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Trammell Crow Co. presents 11-story tower on Tryg’s site

By Bob Corrick

Trammell Crow Co. is in preliminary discussions with CIDNA about an 11-story, 129-foot apartment tower on the Tryg’s Restaurant site. CIDNA has yet to formally respond to the project. Preliminarily, the CIDNA Land Use Committee opposes both the 11-story and 6-story options, seeking an attractively designed 5-story option that would respect the Loop Condos and neighborhood character.

Prior to presenting a formal proposal to the city, the developer is seeking more community feedback. The project would consist of 177 apartment units and 209,334 square feet. The developer alternatively has proposed a 6-story structure with the same density as the tower.

With the tower option, the developer would own a pocket park open to the public on the north side of the property adjacent to the Midtown Greenway. They also propose connecting walkways and a focal attraction such as an exercise park. The current Tryg’s owners would replace the existing restaurant with a bar/restaurant in front of the proposed building. Trammell Crow stated that its 11-story project “best meets the objectives of light, air, green space, and impacts on the Midtown Greenway.”

The developer seeks height exceptions, which must consider the surrounding character of the neighborhood, shoreland views, and other factors. Site zoning is C3A, mixed use, limiting height to 56 feet. About 25% of the site is located in the Shoreland Overlay District, which limits height to 35 feet. The project would satisfy most other zoning requirements for density, setback, and parking.

Approval of building height greater than 8 stories (88 feet) is rare outside of downtown districts and the University of Minnesota. The 10-story MoZaic building in the center of Uptown is a rare exception, which preceded adoption of the Midtown Greenway Plan. The proposed Trammell Crow tower would be the first tall tower approved in the Lakes Area in the 20-year history of the zoning height limits. Nearby towers such as Lake Point, Calhoun-Isles, and Calhoun Beach Club all were built before the zoning height limits. The city passed these limits to preserve our neighborhood character and lakes.

The CIDNA Land Use Committee held a meeting on January 6 to consider details of the proposal and seek community feedback. Residents expressed a range of opinions during and after this meeting. Some favored the tower, such as Jeffrey Petrola, West Calhoun resident, and Rodge Adams, Lake Point resident, both

Trammell Crow continued on page four



Proposed Trammell Crow 129-foot tower with green pocket park. In white: Loop condos right, Calhoun-Isles Condos top, Calhoun Village left.



Pedestrian view of 11-story tower from Calhoun Village parking lot is shown above.



Trammel Crows’ 6-story option is presented above. CIDNA seeks a more attractively designed 5-story option respecting the height limits, Loop Condos, and neighborhood character.

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Lunch with Lisa Monday, January 29

University of St. Thomas Downtown, Opus Hall, Room #201. The topic will be the new Nicollet Mall project. Peter Brown, consultant for the Nicollet Mall Redo will be presenting and looking for citizen feedback. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak to the consultant. An online survey is also available at www.nicolletmallproject.com.

Welsh Folk Dancing!

Do you want to learn Welsh folk dancing? A group meets every other Sunday at St. Paul's on Logan. This week we meet from 3 to 5pm in the Undercroft.

CAUCUSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 PM.

Download **Caucus Finder** tool to find locations of major political party caucuses. The Precinct Caucus Finder will be available on the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website, mnvotes.org. The finder displays caucus locations provided by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Independence Party and Republican Party. Voters may also contact their political party to find caucus locations.

Precinct caucuses are open to the public. But in order to vote, offer resolutions, or become a delegate, you must:

- Be eligible to vote in the fall election.
- Live in the precinct.

Be in general agreement with the principles of the political party (Minnesota does not have an official party registration process).

What happens at the caucus?

Elect precinct officers who work to organize political activities in the precinct. This could include maintaining contact lists, convening political meetings, and helping with campaign efforts.

Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support. People may bring ideas, called resolutions, to be voted on. People usually bring a typed or handwritten copy of their resolution.

Don't Miss The Annual Ice Skating Party!

