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Deinard Residence in Lowry Hill

Nominated as Local Landmark

by Bob Glancy

The home of Amos and Sue Deinard at 1729 Morgan Ave. S. has been nominated to the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission as a historic landmark. The commission approved the nomination and granted the property interim protection and directed the Minneapolis Planning Director to prepare a designation study in August.

The nomination was based on the house being owned and occupied by Amos' father, Amos Spencer Deinard, for 38 years and on its architectural heritage. It was designed by the well-known architectural firm of Liebenberg and Kaplan.

Amos Spencer Deinard grew up in the East Isles neighborhood. He was born to Russian/Lithuanian immigrants Samuel and Rosa Deinard, who moved to Minneapolis from Indiana in 1901. Samuel became Rabbi at Temple Shaari Tov which in 1901 was located in downtown Minneapolis. In 1920, the Temple moved to East Isles and was renamed Temple Israel. Amos Spencer Deinard was one of the earliest proponents of the fight for civil rights in Minneapolis. Amos inherited his interest and dedication to civil liberty from his father Samuel who was the first President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Samuel Deinard also founded the American Jewish World which began publishing under that name in 1915 and continues today.

Amos and his brother Benedict attended West High School and traded off being Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Amos lost his ability to read by the age of 13. Under their mother's direction, his brother Benedict, 18 months his junior, read his lessons to him from High School through their year at Harvard. Following high school graduation, the brothers entered the University of Minnesota where they were Phi Beta Kappa members. They then attended the University of Minnesota Law School, following which, they spent one year at Harvard Law School where they earned their SJD degrees. Grandfather Samuel Deinard died in October 1921.

While at Harvard, their Father died at age 48 of a heart attack on Yom Kippur morning. With their Mother and younger sister at home in Minneapolis, the brothers elected to return home in June 1922. Once home, they met George Leonard who had been practicing law by himself in Minneapolis for 25 years. Leonard asked the brothers to join him. Also joining the firm at



Photo by Bob Glancy

A study of this photo of the front of 1729 Morgan Ave. S. shows how virtually every architectural detail seen in the 1922 architects' pre-construction rendering has been preserved, included the two large trees.

its outset was legal scholar Arthur Street. The firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard was founded in the spring of 1922 and still has offices in Minneapolis and other cities. Amos and Benedict Deinard practiced together from 1922 until Benedict's death on February 14, 1969. From 1922-1966, they walked daily to and from work downtown in snow, heat, or subzero temperatures, but they didn't walk in rain.

Amos Deinard practiced in the area of civil law and was involved in civil liberty cases and movements from the beginning. In 1946, he was appointed to the newly

created Minneapolis Fair Employment Practices Commission by its creator Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey. He and his family moved into 1729 Morgan Avenue South the following year. Deinard served on the commission for 17 years – 15 of them as chairman. He was a cofounder of the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service in 1939 and was a member of its board for 47 years. He was active in the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Blindness (now the Sight and

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A Festival of Lessons and Carols Friday, 6 December 2013 seven o'clock in the evening

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Birchbark Books Reading Series

Original Local with Heid E. Erdrich

Friday, November 22 @ 7pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1917 Logan Ave S, Minneapolis

Join us as we celebrate the release of **Heid E. Erdrich's** great new book *Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest*. Local foods have garnered much attention in recent years, but the concept is hardly new: indigenous peoples have always made the most of nature's gifts. Their menus were truly the "original local," celebrated here in 135 home-tested recipes paired with stories from tribal activists, food researchers, families, and chefs. The event will feature delectable delights from the book and lots of fun for everyone

Toys for Tots

In memory of Dr. Melanie Freeman, the Kenwood Pet Clinic is once again a Toys for Tots drop-off location. This will be our 15th year participating in this valuable program. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped gift to our clinic to be given to a needy child. Again, this year we are asking you to consider toys for teenagers - make-up, arts and craft items, diaries, action figures and sporting items make great gifts for teens.

Toys may be dropped off NOW through December 20th at 5:30pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove

St. Cecilia's Day Concert, Nov. 23, 7:30 pm. Works by Francis Poulenc and Benjamin Britten

Advent Lessons & Carols, Dec. 1, 5:00 pm

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols:

Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm

Dec. 22 at 5:00 pm

Choral Evensong Sundays at 5:00 pm.

And the Angels Sang Glory Advent Concert Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 11am

Join the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir, Copper Street Brass and friends for the annual Advent concert: *And the Angels Sang Glory*. Conducted by William Mathis, this holiday concert will include works for choir and brass orchestra by Biebl, Pinkham, Rutter, Custer and more. Admission is free, and off-street parking is available in the church lot or in the Walk Art Center ramp (with validation).
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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NOV. 22 7PM HEID ERDRICH READING ST. PAUL'S
NOV. 23 7:30PM ST. CECILIA'S CONCERT ST. MARK'S
DEC. 1 5PM ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS ST. MARK'S
DEC. 6, 7PM LESSONS & CAROLS, ST. PAUL'S
DEC. 7, 10AM UNTIL NOON, OPEN HOUSE ST. PAUL'S
DEC. 8, 11AM ADVENT CONCERT HENNEPIN AVE METHODIST
DEC. 9 5:30 CIDNA ART MART JONES HARRISON
DEC. 9, 7PM HOLOCAUST ANNIVERSARY EVENT WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW
DEC. 11, 6:05PM BUDGET HEARINGS CITY HALL
DEC. 13 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY
DEC. 16, 5-7PM LATER WITH LISA
DEC. 20 7:30PM LESSONS & CAROLS ST. MARK'S
DEC. 22, 5PM LESSONS & CAROLS ST. MARK'S
JAN. 6, 1-4PM NEIGHBORHOOD SKATING PARTY
Neighborhood monthly meetings:
CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm. Grace Church
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,
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**CONTACT: Barbara Franklin
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The Minneapolis Audubon Society will meet Friday, December 13 at 1 p.m. at the Bryant Square Neighborhood Center. Barbara & Ted Galambos – our own world travelers – will take us with them for travel and birding. The Bryant Square Neighborhood Center, just one block south of Lake Street, is easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 minutes. Please join us for the program and refreshments! For more information call 952-926-4205.

Neighborhood Ice Skating Party on Lake of the Isles January 26 1-4pm

Holocaust Anniversaries to be commemorated in St. Paul

World Without Genocide will commemorate the 75th anniversaries of Kristallnacht, the beginning of the Holocaust, and the kindertransports, efforts to rescue Jewish children, and the 65th anniversary of the signing of the Genocide Convention, with a program on Monday, December 9, 2013.

During Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass, German paramilitary and Nazi supporters burned a thousand synagogues and homes, destroyed 7,000 Jewish shops, and incarcerated more than 30,000 Jewish men in concentration camps.

Two weeks after Kristallnacht, and before the outbreak of World War II, concerned citizens organized transports to get Jewish children safely out of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland to England and Holland. These transports saved more than 10,000 children. Mr. Benno Black, possibly Minnesota's only survivor of the kindertransport, will share his personal story.

December 9, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Auditorium at William Mitchell College of Law, 875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. The talk is open to the public; \$10; \$5 students and seniors; \$35 for 2 standard CLEs for lawyers (pending). No reservations are necessary.

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Meet Your Neighbor, Sharon A. Lessard

Craig Wilson interviews Sharon A Lessard about growing up overseas with a father in the CIA, her expertise as a retail designer and influencer, her passion for curating seasonal wine selections for her wine club members, her reason for living in Minneapolis, and why she started her own business. Sharon is the founder of Share, LLC.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in the Middle East. My family lived in Iran twice as well as Afghanistan, Pakistan and we spent a lot of time in India. We returned to the States in late November 1979 when we were evacuated from Pakistan. A great book to read to better understand the Middle East and CIA of that time is Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan and Bin Laden by Steve Coll of the NYTimes.

What was it like having a father in the CIA? I didn't know that my father was in the CIA until I was a teenager. I was 14 when I found out...it was a very strange discovery. Situations and events from the past became much clearer after learning something like that.

What was the favorite place you lived? Afghanistan. The country and people, as I remember it, were amazing. Here's a link to photos taken by Bill Podlich in the late 1960s...slides 10, 13 and 18 I clearly remember as a child.

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How did you become interested in retail? Growing up overseas, I had the opportunity to experience all kinds of cultures. Exploring, engaging and becoming educated with a variety of people, places, art, music, foods, etc, which led me to studying art in college. I double majored in painting and art history. American fashion and retail was something I never experienced growing up except when we came home for R&R every 2-4 years to load up on essentials...I was fascinated with retail, so I got a part-time job at The Limited right after college and my year's grant at Graphicstudio ended. I LOVED it and was very good at outfitting customers, selling clothes and styling mannequins. I worked my way into store management and eventually found my way into visual merchandising...I've never looked back. My career in design was born. My love for painting and art history continues to this day. My passion for engaging with people, ideas, cultures, foods, enter-



taining, traveling, and ultimately, creating and influencing retail concepts, has evolved into my own business: Share, LLC, a retail customer experience boutique.

As a retail customer experience boutique, you have a reputation for introducing people and organizations to new thinking. How do you achieve this? I am an influencer of the customer experience. Combining physical, emotional, and sensory elements, I bring a brand to life. I come at things from a diverse perspective: a holistic approach that includes my professional expertise in design, my knowledge of cultural philosophies and my personal passion for wine. Creativity is the lens that connects every experience. Whether as a designer, speaker or curator, I bring together people with varying perspectives, backgrounds and points-of-view to create an unexpected experience that inspire meaningful human and transformational connections. Some call it edge; I call it insight.

As we head into the holiday season, which retailers are getting it right and which have room to improve? Retail is about change...those retailers that live by that mantra will succeed, those that don't (or haven't) won't. In today's retail environment, relevancy is critical. Fluid integration between online, mobile and brick-and-

mortar is essential to success. Being 'average' no longer is acceptable. Retailers that are authentic and strive to be remarkable will win today's consumer, and will win at holiday and beyond.

