed.

FairVote Minnesota, a non-partisan, non-profit organization will be invited to have an information table to promote awareness of Ranked Choice Voting.

#### Social Networking

Ryan Fox proposed the idea of expanding communication to residents by different social networking tools. Tools such as NextDoor, e-Democracy and Facebook were discussed. The board will continue the discussion at the July meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

#### Next meeting

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

### Letter on LRT from page 6

#### To the Editor:

One group of citizens is organizing around LRT being in a deep tunnel with freight as is. This option would maintain the walking and biking trails. In addition, it will preserve and protect the Kenilworth corridor's nature and beauty. But the engineering of the tunnel, if the Met Council were to agree to it, may still result in the loss of some or all of the Cedar Lake Shore townhomes. An official who has been closely involved with the Central Corridor LRT cautioned residents who are lobbying for tunnel to review what happened with the tunnel that was planned under the University of Minnesota. They stated "if you want to see what an LRT tunnel looks like, go see the one they promised to build at the U, and did not build".

If you want your opinion heard on this issue, contact members of the Met Council (all of them will vote and many of them are not currently familiar with the impact of the co-location on the Kenilworth corridor), Minneapolis City Council members, and Hennepin County Commissioners.

Tell them NO to at-grade co-location of the freight and rail. Demand a tunnel for the LRT crossing at Cedar Lake Parkway, so that we don't have to listen to the train whistle up to 250 times per day as it crosses the corridor. Your letter, your call, your visit, could help maintain the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists for years to come.

Patty Schmitz CIDNA

#### LRT Co-location Alert!

Southwest LRT planners and officials moving ever closer to a recommendation for resolving the co-location/relocation conflict. Hill and Lake residents must make their voices heard – now!

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# LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

EIRA FROM PAGE 10

By Janis Clay

## Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, June 4, 2013, Rye Deli

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; David Weinstein, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Jimmy Fogel; Rebecca Graham; Phil Hallaway; Tom Huppert; Mark Brauer; Michael Cockson; Ann Seltman.

Present - Guests and staff: Bob Hinck; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Maureen Sheehan, noting a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Dan Aronson moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the May 7, 2013, minutes. All approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Dan Aronson reported that we will end our year with approximately \$30,000 in the bank. We are in good shape financially. The Board discussed making an annual contribution to the Hill & Lake Press, as we have done in the past. Jimmy Fogel made a motion, seconded by Phil Hallaway, to allocate \$1000.00. All approved. A block leader on Dupont Avenue requested money for printing and mailing flyers to collect email contact information from neighbors. Chris Madden will contact him to discuss this. Jimmy Fogel made a motion, seconded by Michael Cockson, to allocate up to \$50.00 for this purpose. All approved.

### Committee Reports:

**Zoning and Planning Committee:** The Board discussed the process for handling zoning issues that arise over the summer. The Zoning Committee, David Weinstein and Jimmy Fogel, will meet and arrive at a recommendation, which they will circulate to the Board. If action is needed, they will act as the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Zoning Committee. The parking situation at Hennepin and Franklin continues to be a problem, due to the high demand for parking after the opening of Burch Steak. The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association will work with the South Hennepin Business Association to try to come up with improve the parking situation.

**Crime and Safety:** Phil Hallaway and Rebecca Graham will continue to work on recruiting block leaders.

**Events:** Rock the Garden is moving ahead, scheduled for June 15th. The annual Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th. Chris Madden will produce flyers and an ad for the Hill & Lake Press.

**Election of Board Officers:** Jimmy Fogel moved, and Ann Seltman seconded, election of officers:

- Maureen Sheehan - President
- David Weinstein - Vice President
- Dan Aronson - Treasurer
- Janis Clay - Secretary

All approved.

**Selection of Committee Chairs:** Dan Aronson moved, and Ann Seltman seconded, selection of the following Committee Chairs:

- Crime and Safety: Rebecca Graham and Phil Hallaway.
  - Zoning: David Weinstein and Jimmy Fogel.
  - Environment: Marty Broan and Michael Cockson.
- Michael Cockson will also act as our representative on the

Lake of the Isles Citizens Review Committee.