Sunday, January 26, 2014 1:00-3:00 p.m.
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Minneapolis Photo Center

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Vivian Maier, *Out of the Shadows*

January 25 - March 1.

From Unknown Amateur to Celebrated Artist

Vivian Maier seemed to relish being an observer on the edges and working in anonymity. Over the course of her adult life, Maier made more than 120,000 images. She printed only a fraction of her enormous output—most of which remained as negatives or even undeveloped film, unseen even by her in their printed form. Despite all that she made, she apparently did not share her photographs with others, virtually no one saw them. She did not pursue awareness or acceptance from the art community and did not seek celebrity or fame

Minneapolis Audubon Society

Friday, February 14, 2014 1 p.m.
Dr. Scott Sharkey, nature photographer and one of our favorite guests, will share his outstanding "Scenes from a Bloomington Marsh." 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 the Minneapolis Audubon Society at 31st & Bryant Avenue S for the program and refreshments! For more information call 763-533-8381.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JAN. 26, 1-3PM ICE SKATING PARTY
JAN. 27, 7PM LITERARY WITNESSES AT PLYMOUTH
JAN. 28, UPTOWN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL EVENT
JAN. 29, NOON LUNCH WITH LISA
FEB. 4, 7PM PRECINCT CAUCUSES
FEB. 6-8PM BOCKLEY GALLERY OPENING
FEB. 14, 1PM AUDUBON SOCIETY
FEB. 24, 7PM TRANSITION TOWN GRACE TRINITY
FEB. 28, 4:30 CITY HALL CONSERVATION DIST MTG

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm at Grace-Trinity Church
KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,
LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

POET WILLIAM STAFFORD CELEBRATED JAN. 27, 7 P.M. BY LITERARY WITNESSES AT PLYMOUTH

William Stafford (Jan. 17, 1914-Aug. 28, 1993) is one of the most quietly stirring of 20th-century American poets. In honor of the centenary of his birth, Graywolf Press has published a new collection *Ask Me: 100 Essential Poems* by William Stafford, selected, edited and introduced by the poet's son Kim Stafford. *Literary Witnesses* is honored to host Kim Stafford for the inaugural reading of *Ask Me* on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. The free event is co-sponsored by Graywolf Press, The Loft Literary Center and RainTaxi Review of Books.

William Stafford was the author of more than 60 books, including *Traveling Through the Dark*, winner of the National Book Award for poetry, and *Writing the Australian Crawl*, considered one of the best books about the process and purpose of writing. Stafford served as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress (now known as U.S. Poet Laureate) and as Oregon Poet Laureate.

Literary Witnesses, a program of the Fine Arts Board, brings poets to Plymouth whose work illuminates the human spirit, providing nurture, comfort, companionship, disturbance, enlightenment and delight.

Plymouth Congregational Church is located at 1900 Nicollet Ave. (at Franklin), Minneapolis, 612-871-7400, www.plymouth.org.

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MAYBE THERE IS

By William Stafford

Could there be a star so pure you would die
If you turned away? And no matter how far
The rocket carried you, that light
Would be there, stretching its bonds forever?
Out there would come into your eyes what
belonged,
And afterwards dark, but miles or speed
Would vaunt and be nothing together; for a kind
Of light no one ever saw had come.
Take my hand in this world where we look
at each other, here on that star.

From *SEEKING THE WAY*, Melia Press, 1991,
used by permission.

David Sollie***Hollow Stone: The Life And Disappearance of Narek Grigoryan***

Opening Reception: Friday, February 7, 6 to 8 pm
Exhibition dates: February 8, through March 15, 2014

Bockley Gallery is pleased to present a new body of work by Minneapolis artist David Sollie titled *Hollow Stone: The Life And Disappearance of Narek Grigoryan*. A work of visual fiction, *Hollow Stone* is a mysterious story about the surroundings and inner life of an Armenian chemist named Narek Grigoryan told through photographic image and brief passages of text. *Hollow Stone* is an inventive but oblique narrative that skillfully blends fact with fiction leaving the viewer to question and associate at will.