What brought you to Minneapolis? I moved here the first time from 2002-2006 with my role at Best Buy. I left Minneapolis for a brief time before returning in 2008 with my role at Supervalu. As I considered my own business, I decided I'd make Minneapolis my home.

Tell us about your home that you call City Cabin. Well, it's a 1901 cedar cabin. It's had a few modifications over the years, but it is still a 'cabin.' When I first saw it, I knew exactly what I wanted to do to preserve and restore the original 'cabin', and how to modernize and expand to create a 'home.' I opened up and added onto the back of the cabin with a new entry and kitchen/dining space for cooking and entertaining...I have an amazing view of Cedar Lake and the city...so it's my City Cabin. It's home.

When did you become interested in fine wine? I started visiting California wine country in the '90s. As with everything I had done to that point, I applied the same love of exploring, engaging and educating myself. New wines and vineyards...new vineyard owners and wine makers...various varietals, appellations within CA and the States, to now. I'm reaching beyond the borders of North America into the World...

How do you curate wine? I work with several distributors with connections to small and large vineyards, as well as, vineyards and wineries I've engaged with through my travels and tons of reading. The criteria are simple: great wines, great stories, small production and not easily found at retail locations. I taste every wine before it's added to the seasonal selection.

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Canal Connecting Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Officially Opened 100 Years Ago This Month

By Michael Wilson

Saturday, November 8th, 1913, was a beautiful late fall day on the East Coast. Temperatures reached well into the 60s in New York by mid-afternoon. On the gridiron, Dartmouth trounced Penn 34-21 and Harvard squeaked past Princeton 3-0

Here in Minneapolis, however, it was a different story. The temperature managed to climb to only 36 degrees at 2 p.m. while shivering spectators watched St. Thomas rout Macalester 25-7. The Gophers enjoyed a bye while U athletic department officials warned fans to “get busy” if they wanted to buy any of the few remaining \$1.00 general admission, \$1.50-\$2.00 reserved seat, or \$2.50 box seat tickets for the following weekend’s “crucial battle” between Minnesota and Chicago, both undefeated, at Northrop Field. (It was a thrilling game, ultimately won 13-7 by Amos Alonzo Stagg’s Chicago players.)

And at 2 p.m. on November 8th Minneapolis Park Board Superintendent Theodore Wirth steadied an open launch at a Lake Calhoun pier while the entire Board of Commissioners clambered aboard and motored through the Calhoun-Isles canal, opened two years earlier with extraordinary fanfare, into Lake of the Isles, where five years of continuous dredging commencing in 1906 had finally created a lake out of marshes, swamp, and wetland.

The stouthearted party then plowed northwest through waves whipped by winds that gusted up to 40 miles per hour. The group reached the relative calm of the new lagoon on Isles’ west side, then headed through the canal and into Cedar Lake. They toured Cedar Lake, probably rather perfunctorily, and then returned to the lagoon, this time with the wind at their backs. They paused for an obligatory ceremony “marrying” the waters of Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles and then retreated back to their Calhoun embarkation pier.

Wirth and the commissioners next examined recent improvements to The Mall and then finally drove to the welcome warmth of the Park Board greenhouse where they inspected the annual chrysanthemum display.

Two years earlier

The ceremony stood in marked contrast to the week of city-wide pageantry, hoopla, and civic pride which marked the grand opening of the Calhoun-Isles canal July 2-8, 1911.

Wirth wrote in his compendious “Minneapolis Park System: 1883-1944” (1945; special edition reissued in 2006), “Never in the history of the city had there been such widespread enthusiasm and so elaborate preparations for a civic event – since it was considered that the accomplishment of the lake connections marked an epoch in the forward growth and beautification of Minneapolis.

“By opening day, Sunday, July 2,” Wirth wrote, “Minneapolis was in full dress to receive the hordes of visitors that poured into the city. ...With grandstands and bandstands, props and settings for pageantry, the strains of music and everyone in a festive mood, the city was ready for the big celebration of pageants, parades, and music.”

On the evening of July 4th the Minneapolis Morning Tribune estimated that upwards of 150,000 people crowded around Lake Harriet to observe the “Water Parade”

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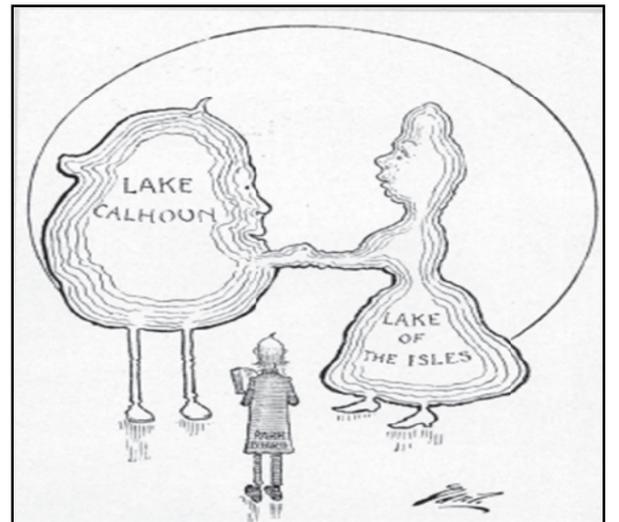


Bridge No. 4 over the Lake of the Isles end of the Cedar-Isles canal, completed in 1911 at a cost of \$30,000 (\$730,000 today). Of this bridge and the three crossing the Calhoun-Isles canal Theodore Wirth wrote, “No pains, labor, or money have been spared to make them perfect in construction and pleasing in appearance.” Yet the bridge had to be immediately rebuilt due to “unstable foundations and insufficient pile depth.” (Photo: Kent Madsen, Bridge Safety Inspector, Minneapolis Department of Public Works, taken July 10, 2013.)



Freight rail and recreational trail bridge at the west end of the Cedar-Isles canal. The Minneapolis & St. Louis RR Company built a temporary wooden bridge in August 1913 so that dredging of the canal could be completed. Wirth described it as “a very unsightly affair” and hoped it would be replaced “in due time with a better and safer structure.” With its east half rehabbed in 1996 for the Kenilworth recreational trail the “temporary” wooden bridge is still in use. (Photo: Kent Madsen, Bridge Safety Inspector, Minneapolis Department of Public Works, taken Sept. 7, 2012.)

“Wedding of the Lakes” cartoon



Minneapolis residents applauded the Park Board's plan in 1906 to create a Chain of Lakes. This cartoon from the August 6, 1907, Minneapolis Journal was captioned “Lake Society Event: the wedding of Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun is an event expected in the future.” (Courtesy Minneapolis Central Library Special Collections.)

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Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles Channel

staged by the Lake Harriet Canoe Club with (according to Wirth) “hundreds of gaily-decorated water craft, including illuminated canoes, rowboats, and war canoes – followed by a brilliant display of fireworks.”

Here is Wirth describing the July 5th “Linking of the Lakes Day” festivities:

“A canopied stage had been erected on Bridge No. 1 [today’s Lake Street bridge] ... and here the symbolic linking ceremony took place at 2:00 p.m. Brief addresses were made.... [President F.W. Decker of the Park Board] then gave a brief review of the Board’s accomplishments during the thirty years of its existence.

“A dedicatory ode ... was read ... after which two young girls – [one] bearing a cup of gold, filled with water from Lake Calhoun, and [the other] with a cup of water from Lake of the Isles – approached President Decker who held in his hands a golden loving cup, into which the contents of the goblets were mingled. This he then emptied into the lagoon – thus symbolically linking the two lakes.

“At a given signal, the flag-bedecked barriers across the entrance to the channel at the Lake Calhoun side of the bridge and the launch “Maid of the Isles” ... bearing officials [and dignitaries] entered the waterway on its maiden trip into Lake of the Isles, followed by a fleet of decorated boats of various crafts. [This was] the signal for all the steam whistles of the city to blow for five minutes. ...

“That evening Lake of the Isles was the scene of a brilliant parade of illuminated Ships of All Ages, a very beautiful spectacle – novel and educational.... A throne had been erected on a platform on the larger of the two islands of the lake, and here five young women in appropriate costumes, impersonating the spirits of Minneapolis, Lake Harriet, Lake of the Isles, Cedar Lake, and Lake Calhoun, reviewed the parade of ships....”

The celebrations continued for three more days. “Friday was Industrial Day,” Wirth reported, “with the afternoon devoted to the staging of a great industrial parade, a moving exposition of industries of the Northwest.” On Saturday, Children’s Day, 30,000 school children paraded down Nicollet Avenue. “All of the city’s parks were open for play festivals and concerts, “Wirth wrote, “the entire population joining together to commemorate an eventful year in park accomplishments”



Hydraulic dredge commencing excavation of the Cedar Lake canal. Completion of the link with Lake of the Isles in November 1913 caused the water level of Cedar Lake to drop four to five feet, dramatically altering the lake’s appearance and creating the Cedar Lake we know today. (Photo: Park Board 1912 Annual Report, courtesy Minneapolis Central Library Special Collections.)

Cedar-Isles celebration: what happened?

At the Park Board meeting on Thursday, November 6, 1913, according to the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, Superintendent Wirth reported that the connection between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake “is just completed” and that he “suggested” the board have a formal ceremony on Saturday, two days hence, in honor of the occasion.

There was no story about the Saturday event in Sunday’s paper. There appear to be no photos extant in Park Board archives. None in Wirth’s book, or in historian David C. Smith’s authoritative “City of Parks: The Story of Minneapolis Parks” (2008). With a length of 2,300 feet the Cedar-Isles canal was a much bigger project than the far shorter Calhoun-Isles canal. So what happened?

First, the Cedar-Isles waterway was not completed until November 1st, too late for a summer 1913 celebratory opening, and the uncertainty of Minnesota weather in November undoubtedly induced caution rather than enthusiasm for a grand outdoor civic celebration.

Déjà vu may have been at work. The Calhoun-Isles canal was the city’s firstborn, a fascinating novelty. The second canal to open, then the third (Brownie-Cedar, in 1917), lacked a similar power to amaze.