Events: Mark Brauer

All approved.

**New Business.** Insurance renewal: Dan Aronson moved, seconded by David Weinstein, that we renew our General Liability Insurance through the City. All approved.

**LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. This is one week later than usual due to Labor Day. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at [www.lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://www.lowryhillneighborhood.org), where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

## EIRA CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

for Xcel Energy and Centerpoint Energy are up for renewal in the next two years. These are 20-year contracts. Minneapolis Energy Options is a campaign to urge the City to seek significantly more conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy through - or instead of - its contract negotiations with Excel Energy and Centerpoint Energy to reach the City's climate goals (30% greenhouse gas reduction by 2025). Minneapolis Energy Options is asking the City Council to support a ballot measure (Nov 2013) to give the City authority to study the feasibility of a municipal utility to meet the energy goals.

Minneapolis Energy Options and a representative from one of the energy companies will be invited to present to the EIRA Board at the July 9th meeting.

### Candace Dow, Transportation Committee

The committee had their first meeting on June 6. Regular meeting time will be the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm at Grace-Trinity Community Church.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis - The transit alternatives have been narrowed to three options: 1) Enhanced Bus on Lake Street 2) Streetcar on the Greenway and 3) Dual alternative with both. Next steps: concept designs and operating costs will be evaluated.

### Monica Smith, Staff Report

Expenditures were presented for the Community Participation Program (CPP) and Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The EIRA Board approved shifting CPP expenses to underfunded categories.

The Board approved \$1400 for the annual membership mailing. The mailing will include an invitation to the Ice Cream Social in August (design and printing of the invitation will be donated).

Bill Whitbeck, founder of EIRA passed away on June 4. The Board authorized Dan McLaughlin to determine an appropriate way to honor Mr. Whitbeck.

FairVote Minnesota is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to educate residents about Ranked Choice voting. They will be invited to have an information table at the Ice Cream Social and give a brief presentation at the October Members Meeting.

MSP FairSkies Coalition is a group of SW Minneapolis neighbors opposing a plan to increase airplane traffic over our neighborhoods. They will be invited to present at a future EIRA Board meeting.

Conflict of Interest forms were provided to board members.

### Board Review

Signatory authority for the EIRA banks accounts has been transferred to Ramon Ramirez Quintero, EIRA Treasurer and Dan McLaughlin, EIRA President.

Dan and Ramon will meet with an attorney (provided by the City) to discuss EIRA's IRS status.

Linda Schutz provided a summary of the evaluations from the EIRA Annual Members' Meeting in April. The majority of the respondents gave high scores to almost all of the categories. EIRA members may request a copy of the report by sending an email to [nrp@eastisles.org](mailto:nrp@eastisles.org).

The July 9 and August 13 EIRA Board meetings will be held at The Bridge for Youth. The Fall Members meeting is scheduled for October 22nd.

**Next EIRA Board of Directors meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m. at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St.**

## Magnificat from page 3

A Magnificat is the song of Mary, mother of Jesus when she learns of her exalted role and praises God in her feelings of blessedness. It has been set to music dozens of times. The composer describes his work as follows: "From its first seconds, my Magnificat evokes the songs of an ancient plains song. After a humble, chanted opening, the organ enters with an opulent, shimmering chord and a treble soloist soars above in a freewheeling melody. After that, the music alternates between moments of serenity and episodes of flight, from its energetic middle section to its joyful climax...I decided to end with a prayer, an introspective 'Amen', which layers the opening chant on top of itself in a four part canon."

The choir caught this intent of the composer perfectly. Under the skillful guidance of its director its sections and voices were perfectly blended. The precision of its rendering of the piece even in its most intricate parts displayed a talent that is missing in many well known choral groups. The Dobson tracer organ blended flawlessly and unobtrusively with the choir. The mechanism in this instrument which links the keys directly to the pipes dates back at least to the Renaissance and one suspects that its virtues were manifested in this performance.

This excellent performance showed not only that the choir and its director had spent weeks with the composer while he was preparing the work, but also reflects that pride and honor felt when they learned that Wadsworth had dedicated his Magnificat to "Jacob Manier and the St. Paul's Choir, with sincere gratitude for our collaboration and new found friendship."

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## Letters

**To the Editor:**

I loved on Lake of the Isles for over 50 years – in the only Locally Designated House on Lake of the Isles. The original occupants – Charles and Ruth Eddy Keyes selected the lot to build their home in 1904. Ruth Eddy Keyes was an Ornithologist and interested in the environment. The Lake Area had habitats for birds, butterflies, dragonflies, wild flowers. There was also a variety of ducks, fish, turtles, and muskrats. The area also was an oak savanna and part of the original Fort Snelling. There were also more islands – the area should be protected and preserved.

**June Burd**

**To the Editor:**

I was outraged to read Craig Wilson's interview with Kendal Killian in the May 17, 2013 issue of the Hill and Lake Press.

I am disappointed you would allow his column to be used as a platform for Mr. Killian to spew his mean spirited, biased, and inaccurate remarks about Council member Meg Tuthill.

The 10th Ward DFL Endorsing Convention was held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 and someone was endorsed. Are Killian's remarks even newsworthy three weeks later?

I have known Meg Tuthill for 35 + years and she is the most honest and hard working person I know. Family, the neighborhood and community have always been her top priorities. She has been and advocate for the concerns of the neighborhood for 40 years including the last 3 1/2 years as the 10th Ward Council member. She has accomplished so much.

I believe Mr. Killian's goal in running for the 10th Ward Council seat was to make sure Meg was not endorsed for a second term. It was personal.

I hope 10th Ward voters will see through Mr. Killian's scheme and will look at Meg's record of achievement and give her the support she has earned and deserves for being a true representative for all her constituents.

**Vivian Mason CIDNA**

**To the Editor:**

The May issue included an article by Mr. Craig Wilson of Mr. Kendal Killian. The article was quite troubling because the subject of the interview was Meg Tuthill, the present tenth ward alderperson who was criticized in what I felt was a very unjust manner.

One of Mr. Killian's complaints was that council member Tuthill was out of touch with her constituents. The tenth ward has always been home to homeowners, apartment dwellers, downtown workers, neighborhood workers, families with children, young people, old people, gender diverse people, racially diverse people, in other words a mirror of our society. The developers picked this area as a place to build was because these are the kind of people were a market for their buildings. Meg Tuthill is a part of that mix and understands full well the needs of her ward and its people.

His next kvetch about Meg was that she spent too much time trying to solve the rooftop bar problem in Uptown which was a source of noise and rowdy behavior that disturbed the nearby neighbors. The roof top bars were open late and became noisier as the evening wore on into the wee hours. Not everyone gets to party all night. Some folks have to sleep to get up for their job in the morning. Meg addressed this issue in an effective manner.

And then the next complaint from Mr. Killian, Meg changed her mind! "Oh my God," now there's a crime! People change their minds all the time. She does have that right you know in a free country. At least Meg is interested in serving her constituents and not going along with the interests of one political group. Maybe it shows that she is not in anyone's pocket and that Meg has an independent spirit. This is always a good thing to have in politics.

These are three of Mr. Killian's complaints as to why Meg Tuthill should not keep her council position for four more years. Actually his reasons and his description of Meg provided good reasons to vote for her and have her keep doing the job that she has been doing and that is looking out for ALL the people who live in the tenth ward and not just a select politic group.

**Joyce Murphy Lowry Hill**



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**To the Editor:**

I've lived in Lowry Hill for more than 17 years, and generally page through the Hill and Lake Press hoping for something interesting and to skim my neighborhood meeting minutes. Craig Wilson's interview with Kendal Killian is the first time I've read views I can relate to published in the Hill and Lakes Press. Thank you!