Calhoun and Isles had become true “city lakes” by 1911, pleasing to the eye with fine recreational amenities for the city’s many thousands of residents, including the magnificent Calhoun Bath House built in 1912. The Park Board owned the lakes, the shoreline, and the surrounding land.

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Your Legal Rights column from the office of the Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

Beware of Internet Classified Scams

While the Internet offers convenience, it can also enable scam operators to defraud buyers and sellers. Fraudsters can use the Internet to dupe individuals looking to buy or sell items such as cars, boats, rental housing, or other products and services.

Most Internet classified scams are predicated on convincing a victim to send money to someone who is not who they pretend to be, often through a money wiring, escrow, or Internet payment service. Many perpetrators of Internet scams operate in countries outside of the United States, complicating law enforcement actions and attempts to retrieve money. Citizens who are asked to wire or otherwise submit payment to a party in another country who they do not know should exercise great caution, as this is a primary red flag for potential Internet classified scam.

Consumers must also consider their personal safety in situations where they are asked to bring cash to a meeting with a potential “seller.” There have been reports across the country of buyers being robbed or worse when they arrive at meeting locations, expecting to pick up a television, computer or other item listed in an online ad.

Consumer Tips to Avoid Internet Classified Scams

Take the following precautions to protect your safety: arrange to meet in a public place; tell others where you are going, who you will be meeting and when you expect to return; ask a friend, family member or coworker to join you; bring a cell phone; if the situation seems suspicious or potentially dangerous, move to a safe location as quickly as possible.

Beware of Internet payment services that you are asked to access through a link or in the body of an e-mail. Be wary of wiring money to a party you don’t know. Cashier’s checks are not the same as cash. Counterfeit checks can look very authentic. Always be wary of someone who wants to pay more than your asking price or who wants to sell you an item at an unbelievably low price. Do not give money to a third party.



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Hearing Association), founded in 1939.

The nomination of the Deinard residence was also based on it being a classic and well-preserved example of the residential designs of Liebenberg & Kaplan, who designed many other area homes, most notably on Mount Curve Avenue and Lake of the Isles Parkway.

While the firm became best known for its art deco designs of dozens of movie theaters throughout the upper Midwest – including the Suburban World and Uptown theaters – its earliest work was predominantly in the area of large tudor style homes.

Jack Liebenberg was born in Milwaukee in 1893 and attended the University of Minnesota, where he was in the first graduating class from the School of Architecture in 1916. The following year, he was granted a Master of Science in Architecture from Harvard. After service in the U.S. Army Air Corps, he returned to Minneapolis and entered the firm of D. C. Bennett. In 1921, Liebenberg joined former classmate Seeman Kaplan in partnership and remained in the firm until his retirement in 1980.

Seeman Kaplan, a native of Minneapolis, graduated with honors in architecture from the University of Minnesota in 1918 and joined Liebenberg in 1921. Kaplan managed the engineering and business details of the company until his death in 1963.

Of the 20 homes the firm designed in Lowry Hill and Kenwood between 1922 and 1930, all were of stucco, stone, and/or brick construction like 1729 Morgan. Five still stand on Lake of the Isles Parkway and six on Mount Curve Avenue.

In 1924, the same year 1729 Morgan was under construction, Liebenberg & Kaplan was hired by Thorpe Bros. Realty to design eight model homes for their Edina Country Club development – now a historic district. Many of their early houses were done in variations of Mediterranean Revival architecture. The Deinard Residence is one of these.

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission has designated three churches and a synagogue designed by the partnership, but no house has been recognized. The Deinard house is not only an excellent example of the type of residential architecture in which the firm specialized, but it retains virtually every element and material designed by its architects. Even much of the original landscaping remains unchanged including the placement of two prominent trees in the front yard.



From the collections of the Northwest Architectural Archives.

1922 architects' pre-construction rendering has been preserved, included the two large trees.



The double tuck-under garage and curving stairs to the back yard are seen on the southeast corner of the house.

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Midtown Corridor Transit Planning Advances

By Michael Wilson

Metro Transit planners updated residents during November on their study of new transit alternatives for

the congested and rapidly developing Midtown Corridor between Hiawatha Avenue and the city's western edge at a Community Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 12th, a Policy Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 13th, and community open houses on Nov. 20th and 21st.

The Alternatives Analysis process began in early 2013 with consideration of either enhanced bus service on Lake Street or a single/dual track streetcar-like line along the Midtown Greenway. The impetus behind the project has been to provide a link between the Hiawatha LRT East Lake station and the proposed Southwest LRT West Lake station as well as to offer better service to the residents, neighborhoods, and businesses in between.

Ridership projection analyses have shown very robust numbers so that planners are now considering both enhanced bus service and a Greenway streetcar-like rail line. Strong community interest has also led planners to consider extending an enhanced bus line along East Lake Street, across the river into St. Paul along Marshall Avenue, then north on Snelling to connect with the new Central Corridor (Green) LRT line.

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BEE LINE TO THE BEE BOOK

By James P. Lenfestey

It was with both joy and sorrow that I read Katherine Sill's "A Bee Tragedy" in the October HLP. Joy because I learned there are more neighborhood beekeepers than I ever imagined. Sorrow about the poisoning of neighborhood bee colonies due to careless use of fungicides and insecticides. Like Katherine I hope readers will pay much more attention to any such applications in the future, to keep our neighborhood flora and fauna (including children) safe.

As one who kept rural bees in the early 70s, and later admired neighbor Hans Dekker for his then "illegal" second story bees on Irving Avenue in the eighties, this fall I finally contacted Dr. Marla Spivak's Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota to set up my own urban hive in on the corner of Girard and Lincoln. What joy, I imagined, to plant bee-loving flowers in the suddenly sunlit western patch of thatch we call a yard (sunlit because of the death of our beloved boulevard elms). Then I would assemble fragrant bee boxes on the sunlit west porch, add a queen and colony in the spring, and hear the pleasant hum of honeybees singing their buzzing Italian arias out the bedroom window.

What heartbreak, therefore, to learn of the bee tragedies Ms. Sill has with her fellow urban beekeepers. Still, I will try my hand. I was an inept beekeeper back then – my bees swarmed, a sign of poor hive management – but now the Bee Lab provides comprehensive services so amateurs like me can do a better job.

My bee love arose nearly coterminous with my human love. Not long after marrying Susan Williams and the birth of our first child, when we visited her family in Winnetka we slept in a back bedroom with the baby. One sleepless night I discovered on a shelf in that highly literate household a copy of Karl von Frisch's "The Dancing Bees," in which he described how he deciphered the dancing communication in honeybee colonies. Viennese and familiar with the subtle communication between partners in a waltz, he was a patient astute observer inside hives, noticing "the round dance," and "the waggle dance" describing nectar sources nearby and far away.

Because of that book, and the subsequent work of E. O. Wilson on social insects, I followed the career of the University of Minnesota's Dr. Marla Spivak with particular interest, and was thrilled when she won a MacArthur "genius" award for her work on hive

hygiene. Thanks again to Ms. Sill for the link to Dr. Spivak's TED talk, a scientifically grounded explanation of the devastating disappearance of fifty percent of American hives and 30 percent of our wild bee species since World War II. It is a combination crie de coeur and call to action all should heed: http://www.ted.com/talks/marla_spivak_why_bees_are_disappearing.html.

Four years ago I began a different bee project, collecting poems about bees from around the world, which I am right now assembling into an anthology, *If Bees Are Few: A Hive of Bee Poems*, all profits donated to Dr. Spivak's bee lab. In addition, I sent a personal contribution to support Dr. Spivak's essential work. You can too:

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Science got us into this mess: cheap monoculture food grown with herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides that interact in unknown ways, leading to the destruction of domestic and wild things before our eyes. Only dedicated scientists like Dr. Spivak, supported by the rest of us, can get us out. Poets can only remind us of all that is lost. As Emily Dickinson knew, after the bees are gone we will still have our memories of our prairie home. But wouldn't it be better to have the actual prairie, with clover and honeybees too?

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Cedar/LOI Canal continued from page 5

Cedar Lake, on the other hand, was far less developed with only small portions under Park Board control. The Kenwood Addition had been platted in 1886 and several fine houses built. But freight trains rumbled through the corridor all day between Isles and Cedar on long earthen embankments. Several small resort hotels, a few reportedly of questionable repute, dotted the east and south sides of Cedar, and Dingley's Boathouse occupied the space where Hidden Beach is today. The Jones-Harrison Home

for the Aged had been operating since 1888, and there were a few picnic and bathing spots farther up the west side of the lake.

(Google "Changing Face of Cedar Lake" to access Neil Trembley's fascinating, comprehensive history of Cedar Lake from 1900 to 1918.)

Planning a large-scale celebration in November, 1913, would have been complicated also by the dramatic reshaping of Cedar Lake caused by the completion of the water connection with Isles. The water level of Cedar historically sat four to five feet higher than Lake of the Isles and the marshlands out of which it was created. For thousands of years water from Cedar had percolated underground to feed the marshlands to the southeast. The canal turned that slow percolation into a gusher. Suddenly boat docks were stranded far from water and islands became peninsulas.

A work in progress

The Cedar-Isles canal was not totally finished in 1913 and even today is not yet the waterway Wirth envisioned. Bridge No. 4 on Isles Parkway and Dean Boulevard was completed in 1911 at a cost of \$30,000. But almost immediately the wing walls on either side began to settle due to unstable foundations and insufficient pile depths. The gravel fill on the bridge had to be removed and the two wing walls had to be taken down and completely rebuilt.

In order to finish dredging the canal a bridge had to be built for the Minneapolis & St. Louis freight tracks. This the M&SL did in August 1913 with a temporary timber structure. Wirth described it in the Park Board's 1913 Annual Report as "a very unsightly affair, and it is hoped that the Railroad Company will replace it in due time with a better and safer structure." That "temporary" bridge is still in use by TC&W freight trains. The eastern side of the bridge was rehabbed in 1996 for the current recreational trail. On December 17, 1913, the Park Board recommended that a "temporary bridge" over the canal at Burnham Road be built "as soon as the ice is sufficiently frozen, at an estimated expenditure of \$350."