The neighborhood I live in is an urban, apartment-filled, friendly-renter-filled, transit-riding, diverse neighborhood. (In Lowry Hill, fully 67% of residents rent; in East Isles, 66% do!) Unfortunately, that is obscured in Hill and Lakes by political articles I find unwelcoming to me and my peers, ones focusing on historic preservation, and things like Lake of the Isles views. I want to know why Uptown zoning can't get fixed to allow more liquor stores, why tap rooms are being preventing from opening, why we have to have so many surface parking lots, and why we can't have a Hennepin Avenue welcoming to people on bikes and with sidewalks wide enough to walk side by side with a friend. Please give us more articles representing the true diversity of the Hill and Lakes neighborhoods.

**Janne Flisrand, Lowry Hill**

**To the Editor:**

The Hill & Lake Press is "published for East Isles, Lowry Hill, Kenwood Isles, & CIDNA", while there are other newspapers published for other neighborhoods in the City of Minneapolis. I live in East Isles and was surprised to learn the person featured in the May 2013 issue of the Hill & Lake Press was cited as "your neighbor" without accompanying disclosure that he now lives in the City's East Harriet neighborhood, and previously resided in the Lyndale neighborhood (neither are adjacent to East Isles). Before I moved to East Isles in 1985, I lived in Prospect Park, and earlier lived in SE Como, Marcy-Holmes, etc. I still consider some there to be my friends and acquaintances, but not my current neighbors. I even lived in St. Paul for a while, some suburbs, and in other states – perhaps my neighbors are farther flung than I realized? With about 80 neighborhoods with formal boundaries in Minneapolis, is the Hill & Lake Press intending to focus on any one from any of those neighborhoods, outside the paper's service territory, identifying them as "your neighbor", featuring lengthy articles about them, affording them prominent newspaper space, while not identifying where they reside? Secondly, come November 2013, due to redistricting, residents of the neighborhoods of East Isles and part of CIDNA, will no longer be able to cast votes for the Ward 10 Council seat, a position for which the fellow featured as "your neighbor" unsuccessfully sought DFL endorsement. Several of my East Isles neighbors are unaware there was a commission that recommended the redistricting changes affecting them or understand the consequences. Thirdly, did the person featured in the "your neighbor" article write most of the copy about himself, or who substantially authored the nine paragraphs of text?

**Linda Schutz East Isles**

**To the Editor:**

In reading the latest issue, I wondered why HLP carried Craig Wilson's interview with a former Ward 10 candidate for the 2013 election. The 2013 election will be by the redistricted ward boundaries. All of East Isles and the southern part of CIDNA, both currently in Ward 10, will join the rest of CIDNA and all of Kenwood and Lowry Hill in Ward 7. As I understood HLP, we cover information about the CIDNA, East Isles, Kenwood, and Lowry Hill neighborhoods.

**Candace Dow East Isles**

| HILL LAKE PRESS<br>Selected Real Estate Sales<br>May 2013 |                |                     |          |            |           |          |   |            |          |        |  |  |
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| STREET ADDRESS  | ORIGINAL PRICE | SELLER CONTRIBUTION | DAYS MKT | SALE PRICE | TYPE      | BED BATH | SQ FT                                       | TAX VALUE  | PROP TAX | YR BLT |  |  |
| 1901 Emerson S #405                                       | \$ 119,000     |                     | 53       | \$ 110,000 | C         | 1/1      | 760   | \$ 125,000 | \$ 2,091 | 1964   |  |  |
| 48 Groveland Terr #403                                    | 159,900        |                     | 330      | 145,000    | C         | 1/1      | 655   | 137,500    | 2,479    | 1966   |  |  |
| 1770 Bryant S #102  | 165,000        | 4,950               | 24       | 165,000    | C         | 2/2      | 1,316                                       | 149,500    | 3,285    | 1968   |  |  |
| 1425 W 28th St #302                                       | 216,000        |                     | 170      | 200,000    | C         | 3/2      | 1,400                                       | 201,500    | 3,819    | 1986   |  |  |
| 3141 Dean Ct #304   | 269,900        |                     | 294      | 263,000    | C         | 2/3      | 1,988                                       | 348,000    | 5,784    | 1983   |  |  |
| 2017 Emerson S  | 425,000        | 12,015              | 264      | 400,500    | H         | 6/3      | 3,254                                       | 425,500    | 7,311    | 1904   |  |  |
| 3135 Dean Ct  | 399,900        |                     | 35       | 385,000    | TWN       | 4/3      | 2,091                                       | 329,000    | 5,954    | 1982   |  |  |
| 3116 W Lake St #522                                       | 399,900        |                     | 1        | 380,000    | C         | 2/2      | 1,771                                       | 373,500    | 6,703    | 2007   |  |  |
| 3310 St Paul Ave  | 459,000        |                     | 14       | 425,000    | TWN       | 3/4      | 2,860                                       | 485,500    | 10,059   | 1988   |  |  |
| 1779 Girard S   | 599,000        | 10,000              | 21       | 572,600    | H         | 5/3      | 2,863                                       | 564,000    | 10,868   | 1901   |  |  |
| 2824 Humboldt S   | 675,000        |                     | 284      | 640,000    | H         | 5/4      | 4,887                                       | 625,000    | 11,710   | 1902   |  |  |
| 2208 Kenwood Pkwy   | 699,900        |                     | 1        | 699,900    | H         | 4/3      | 3,346                                       | 834,500    | 16,294   | 1916   |  |  |
| 1968 Kenwood Pkwy   | 876,500        |                     | 147      | 847,900    | H         | 4/4      | 3,985                                       | 807,000    | 16,895   | 1900   |  |  |
| 3403 28th St  | 1,150,000      |                     | 279      | 990,000    | H         | 3/3      | 3,625                                       | 895,000    | 17,796   | 1994   |  |  |
| 1901 Knox S   | 1,460,000      |                     | 151      | 1,045,000  | H         | 7/5      | 5,614                                       | 970,000    | 18,934   | 1921   |  |  |
| 2305 Penn S   | 1,395,000      |                     | 14       | 1,325,000  | H         | 4/5      | 4,300                                       | 1,636,500  | 33,848   | 1925   |  |  |
| 2603 Newton S   | 1,795,000      |                     | 303      | 1,580,000  | H         | 5/4      | 5,810                                       | 1,887,000  | 39,391   | 1913   |  |  |
| Sources: Harvey Ettinger                                  |                | Steve Havig         | cume     |            | Condo     | C        |   |            |          |        |  |  |
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**Where we are Now**

By Jean Deatrick

I enjoy editing Hill and Lake Press each month. Not so much when I make an error however, particularly a huge error. Recently I left out a half page ad because of my failure to do a last minute check before sending the paper to press. And last month I published an inappropriate column. As a result, I have received letters and phone calls.

The difficult part of my job is convincing writers to send their materials early. Often articles come in a day or two before publication which means I don't have time to properly edit the paper. Still, it is my responsibility to make certain that the paper is accurate and that offensive articles aren't published.

We are fortunate to have James Lenfestey's fine writing again. And we are deeply indebted to Michael Wilson who has researched and written about the controversial SWLRT issue.

Finally! Warm weather. And since it is my birthday tomorrow, I am going to sit outside and drink some champagne with my family and friends. My youngest daughter is expecting another baby girl any day so we have lots to celebrate.