Wirth's plans for the waterway included a bridge connection for Upton Avenue, but paying for it became an issue. The city said the Park Board had created the need for the bridge and thus should pay for it. The Park Board said it was a city street, not a parkway, so the city should pay for it. Neither side blinked, and Upton Avenue remains truncated to this day.

Wirth's vision may not have been fully realized, but the Cedar-Isles canal he bequeathed us, along with the recreational corridor above it, have come to be loved and used by hundreds of thousands of people yearly. The current battle to prevent massive changes to this gem is well worth the effort.

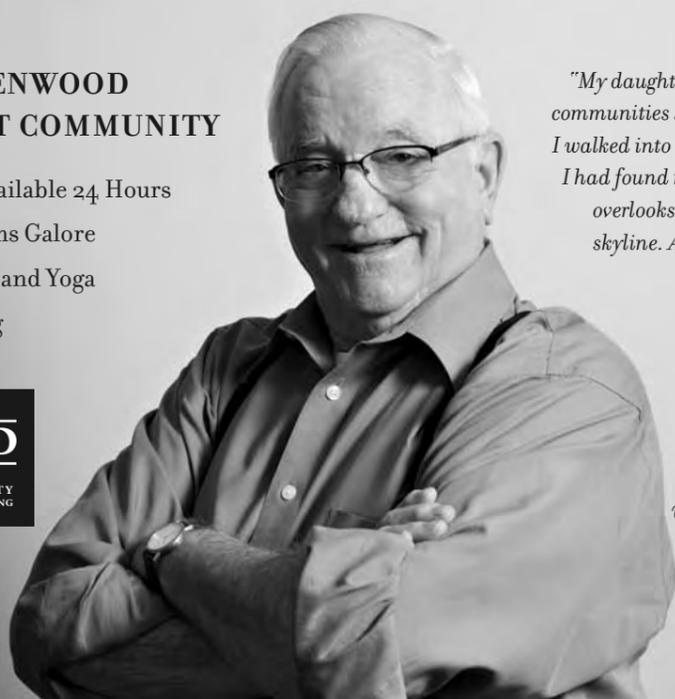
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See page 14 for a photo of the opening of the Calhoun Isles channel.

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Fall News for Kenwood School

By Matt Allen

Students harvested fruit and vegetables this fall thanks to the continued success of the Kenwood School Garden. Potato digging has become an annual tradition. (see photos).

Kenwood students set a school record for participation in Walk/Bike to School day on October 9th. When the dust cleared, we counted 114 bikes on the racks near the school. Cyclists wore helmets and practiced using bike paths, while walkers reviewed safe routes to school and proper crossing at intersections. Bus riders also chipped in by following a winding walking path through the school playground. The event is held twice a year

(fall and spring) in cooperation with the National Center for Safe Routes to School (see walkbiketoschool.org).

Kenwood School exceeded our goal on Give to the Max Day and raised more than \$23,000. These donations will go in an academic fund to support all teachers meeting the varying needs in their classrooms whether it is by attending a training, purchasing materials or equipment, or adding technology. As second grade student, Miles, put it, "your generous support has made our school go through the roof with awesomeness." Kenwood School placed 7th in schools, 14th place in medium NPOs, and 85th place on the Main

Leaderboard for 2013. The school also won one golden ticket for \$1000. A big thank you to the Kenwood community!



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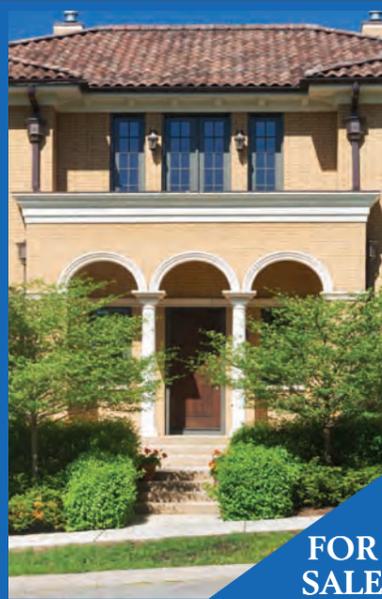
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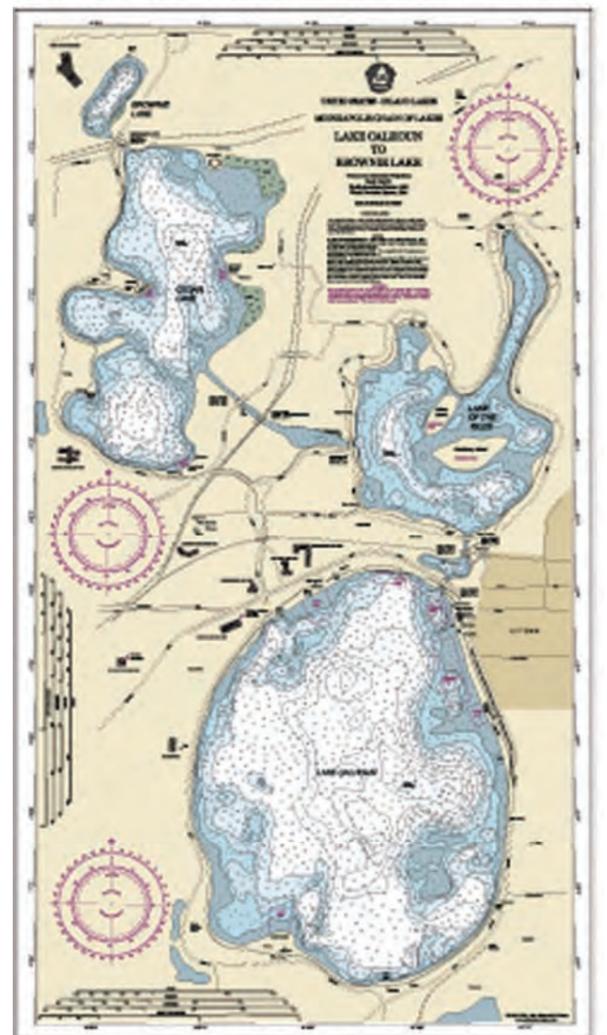
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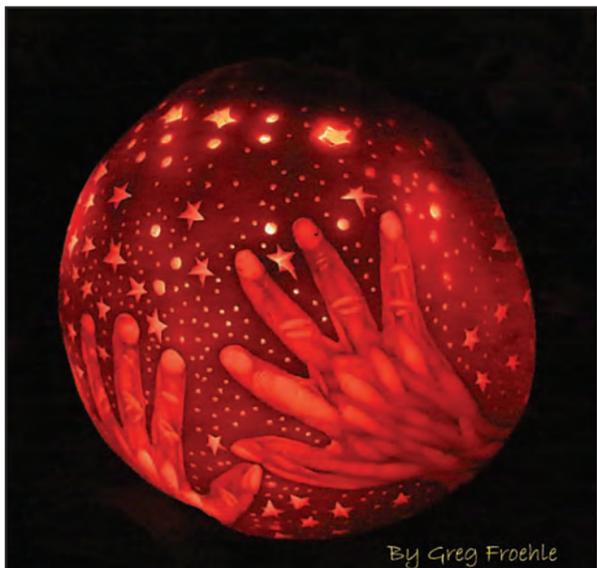


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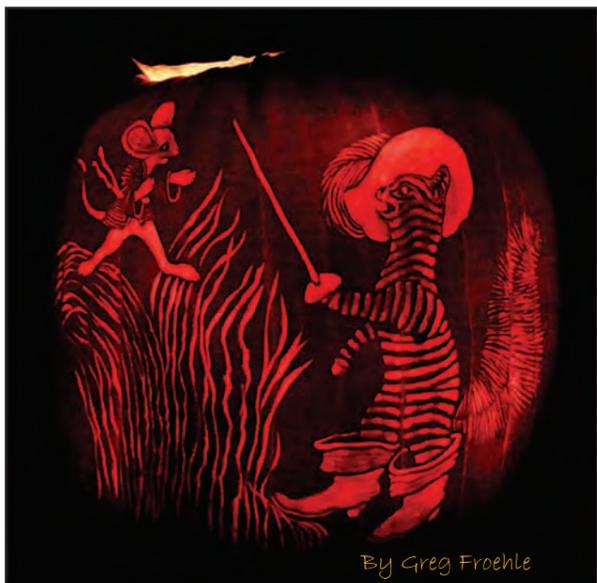
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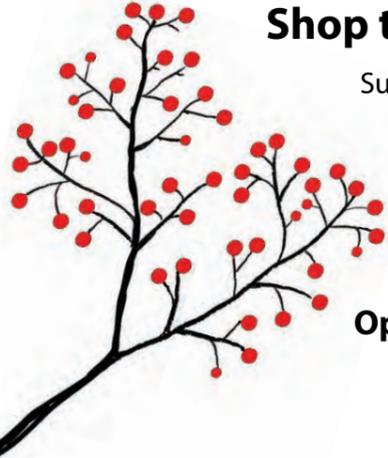


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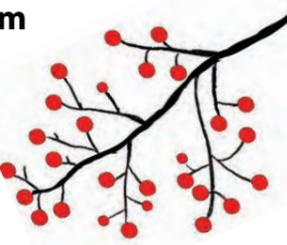
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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith

East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA)

Below are abbreviated minutes from the Semi-Annual Meeting and the November EIRA Board meeting. The complete minutes can be found at www.east-isles.org.

EIRA Semi-Annual Meeting

October 29, 2013

40 East Isles residents and invited guests attended the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Walker Library

Lois Lenroot-Ernt, Capital Projects Office, Hennepin County Library, and Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman provided an update on the new Walker Library. The construction is on schedule for opening in Spring 2014. Lenroot-Ernt thanked the neighborhood for patience during the construction process. The new library is a one-level 15,000 square feet space that will include a multi-purpose room, a small meeting room, study rooms and reading lounges. There will also be spaces for teens and children. Parking will be underground.

The County is working with the Park Board on developing ideas for the parkland adjacent to the library. They hope to identify a funding source for the parkland once the library opens.