**To the Editor:**

Comment: HCRRRA, SWLRT, and Those Little Brown Signs

Last month's article "HCRRRA, SWLRT and Those Little Brown Signs" imagines the Kenilworth Trail as "a new and busy transit thoroughfare "with 250 Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) trains running at 45 mph every 3-5 minutes from early morning to late at night. Imaginations can vary greatly. Others have imagined the proposed SWLRT route as an unsafe and unsightly mass transit corridor, running between, dwarfing and degrading two of our beautiful City lakes and the historic Kenilworth Lagoon, jamming, clamoring, and thoroughly mechanizing the open space of the Trail and nearby areas, taking out Minneapolis homes and destabilizing Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Although the Kenilworth Corridor is owned by the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRRA), neither the original nor current Purpose of the Regional Railroad Authorities Act refers to "future mass transit lines" or "to plan, design, and implement light rail transit" as is suggested in last month's article. The statute states that municipalities "may provide for the preservation and improvement of local rail service for agriculture, industry, or passenger traffic and provide for the preservation of abandoned rail right of way for future transportation uses, when determined to be practicable and necessary for the public welfare, particularly in the case of abandonment of local rail lines." (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=398A&view=>

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**Audiobooks to the Rescue**

By Madeleine Lowry

Its summer and that means spending hours upon hours in moving vehicles with your nearest and dearest trying to fight the urge to unleash your primal scream. Ahem. Audiobooks to the rescue!

I think one of my personal triumphs as a parent was learning this early, back when the library's collection of audiobooks was mostly on cassette tapes and our kids were still in car seats with five-point harnesses.

I can remember driving from Florence to Venice with two young kids (who decided that this could be done in a day?) in 100 degree heat in a petite subcompact while massively pregnant. It was all made bearable by the fact that we listened to Maya Gold's delightful Harriet the Spy, Double Agent (over and over again) the entire trip. Amazingly enough it was as entertaining for the parents as it was for the younger set. Even the third time.

We've listened to a lot of children's literature in the car. My kids have enjoyed the Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Gregor the Overlander and Hunger Games series in our little media center on wheels. Note to self: an engaging audiobook will keep the kids from whining while simultaneously keeping the driver from falling asleep at the wheel. (Some caffeine doesn't hurt either.)

My youngest child is addicted to audiobooks. He listens to them in his room and insists on them in the car going to and from school. He's heard the entire Arthur Pendragon and Skullduggery Pleasant series by himself in short early morning stints before I begin making his breakfast.

As the kids grew older we let them select their own audiobooks on car trips. We set up a portable CD player with headphones in the back so that we could listen to an adult selection in the front of the car. On our many trips to Lutsen we have enjoyed listening to Longitude by Dava Sobel, Blink by Malcolm Gladwell, Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier, Garlic and Sapphires by the inimitable food writer Ruth Reichl, Three Weeks With My Brother by Nicholas Sparks, Miracle in the Andes by Nando Parrado, The Kitchen Boy by Robert Alexander, Here if You Need Me by



Kate Braestrup and many light and fluffy Hannah Swensen mysteries by Joanne Fluke.

When my morning commute became substantial, audiobooks were the way in which I made the time more useful. Some titles I have enjoyed recently include Pamela Druckerman's Bringing Up B  b  , Paula Deen's It Ain't All About the Cooking, and After Life by Rhian Ellis.

Some audiobooks will open up your heart, like James Wooten's We Are All The Same and Little Princes by Conor Grennan.

Others can help give context to a certain chapter of your life. Before we hosted a Chinese piano student from Julliard, I previewed Lang Lang's life story as a piano prodigy in Journey of a Thousand Miles.

In preparation for our trip to Sweden this summer we checked out The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larsson, set in and around Stockholm. The first half was interesting, but I declined to finish it because the story line turned too sinister for my taste. (Happily my husband was willing to fill me in with a brief synopsis of the conclusion later.)

Choosing a good audiobook is a bit hit or miss. We have learned to bring five for every one we want to hear. Sometimes there are signs that a book won't be worth the space in our luggage. "Read by the author," is almost always a bad sign. Notable exceptions are Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog by Lisa Scottoline and Nora Ephron's I Feel Bad About My Neck.

And yes, we have heard that you can download audiobooks to your phone or MP3 player from the library website, but we still like to pack the CDs. Making a quick trip to the library is often less frustrating than the downloading process. We also like the fact that the CD player in the car is always charged and instantly recalls the precise point where we left off in our last listening session.

Make your next car trip a success and dash over to the library for an armload of audio relief!