Lake Street/Midtown Greenway Transit Options

Jill Hentges, Community Outreach, Metro Transit and Michael Mechtenberg, Transit Planner, Metro Transit presented information about the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis. The analysis is an 18-month study to identify and analyze the costs, benefits, and impacts of transit alternatives for Lake Street and/or the Greenway (between the proposed West Lake Station of Southwest LRT and Hiawatha LRT). The transit options or "modes" being studied: bus rapid transit (BRT) featuring fewer stops, off-board fare payment, enhanced shelters and signage; dedicated right-of-way for bus; streetcar, and light rail transit.

After initial screening of criteria, the options have been narrowed to: BRT on Lake Street, double/single track rail on Greenway (vehicle type has not been identified – could be streetcar or LRT), and an option for both BRT on Lake Street with rail on Greenway.

The Greenway bike trail would remain (with some slight modifications) and co-exist with rail in the corridor.

Capital costs range from \$50 million BRT, \$190 million for rail and \$240 million for both.

The final Open Houses for public input on this transit study are from 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

Technical information and community feedback will be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC will select the Locally Preferred Alternative in February 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

November 12, 2013

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin

(President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Renee Gust, Carla Pardue, and Michael Rossini. Alternate Rosita Acosta was also in attendance.

No official business was conducted because we did not have a quorum.

Council Member Meg Tuthill, Ward 10

The City continues to work with the owner of 1800 Lake for a solution to the groundwater discharge into the lagoon. The temporary solution for this winter will be to run a pipe across the ice to a lesser-used area of Lake Calhoun (at the owner's expense). The property owner believes that they have a new permanent solution to present to the City for approval.

2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall.

The Board thanked CM Tuthill for her service to the neighborhood. East Isles has been redistricted to Ward 7. Lisa Goodman will be our Council Member beginning in January.

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

A new recycling program will be rolled out in the parks beginning in Spring 2014.

Turf maintenance continues around Lake of the Isles.

The Park Board commissioned an independent study to evaluate the proposed shallow tunnel option for Southwest LRT and the possible affects on groundwater.

Levin Triangle Park: they are working on some unresolved issues at the park. New boulevard trees will be planted in Spring 2014.

A draft of the MPRB Urban Agriculture activity plan is available for public comment until December 31, 2013. For information: www.minneapolisparcs.org.

The Superintendent's recommended budget includes capital improvements for East Isles parks (in 2019: \$200K for Smith Triangle and \$300K for The Mall).

REPORTS

Social Committee

Board members sold 39 Wine Tasting Fundraiser tickets (\$975 for EIRA). Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers.

The annual Ice Skating Party will be Sunday, January 26, 1-3 pm. The budget will be discussed at EIRA's December meeting.

Zoning Committee

The October 15th meeting included a Zoning and Planning Overview by Brian Schaffer, Principal City Planner CPED.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, 5 pm at Grace. The agenda includes a presentation on the Shoreland Overlay District.

Transportation Committee

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis Open Houses: 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is Tuesday, November 19, 7 pm at Grace. Agenda: Continue to discuss ways to evaluate current transportation options in East Isles.

Green Team

All are invited to the Community Solar program on November 18, 7 pm at Grace.

The committee continues to explore ways to engage

East Isles kids in growing food.

The Green Team will be working with a U of MN team of advertising, marketing, and design students on a campaign to connect with residents of multi-family housing in East Isles. Student supervisor is East Isles resident and U professor, Jennifer Johnson.

The Green Team has a new "sandwich board" to announce the events, created by team member Jenika McGann.

Monica Smith, Staff Report

Historic Context books have been sent to the Central Library, Walker Library, and the Hennepin History Museum.

NRP Committee

The November 4th committee meeting included a presentation on the Celebrating Centennial Structures initiative. The committee supports the idea; no funding has been requested at this time. The committee discussed ideas for funding projects. Board members and residents are encouraged to submit project ideas for consideration.

The committee made three recommendations to the EIRA Board:

Shift the balance of the funds from the Residential Loan Program to the Affordable Housing Loan Program. The Residential Loan Program has been available since February 2012; only three home improvement loans have closed to-date for a total of \$19,075. The committee recommends shifting the balance of \$51K to the Affordable Housing Loan program to fund a supportive housing project at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church and a housing project at Portland & Franklin. The process requires a Plan Modification to increase the available funds in the Affordable Housing line item in the Phase II plan.

Change the Scope of the NRP Phase II Participation Agreement contract from planning purposes to implementation and extend the contract until 12/31/15.

Allow the Green Team to keep profits (\$74) from the 2013 Super Sale in a discretionary fund.

The EIRA Board will vote on these recommendations at the December 10th meeting.

The next NRP Committee meeting is January 7, 7 pm at Grace.

BOARD REVIEW

The EIRA Board created a list of questions for the Uptown Association's panel discussion of city officials and community advocates to be held at their annual meeting in January.

EIRA will submit the Attorney General Annual Report in early 2014. The IRS application will be completed soon.

Expenses from the 2013 Ice Cream Social will be submitted to the Community Participation Program.

Monica Smith's contract expires on 12/31/13. Dan McLaughlin will work on renewing the contract and present to the EIRA Board for approval at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Submitted by: Monica Smith, Recorder

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 13, 2013

The November meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Vice Chair Michael Wilson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Ed Bell, Lowell Berggren, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Art Higinbotham, and James Reid. NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee and other residents were also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Announcements

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Transportation Committee

In mid-October, Governor Dayton asked for a 60-90 day delay in the Southwest LRT project to address concerns about freight rail location and the shallow tunnels in the Kenilworth corridor.

Chair Ed Ferlauto provided an overview of the recent meetings of the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee and the Community Advisory Committee:

Transit Oriented Development Definition: "Walkable, moderate to high density development served by frequent transit with a mix of housing, retail, and employment choices designed to allow people to live and work without need of a personal automobile." The Project Office set a goal for 2013 to identify five joint development opportunity sites along the route. The Southwest LRT stations were divided into tiers. West Lake Station was one of four stations designated Tier 1 (development projects that can be completed quickly).

Freight Rail Relocation Analysis Scope To review existing studies/designs; assess viability of options considered; and identify new options. Next steps: finalize a scope of services and contract with a consultant by mid-late November.

Water Resources Evaluation Scope To conduct an independent assessment of water resource impacts with the Kenilworth Shallow LRT Tunnels. Next steps: finalize a scope of services and contract with a consultant by mid-late November.

Landscaping/Greenscaping Analysis To complete a tree, understory vegetation, and groundcover inventory and conduct a re-vegetation analysis in the Kenilworth corridor to be completed by mid-December.

By late-January 2014, the Met Council expects to review the final studies and vote on the project scope and budget.

The resolution discussed by the CIDNA Board at the October 2013 meeting was not sent to the Minneapolis City Council. The resolution will be reviewed when the new City Council takes office in 2014.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

SWLRT: Minneapolis agrees that a freight analysis is needed but doesn't want Met Council to lead the study; agrees that a water analysis is needed — the Park Board is also commissioning an independent study; doesn't see the need for the landscaping analysis at this time because the shallow tunnels are not confirmed.

Later with Lisa will be December 16 at the Normandy Inn.

Yard waste will be collected through the week of November 25th.

2014 Budget Public Hearings: November 19 and December 11, both meetings begin at 6:05 pm in Room 317, City Hall.

MnDOT agreed to relocate the utility box on the Kenilworth corridor at Cedar Lake Pkwy.

Call 311 to report streetlights that are out or flickering.

Fall Festival/Park Siding Park

The board thanked Festival Chair Elaine May for her work on a successful Fall Festival. Expenses came in under budget thanks to a donation from Jones-

Harrison Residence and beverage donation from Whole Foods. The board will consider permanently moving the festival to October. \$280 was raised for Joyce Food Shelf.

NRP/CPP Report

Chair Gail Lee reported on the following:

The neighborhood survey was available at the Fall Festival, included in e-newsletters (Nov and Dec) and is on our website. The survey deadline is December 15. Those who complete the survey will be eligible to win one of three \$25 gift certificates to local businesses.

The tree grant program is now available to reimburse residents for tree planting, removal, treatment, and/or buckthorn removal. The program is retroactive to the June 2013 storm. Application information available at www.cidna.org.

The NRP Committee proposed a project to plant up to 12 raingardens in the neighborhood (in 2014) in partnership with CIDNA, private property owners, and Metro Blooms. Raingardens improve water quality by filtering pollution from stormwater runoff. CIDNA will pay for up to \$6,240 of the project costs by using NRP Phase I funds designated for Community Planting Plan (grants may be available to cover much of these costs). Property owners pay \$290-\$390 per garden.

CIDNA will take the official vote at the December 11th meeting to approve a Plan Modification to the Community Planting Plan strategy to shift some funds from the Sidewalk Installation strategy and to change the language to include "private property."

Promotion and outreach for the project will happen in Spring 2014.

Sewer Construction Update

Adam Gordon, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services provided an update on the sewer construction project.

Temporary paving of driveway aprons continues on Sunset.

Earth blankets are on 29th St until Nov. 18 to ensure that the concrete will cure properly.

The majority of the work on the frontage road should be complete by Thanksgiving.

Work to be completed in Spring 2014 includes replacing asphalt with concrete, sidewalk construction, residential issues (repairing sprinklers, etc), and landscape restoration.

Notifications will be sent to residents in the Spring announcing when the construction will resume.

Adam has a list of items that need to be completed at Park Siding Park.

If the SWLRT project goes forward with the shallow tunnel option, the sewer pipe under the Kenilworth will need to be moved.

Art Higinbotham reported that two power outages in the neighborhood since the June storms were due to Xcel's faulty transformers — not the sewer construction.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser Board and committee members sold 45 tickets, raising \$1,125 for CIDNA.

Land Use and Development Committee

Craig Westgate reported that the Land Use Committee is beginning conversations with architect/developers for two potential projects in the

neighborhood (one on Weisman property at Lake St/Thomas Ave and the other on the Tryg's Restaurant site).

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis

All are invited to give feedback at the Open Houses, 6-8 pm on November 20 at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S and November 21 at Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S. Transit options include enhanced bus on Lake St and/or single/double track rail on the Greenway.

CIDNA Gift Mart

Claire Ruebeck, CIDNA resident, proposed an idea for an annual CIDNA Gift Mart featuring local artists/vendors of all ages. The board approved the proposal with a budget of up to \$1200 for promotion, signage, refreshments and entertainment. The date needs to be finalized. The event will be held at Jones-Harrison.

Annual Report

The board approved the Annual Report to be sent to the MN Attorney General.

New Business

Monica Smith's contract is expiring at the end of the year. The board will vote to renew the contract at the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, December 11 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

There is no need to expand the surface space dedicated to motorized transit — nor is it an environmental wise choice to do so. Using our current network of freeways and major roadways as a "blue print of routes" for future mass transit would nudge if not PUSH people out of their cars and onto the transit systems. Also, it would eliminate some of the issues over "right of way," and the need to claim "eminent public domain" for such projects.

I have lived abroad for a number of years. Major European cities have had limited "space for transit" for decades. The cities were laid-out prior to motorized traffic and they routinely choose not to destroy old buildings to make way for "new plans" at the rate we do. Therefore they have had no choice but to put transit on their roadways within their cities. Many also now prohibit or restrict cars driving into their city centers. The positive results of this type of planning are: no further expansion of space devoted to transit; increased ridership on the transit systems; more pedestrian and bike friendly city centers; reduced environmental impact from moving people in,

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

by Janis Clay

Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; David Weinstein, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Rebecca Graham; Phil Hallaway; Tom Huppert; Mark Brauer; Ann Seltman; Raj Dash; Sherie Tazelaar.

Present - Guests and staff: Sarah Janacek; Clem Pryke; Nash Meeker; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

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

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Sherie Tazelaar moved and Dan Aronson seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the October 1, 2013, minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements. Maureen Sheehan presented the Community Announcements from Lisa Goodman's office. "Later with Lisa" will take place Monday, December 16th at the Normandy. Fall leaf sweeping is finished for this year. The last yard waste collection will be the week of November 18th. The City Council is working on the 2014 City Budget. Public hearings will be held November 19th and December 11th. The City has specific guidelines for backyard fires. Failure to comply can result in a \$200.00 fine. The City is gearing up for snow emergency season. Stay informed via the City's Hotline at (612) 348-SNOW or www.minneapolis.gov/snow or a variety of media sources and apps. Maureen Sheehan, along with Anita Tabb, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, met with neighbors to address potential concerns over the Walker's proposal to expand Rock the Garden from a one to a two-day event. Mark Brauer moved and David Weinstein seconded a motion that LHNA submits a letter to the City Council in support of the Walkers' plan. All approved. Maureen will draft the letter.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson reported that we are in good shape financially. He received, and will pay, an invoice for general liability insurance, including director and officer coverage, a policy we have as part of a pool of neighborhood associations. In August, we received an IRS letter addressed to a former neighborhood organization, Lowry Hill Residents, Inc., asking that LHRI file a Form 990 tax return. Maureen Sheehan responded to the IRS in a letter, dated September 30, 2013, clarifying that we are not LHRI, and informing the IRS that LHRI has been dissolved.

Committee Reports:

Environmental: Janis Clay suggested, as a possible worthwhile project for Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, investigating what the Association could do to aid in the plight of pollinators such as bees, moths, and butterflies, which are increasingly jeopardized by a variety of human practices. Janis Clay, Sherie

Tazelaar and Ann Seltman will work on a "Bees Initiative" for the spring.

Zoning and Planning: David Weinstein reported on a request to rezone 1936 Fremont Ave. S. from R2B Two-Family District to R3 Multiple-Family District, to allow for a third dwelling unit. At the applicant's request, a City Council Planning and Zoning Committee hearing was postponed until December 2. Sarah Janacek spoke in opposition to the zoning change, and described the high density and extremely tight parking situation on the block. In the past, LHNA has opposed such applications on this block due to the density and parking. After discussion, David Weinstein moved to oppose rezoning for 1936 Fremont, and Raj Dash seconded the motion. All approved. Street parking has been extended further west on Franklin Ave. due to the high demand for parking following the opening of Burch Steak. The center stripe has not been repainted to account for the parking change. We will address the matter with Council Member Lisa Goodman at our next meeting. Clem Pryke spoke about a variance he may seek to permit a tree house he has built at 1812 Emerson Ave. S., which the City has determined is a noncompliant structure. After discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Pryke get input from as many neighbors as possible on the matter, and we will address it again next month.

Crime and Safety: Phil Hallaway and Rebecca Graham discussed the recent high rate of criminal activity in the neighborhood. Rebecca Graham will invite our Minneapolis Police Department neighborhood crime prevention specialist Chelsea Adams to attend our next meeting. Raj Dash will work on developing a proposal for installing motion sensitive lighting in the neighborhood and will write a safety article for the Hill & Lake Press. We will make Block Captains a 2014 project.

Events: Mark Brauer will bring Thanksgiving cheer (pie, ice cream, and coffee) to the Fifth Precinct. He is working with Kenwood and East Isles on a date for the annual Ice Skating social.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey working Group/Community Participation Program: Phil Hallaway and Maureen Sheehan have prepared a draft neighborhood priority survey. Please review and forward comments to them in the next ten days. The City requires this survey for LHNA to access Community Participation Program funds. Another requirement for accessing these funds is adopting an ADA and Equal Employment Opportunity policies. David Weinstein is reviewing draft policies.

New Business: Sarah Janacek spoke about uneven enforcement of the City's backyard fire ordinance.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, where they can sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

by Amy Lucas

November 2013 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met November 4, 2013 at Kenwood Rec Center.

Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Others present: Council Member Lisa Goodman; David Goodman, Jean Deatrck, Kenwood residents: Kathy Williams, Roy Williams, Mary Riley, Jim Gilroy.

7th Ward Update-Lisa Goodman

The monthly "Lunch with Lisa" programs will start up again in 2014.

"Later with Lisa" will be held December 16 from 5-7 p.m. at The Normandy. The Normandy donates parking and food for the event and all constituents are invited.

Street sweeping of the city takes approximately 18 days; street sweeping started Oct. 21. The street sweeping and snow plowing equipment share the same trucks and staff so the city will rush to switch equipment after fall street sweeping.

City-wide budget hearing will be held Nov. 19 in Mpls City Hall, in Room 317 at 6:05 p.m. Dec. 11 is scheduled for budget adoption hearings in Room 317 at 6:05 p.m.

Mayoral election: Mpls City Council may change the election filing fee, but decided against changing the fee this year. The final mayoral count should be complete by Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Proposed parking change on Oliver Avenue South

A KIAA board member observed Kenwood School afternoon parking and pick-up practices. A fair amount of illegal parking was recognized in the school parking lot and along the streets.

KIAA Board member and Kenwood School parent, Angie Erdrich, asked Kenwood School Principal Cheryl Martin and Community Liaison Chris Madden to observe the afternoon parking and pick-up routines.

At this time, KIAA will not propose a new street parking system and Chair Moran will relay the message to the appropriate Kenwood School parents and concerned residents with hopes that the school will develop a safe parking and school pick-up practice.

KIAA Communications Consultant, Kathy Low and Ed Pluimer

KIAA has completed a contract and distributed a motion to retain the services of a communications consultant.

Resolution: KIAA hereby approves the hiring of Jean Deatrck to act as an independent contractor and to assist KIAA in various ways set forth in the proposed Consultant Agreement. It is further moved that the chair of KIAA, Larry Moran, is authorized to enter into the proposed Consultant Agreement with Jean Deatrck. The Board approves a set quarterly fee and will also cover the consultant's incidental expenses. Motion by Kathy Low and second by Ed Pluimer.

Resolution: KIAA Newsletter Reimbursement: KIAA approves the Treasurer's reimbursement to Amy Lucas for \$858.81 for KIAA's Fall Newsletter, including printing, postage, and miscellaneous costs. Motion by Ed Pluimer and second by Jeanette Colby.

The Fall Newsletter asked residents to email the board at KIAA@gmail.com if they would like to receive monthly neighborhood updates and alerts. Amy Lucas will update the KIAA mailing list with these latest names and set up the KIAA email database on gmail for board and staff members.

A second resource, separate from KIAA, was set up by local residents. Visit Next Door Kenwood at <https://kenwoodhennepin.nextdoor.com> to sign up for updates.

Lake of the Isles (LOI) Renovation Joint



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What are your true colors?

sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

“A mother is only as happy as her unhappiest child.” Whether the origin is an old Russian proverb or a Hint from Heloise, the poignancy of the unending love and concern for a child even after the kid retires and moves to Boca Raton is heartwarming. To my knowledge I am the first to be so materialistic, self-absorbed, and gadget obsessed to apply it to a relationship with electronic devices. I have real children, now adults, but they do not need me the way my iPod, iPad, and Kindle do. A crackling in my earphone or a low battery signal is as unnerving as a child’s croupy cough.

The little scamps frequently need downloads, uploads, updates, operating system upgrades, and a new app, not to mention battery charging and screen windexing. It takes considerable work, but the rewards! I can walk down the street to “Saturday Night Fever”, play Words With Friends, or watch a short video of a duck mother and a baby kitten, all while waiting to have my teeth cleaned. I have no idea how I stumbled through life without these necessities.

A toaster makes toast (or in my case melts plastic bread bags left in its path) but it is (no offense) an appliance. My little Kindle and Apple friends grow and learn. Whether it is a stimulating new podcast, or a bug fix for a favorite app, it is as if they go off to school in a Wi-Fi cloud and come home bursting with new information, just like human children.

What, no iPhone? As crazy as it sounds, I gathered my little electronic family and we discussed having podcasts, music, Internet, e-mail, photos, and video on a telephone. My trusty iPod was strangely silent. Intimidated? Jealous? We, I mean I, am so used to my iPod that a new device would jeopardize our bond.