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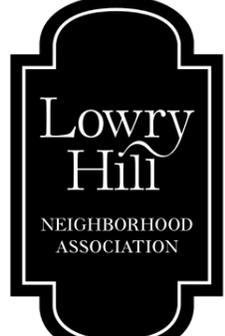
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# sand upon the waters

Letter from Page 15

By Tom H. Cook

Almost overnight odd things have begun happening to me.

1. The hair in my ears suddenly grew so thick I could not hear the cashier at the market. I suggested she looked like she should be in middle school. She let me know that she is 27, has three kids, an ex-husband in Georgia, no child support, and a peptic ulcer. I told her I never used to call the store a market.

2. I have taken to carrying a small change purse for coins and wrapping my bills and credit cards tightly in a rubber band. This increases my checkout time so I regale those behind me in line with stories about how much each item used to cost.

3. My pants (briefly referred to as slacks) are now called trousers. They seem to fit better when they are hugging my ribcage and held up by both suspenders and a belt. In shirts, flannel is the new black.

4. My next automobile will probably be an Oldsmobile 88. I want to get a little more car around me the way these young people whizz by talking on their hounds tooth telephones. The mileage will not be as good as my Prius, but I never go over 35 mph anyway.

5. Reading obituaries the other day I remarked that the afterlife must be mirthful because families all mention that the deceased had a great sense of humor. I have not met that many truly funny people. The obit always suggests a donation in lieu of flowers, so how come there are so many flowers at funerals? I shared these unique observations four days in a row with Mother.

6. I called JoAnne "Mother" the other day.  
7. Dinner before 5:00 PM is called supper. Early bird specials are great! The food is fresher, you save money, and you get home before dark when all the hipsters and riff raff come out.  
8. I keep a rake by my side door so I can spring into action if skate boarders or stray dogs trespass onto my property.  
9. Rather than say, "I am going to crash," I told Mother that I was a might tuckered and was not going

to sleep, but just going to rest my eyes for a spell.

10. People on television need to speak up! I have noticed that almost all of them mumble and it is hard to make out what they are saying. That Howard Cosell, you didn't always agree with him, but you at least you could hear him!

A friend inquired solicitously if there was an event to explain my sudden change in behavior. I could not think of anything right off, but then I remembered that our daughter Rachael and son-in-law Daniel Gillies recently told us that our first grandchild was on the way.

**Tom H. Cook a displaced local writer has transitioned from fogey to codger in preparation for becoming a grandparent this fall. (Google Rachael Leigh Cook to see a photo of the happy couple.) Shameless plug: Rachael, the Barton Open School graduate, returns as F.B.I. agent Kate Moretti in Season Two of Perception on TNT June 25th.**

chapter)

The 55 miles of corridor owned by HCRRA, including the Kenilworth Trail, were purchased with Hennepin County property taxes levied by HCRRA. HCRRA has committed to contributing \$125 million new property tax dollars to SWLRT's total \$1.25 billion cost. The elected Hennepin County Board of Commissioners administers HCRRA. Note the statute states that HCRRA must act in a manner that is "practicable and necessary for the public welfare." HCRRA's "ownership" of the Kenilworth Trail does not take the future of SWLRT or the Trail out of the hands of the public. Building SWLRT requires public support, massive public money most of which has not been secured, as well as attention to the public welfare all along the line. The Hennepin County Commissioners, and thus HCRRA, are accountable to the public, and the public has the right to be involved in all decisions that affect Minneapolis lakes, parks, trails, and neighborhoods.

Amy Rock CIDNA

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Volunteers needed to promote zero waste at the Tri-Loppet on Saturday, June 29. The race includes a paddle, run, and mountain bike ride. Learn more at <http://www.loppet.org/triloppet/2013/05/tri-loppet-festival-summer-is-on-its-way/>. Pairs of volunteers are needed to monitor 3 waste stations from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Wirth Park area. Sign up at [www.loppet.org/volunteer](http://www.loppet.org/triloppet/volunteer)



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