My usually reliable iPad II froze when I attempted to download articles about the new iPad Air. In my defense I never used the phrase “relatively clunky”, that was a heartless reviewer. I admit to some curiosity about the retinal display, the weight and thinness seemed unbelievable. Perhaps I was momentarily seduced by the pixels. As I said to Mona, I mean my iPad II, hadn’t I stood in line for five hours in the bitter cold the first week she/it was available? She said we met in Manhattan Beach, it was 60 degrees and the wait was more like four hours. I replied that I am loyal and never even considered the iPad mini. Still, my downloads were slow for a week.

There was initial wariness over adding the Kindle but it was welcomed because it fills a unique role and has no Internet capacity. The Kindle Buffet offers free e-books although most are categorized as Bulgarian Women / Christian Fiction/Romance/Adventure/Amish/Coming of Age. The Kindle is lightweight and backlit, making it possible to read in bed with the light off. I have borrowed some e-books from local libraries and I may even buy a few to help support the fledgling company Amazon.

My editor (JoAnne) is often in Atlanta with our granddaughter Charlotte (HLP 10/13). A great night for me is not networking at Chateau Marmont with industry types or doing shots with my bros in Hermosa Beach, but early bed with dogs for warmth and my Kindle and Apple buddies for entertainment. In The Usual Suspects, Verbal tells a haunting tale about Keyser Soze. What if the devil’s greatest trick is convincing people that he doesn’t exist? Perhaps our electronic friends have us believing they are mere machines.

Tom H. Cook a former local has moved far west of Hennepin Avenue. He has come a long way from his acerbic suggestion that computers make the unnecessary possible.

Midtown Corridor Transit Planning from page six

Approximate costs, planners say, are coming in at about \$50M for an enhanced bus line within the Hiawatha-to-West Lake project area and about \$200M for the Greenway rail option. Numerous design variables can affect those costs, either up or down. Backers of the Greenway line are calling for turf-embedded tracks which soften the noise impacts of rail vehicles while retaining the “green” appearance of the corridor.

East Isles residents have expressed opposition to horns and crossing bells where the line would cross James, Irving, and Humboldt Avenues. They are also concerned for the safety of pedestrians and motorists crossing the Greenway line. Planners have responded by looking at safety and warning alternatives which would reduce or avoid noise impacts. They also point to the LRT line through downtown which is crossed by thousands of cars and pedestrians every day without incident.

Concern about preserving the current character of the Greenway has arisen in the minds of many. Although the Greenway corridor is owned by the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and is reserved by law for transit, the Greenway has become a nationally acclaimed recreational and commuter trail for bikers, pedestrians, and others. Officials, planners, and Greenway advocates including the Midtown Greenway Coalition believe that both uses can coexist given careful design.

Funding sources for the possible transit improvements to the Midtown Corridor have not yet been identified, nor have the types or length of vehicles that might operate in the Greenway or on Lake Street. Planners say those decisions will be made further down the road. And the outcome of negotiations over Southwest LRT will greatly influence the shape of any Midtown Corridor transit improvements.

City, county, and Metro Transit officials stress that a possible Greenway streetcar-like line is entirely different from putting Southwest LRT on the Greenway through Uptown. Although that routing is advocated by many, officials state that it is not being studied and is not “on the table.”

Alternatives Analysis results are expected in February 2014. For more information go to <metro-transit.org/midtown-corridor> and <midtowncommunityworks.org>.

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Committee Update, Kathy Low

As noted in the Fall KIAA Newsletter, the Civilian Conservation Corps hand pruned the overgrowth around Lake of the Isles, but the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will use less labor-intensive mowing along some areas of the shoreline to control growth in the future. The Park Board planted a turf grass seed test area at the north end of the lake, using a seed mix developed by the U of M Extension Service, and will continue to improve the turf around the lake. The gateway flower bed at the SE end of the Lake has been replanted and memorial daffodils will be planted.

Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb has facilitated meetings with key MPRB staff in connection with the Committee’s mission to have the renovation project around LOI completed and maintained consistent with the original master plans, which were developed with citizen input as well as requirements of the Army Corps of Engineers and State Historic Preservation Office.

SWLRT Resolution by KIAA, Jeanette Colby

Jeanette distributed a resolution for KIAA to adopt and submit to Gov. Dayton

KIAA previously approved a resolution in July and Jeanette will forward to Gov. Dayton’s office. In general, the position rejected co-location in the Kenilworth Corridor. The full position can be reviewed on the Kenwoodminneapolis.org website in the July minutes section.

Discussion followed on ways to discover the Kenwood Neighborhood’s overall (majority) opinion on the SWLRT.

Updates

If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at KIAA@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Reminder: The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting will be held on December 2 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org or by calling 612-673-6483.

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Letters to the Editor continued

To the Editor: (Correction for omission of website.)

Just wanted to thank you for publishing the article about our books. Much appreciated. For some reason our website didn't print (www.alphabetaaliens.com).

Julie White, Kenwood

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out, and about their cities

The final decision for the SWLRT will establish a "rational" which future transit decisions will use as justification for placement. I encourage you to show your personal and political resolve to: nurture neighborhoods in order to provide a high quality of living for the residents; maintain and enhance green-space for all residents and guests; protect significant nature sites (lakes, streams, waterfalls, rivers, etc); breed and expand environmental protection.

If all plans and decisions for future transit and building is done with tenets such as these as a foundation, the city will continually become a better to home for us all. If such tenets are not the bedrock on which these decisions stand our city will become a much less desirable and healthy place to live, work and play.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am hopeful Minneapolis will continue to be a home where we can all thrive.

Melissa Anderson-Rossini, East Isles



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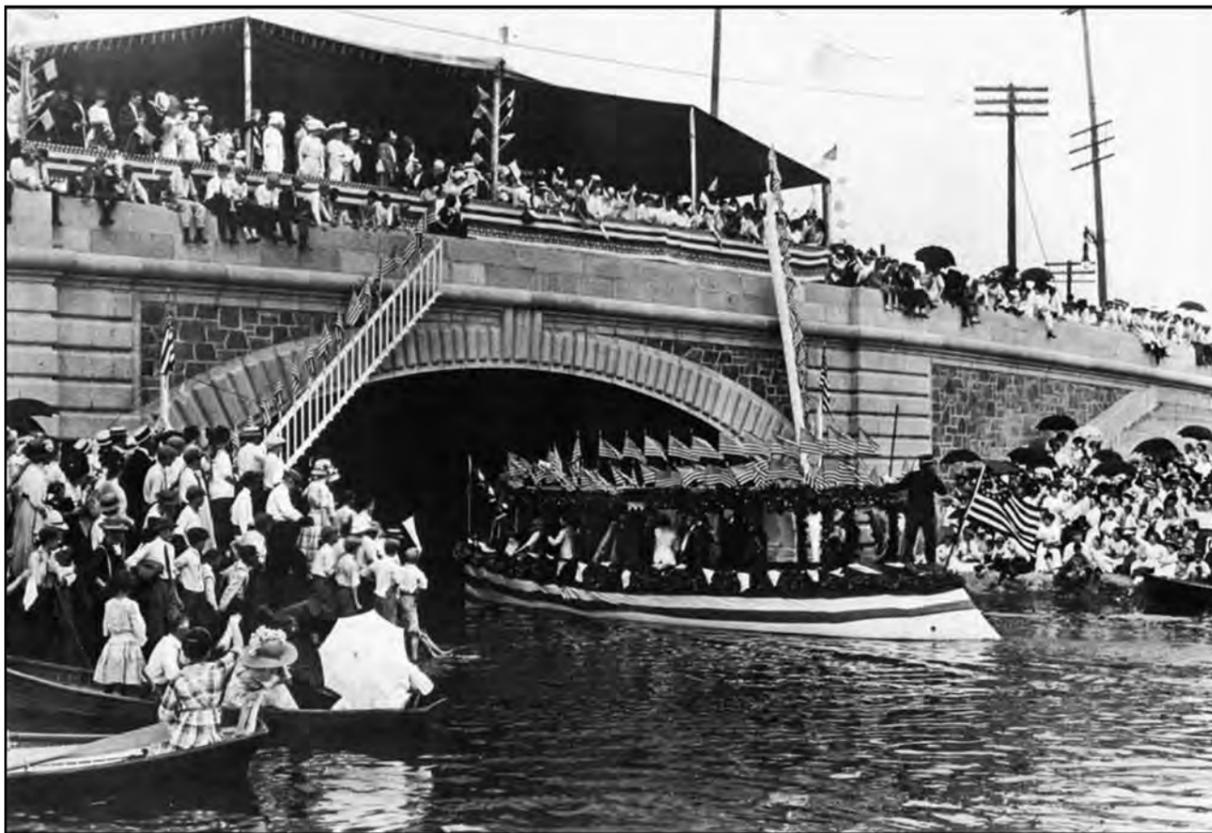
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Ceremonial opening of the Calhoun-Isles canal, July 5, 1911. After waters from both lakes were poured from a gold loving cup into the canal from the bridge, a launch bearing dignitaries led a flotilla of watercraft into the channel while all the steam whistles in the city blew for five minutes. By contrast, the official opening of the Cedar-Isles canal 28 months later, on November 8, 1913, was scarcely noticed. (Photo: Park Board 1911 Annual Report, courtesy Minneapolis Central Library Special Collections.)

10th Ward e-News

from Council Member Meg Tuthill

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Public Comment on the Budget and Levy

The City Council recently completed all departmental budget hearings for Mayor R.T. Rybak's 2014 recommended budget. The Ways and Means/Budget Committee, which I serve on, will review and mark up the final budget during the first week of December. The final approval of the 2014 budget is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013. A public comment hearing gives you an opportunity to tell council members what you think about the budget:

Wednesday, December 11th 6:05 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers, 350 South 5th Street, Rm. 317

If you are unable to attend either of the public comment hearings, please email me your thoughts and concerns at meg.tuthill@minneapolismn.gov.

Boards and Commissions Fall Openings

The City of Minneapolis's fall cycle for boards and commissions is happening now! There are 12 boards and commissions with a total of 74 open seats. The application review process will begin on Friday, October 18th. Seats are open until filled. To see the list of open boards and commissions and to apply for an open seat, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/boards/openings.

Volunteer for Mpls Emergency Response Team: Cultural Services Unit

The City of Minneapolis is seeking a select group of multicultural community residents to actively serve in a new Minneapolis Cultural Services Unit as registered Hennepin County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to assist in emergencies. The goal is to have a team of 12 to 20 trained community members able to support community disaster recovery and outreach activities and serve as cultural liaisons for their communities. Minneapolis residents with strong connections to their respective cultural communities are being sought.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Are bilingual in English and another language or represent a cultural group that primarily speaks English.
- Have an interest in health and safety initiatives.

HILL LAKE PRESS Selected Real Estate Sales October 2013											
STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT	
2011 Emerson S #102	\$ 135,000	\$ 3,540	91	\$ 118,000	C	1/1	600	\$ 123,000	\$ 1,939	1911	
2920 Chowen S	199,900	0	20	205,100	H	2/1	925	191,000	3,112	1923	
3104 W Lake St #105	242,000	0	1	242,000	C	1/2	1,273	259,000	4,648	2007	
1948 Dupont S	329,900	0	135	290,000	TWN	2/2	1,564	318,500	5,630	1976	
1946 Dupont S	359,900	500	216	299,500	TWN	2/2	1,645	318,500	5,436	1976	
3116 W Lake St #424	329,900	5,000	168	300,000	C	2/2	1,428	301,000	5,402	2007	
3329 St Paul Ave	349,900	0	105	321,400	TWN	2/2	1,784	280,500	4,845	1984	
3116 W lake St #521	399,900	0	431	400,000	C	2/2	1,755	376,000	6,747	2007	
825 Kenwood Pkwy	525,000	0	412	435,000	H	3/2	1,823	520,000	9,692	1925	
2836 Irving S	579,900	0	5	601,599	H	3/4	2,543	633,000	12,004	1901	
1600 Northrop Lane	649,500	0	23	552,000	H	3/3	3,362	450,000	13,408	1990	
2950 Dean Pkwy #2504	899,000	0	79	810,000	C	1/3	1,895	579,500	10,714	1977	
1706 Colfax S	1,195,000	0	195	1,110,000	H	6/5	5,450	1,128,000	22,950	1907	
1903 Girard S	1,900,000	20,000	11	1,850,000	H	6/7	10,000	537,000	12,010	1911	
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Fallen with the Wind: Tips and Tricks to Save Our Trees

Submitted by FIRST® LEGO® League Team "612 Scitobor" Roan Chafee, Nina Chafee, Will Swanson, Maggie Hlavka, Gemma Yoo, and Daniel Pryke. Information was compiled from secondary resources.

The words First Lego League (FLL) and Lego Robotics have become household names for hundreds of groups of young adults throughout the country—and across the world. Team 612 Scitobor (skih-toe-ber) is one of them. 612 Scitobor is a Lowry Hill-based group of 7th graders and one 4th grader who devote their Sunday afternoons to inventing, engineering, and programming in one of their coaches' basements. They plan to compete in an FLL tournament, a contest made up of three essential parts: robotics, invention, and teamwork.

To compete, 612 Scitobor must program a robot to attempt a series of tasks and demonstrate their teamwork to the judges, but the real challenge is their invention. Every FLL team must invent or improve on a device that can be used to prepare for, respond to, or rebuild after a natural disaster (this year's theme). 612 Scitobor has chosen to invent a device to prevent trees from falling during storms—a very real threat, as proven by last June's storm.

As they researched their invention, 612 Scitobor discovered many tips and tricks that homeowners can use to prepare for a windstorm like last June's as well as some things that can be done after a storm if a tree has fallen. The team submitted those tips to Hill and Lake Press in hopes of sharing their learning within the community.

In Advance of a Storm:

When planting trees: consider strength when choosing tree species. Those with roots that grow deep and wide will be the strongest.

Be aware of soil conditions (density, moisture, dryness) near trees as certain conditions can weaken the roots' ability to anchor the tree. Address problems such as soil dryness with extra watering or mulch.

Monitor trees on an ongoing basis for: potential disease, damage from emerald ash borers, loosely attached branches or cracked trunks. Also think about construction projects that could impact a tree or its root system.

Trim loose or broken branches once a season. Pay particular attention to trees situated near sources of electricity.

Do not leave firewood, especially pine logs from other areas, near any live pine trees on your property. Bark beetles can invade the inner bark and lay eggs.

Consider having your trees evaluated by a licensed arborist for potential safety issues.

Alert the city (call 311) if trees on public property

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Participate in a background check.

Are willing to be on-call in case of emergency.

For more information and to find out when training sessions will be held, visit www.minneapolismn.gov/health/preparedness.

Youth Cabinet Created

The Minneapolis City Council approved a resolution establishing a new youth cabinet that will help identify and work to better incorporate the needs of youth and families into the work of all City departments. The Youth Cabinet will promote more youth-oriented goals and business planning and while continuing to foster opportunities for neighborhood and community partners to support youth and families. You can view the resolution at

www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@clerk/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-114254.pdf

Responsible Banking Ordinance

The Minneapolis City Council approved changes to the City's responsible banking ordinance that requiring financial institutions to publicly disclose more information about their lending practices and policies each year. The new ordinance will allow the public to have a clearer view of how banks that handle public dollars operate in our community. The information can also be used by City leaders in selecting the best financial options for the City in the future!

There will be no Meet with Meg in November or December.

Artist Statement

By Madeleine Lowry



One of the most difficult writing assignments I have tackled in recent memory is the crafting of an artist statement.

The occasion was my first art show in almost twenty-five years. The last show I'd had was as a senior in college when I was required to present a body of work to cap off a major in studio art. An artist statement was, thankfully, not required.

I've shown paintings here and there in group shows or charitable fundraisers where nothing as prosaic as an artist statement was ever mentioned.

So, when I sat down to write my first artist statement ever, I drew a complete blank. What was an artist statement anyway? Was it an artistic résumé? A list of associations I belonged to? Juried shows my work has been in? Workshops I'd taken?

Was it a statement of who I was or hoped to be as an artist? Cringe. The reason I pursue the visual arts is to avoid the use of language, particularly on those topics.

I had trouble even with the title: "Artist Statement." Could we make that "artist" with a small letter a? I'm just a hobbyist, a dabbler, after all.

Was it a marketing piece? A bit of background

appear to be weakened or vulnerable.

During A Storm:

Stay indoors. Stay away from any big glass area, including windows, to avoid falling trees or other flying debris.

Taping windows can give a false sense of security. It's better to use your time making sure family members and pets are accounted for and know where to be.

If caught outdoors, do not stand under a tree. Limbs can break off in high winds. Seeking shelter under a tree can also be dangerous because lightning is attracted to tall objects.

After A Storm:

Do not approach fallen trees, particularly those near sources of electricity, because they could be unstable or act as a conduit for electric shock.

Do not allow children or pets to climb on downed trees that might have broken/sharp branches or weak spots.

Alert the city to downed trees, providing an approximate description of the tree's status, i.e. blocking a road.

Look for signs that a downed tree can be saved in spite of visible damage. Do not immediately assume it should be cut up and removed. Consult with a city representative or an arborist.

Review homeowner's policy to determine possible for coverage associated with storm damage caused by fallen trees.

about the work that would engage and motivate potential collectors?

And what was the standard format supposed to be? At least with a résumé, I was clear on some of the possible variations.

For help I turned to the internet and found some tips. Here is what I learned: an artist statement should explain why you make art, what inspires you, what your art represents, and what's unique about it, all delivered in a conversational way.

Okay—deep breath. I thought making the two dozen or so pieces and framing them was going to be the bulk of the work in having a show. Who knew that the artist statement was going to be such a beast?

Conversational, huh? Well, that should make it easier. So, I tried having this conversation with myself.

"So, Madeleine, why do you make art?"

"Because I can't seem to stop. And also because I need something to do besides laundry, dishes, work and being a minion to my kids."

"Interesting, and what inspires you?"

"I like color, texture, form and layering. I should say that with the work in this show I have given up on detail. In fact I have given up on subject matter altogether. I seem to have turned a corner a few years ago to become an abstract artist, though I have to admit that for most of my life I never really understood abstract or conceptual art. Now I value trying to capture the essence of things."

"Hmm. And what does your art represent?"

"Goodness, that's like asking what the meaning of life is. Heck if I know! But I've started working in series lately and I think that each of my series formulates the answer to a question. For instance, my Deep Peace series came out of my experience teaching Religious Education last winter. We closed each lesson by reciting the following blessing:

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the infinite peace to you.

After repeating this about a billion times I started to wonder what Deep Peace would look like and that's what inspired the series."

"And what's unique about your work?"

"Well, I think the method is somewhat unique. It's a painting technique on thin paper that is then torn up and collaged together. And also the fact that all proceeds benefit charities. That's about it."

Sometimes it takes a good self-interview to extract simple truths. Thanks to this little exercise I had a good start on a statement of the artistic variety.

It also helped me decide that one art show every twenty-five years or so might be enough for me!

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New Adopt-a-Greenway Signs Arrive



CIDNA board member Ryan Rox and his boys Jacob (left) and Aidan Kimberley stopped recently to inspect the newly installed sign recognizing the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association as an Adopt-a-Greenway sponsor. The program, now in its 12th year, is a partnership of the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, and the City of Minneapolis. Currently over 40 neighborhoods, businesses, churches, schools, and other institutions participate in keeping their assigned section of trail clean and supporting the Greenway Coalition financially.

CIDNA's assigned section lies between Dean Parkway and the Calhoun/Isles exit ramp, with the sign right in the middle. "Like many other CIDNA residents my boys and I ride the Greenway all the time," Fox said, "so it makes great sense for CIDNA to help keep the trail looking good and support the Greenway Coalition." Fox notes that an exceptionally long stretch – from the Calhoun-Isles lagoon west to France Avenue – lies within CIDNA. "The CIDNA Adopt-a-Greenway sign," he says, "also serves as an attractive 'Welcome' to our neighborhood."

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