Bockley Gallery is located at 2123 W. 21st Street (west of Lake of the Isles, near Franklin), Minneapolis.

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Meet your Neighbor, Kelly Miyamoto

Craig Wilson interviews Kelly Miyamoto, the owner of the FIRM Minneapolis, about her detour to stardom in Hollywood, her pioneering work in everything innovative in Twin Cities' fitness and why diversity and inclusivity are core values at the FIRM.

Where did you grow up and what brought you to Minneapolis? I am originally from Owatonna MN—simply put, a small town girl from a small business family. My entrepreneurial story begins in high school where I rented local venues, hired bands from Schon Productions in the Cites, charged a cover, and paid my friends to work the party. Our graduation party was the biggest and best ever and then I left for Arizona to go to college. Three and half years of “sun and racquetball” later, I dropped out of my sorority and college and made what was supposed to be a quick trip home on my way to Los Angeles to be a movie star. My parents however foiled my plans, gave me 30 days at home to regroup, and then it was “bye, bye Hollywood”. The next two years were spent bartending, going to the U and working at Olympia Total Fitness, which was one of the first gay friendly gyms back in the 1980s. That is where I met my future business partners David Gray and Teri McLean.

How did the three of you come to found the FIRM? David Gray, one of the first Crystal Light National Aerobic Champions, and Teri McLean, an Olympia Total Fitness client, were plotting to open their own aerobic studio and they asked me to be the manager. My counter offer was to be a third business partner for six months and then off to Los Angeles to be a star. That was August of 1986 and, 28 years later, I am the last “man” standing.

What sets the FIRM apart from other athletic clubs in town? In my humble opinion, it goes back to our founding mission in 1986 that is still the cornerstone of our values, “The Firm welcomes clients from ALL walks of life. We provide a progressive high-ener-

gy environment that makes working out an event. Since exercise means different things to people, we motivate and challenge our clients at their own level of fitness.”

The FIRM has introduced many new methods of exercising to Minneapolis since 1986. What are some examples? In the last three decades we have introduced to the Twin Cities: Funk, Low Impact, Step, Cardio Boxing, Spinning and CrossFit in a health club setting.

The FIRM recently relocated to a new state-of-the-art building just over the new Van Whyte Bridge from Lowry Hill and Kenwood? Yes, we are located at 1010 2nd Ave North, off of Glenwood Avenue between Colfax and the new Van Whyte Bridge in the Harrison Neighborhood. We have been in this neighborhood for over 20 years and appreciate the convenience of being close to downtown and uptown neighborhoods, as well as those accessible by 394 and 94. As we like to say, our new home is “bigger, better, hotter, cleaner.” We love the neighborhood, our clients and our new home.

You lost David Gray, your former business partner, to AIDS and you have always been extremely supportive of the gay community—among other things with the FIRM always proclaiming the largest, boldest “caboose” float at Minneapolis PRIDE. Where does your compassion come from? David pushed me like a lemming off a cliff into the big fabulous world of “gay”, and I never looked back. We were young, passionate and fearless and he gave me the gift of a lifetime. I am sure I was a “queen” in a former life. I cannot imagine a world without diversity. Everyone is welcomed and celebrated at the FIRM and the GLBT Community has always found a home with us.

You and your staff go out of your way to welcome people to the FIRM. How does your strong faith play into this ethic? For me they are one and the same...demonstrating peace and love.

What's in store for the next decade at the FIRM? In the next 10 years we plan to keep focusing on what



Kelly Miyamoto

has allowed us to serve the community all these years—a great client experience with high energy, fun and innovative workouts. In other words, we will continue to have workouts led by seasoned motivational instructors that provide showmanship, motivation and inspiration. We will continue to focus on being easy to do business with, while providing a warm welcoming environment in a very clean space. We plan on creating more and more value by continuing to provide our clients with access to boutique quality cardio, strength and yoga—all with one membership. We will continue to strive to make everyday “A Great Day at The Firm!”

For more information about the FIRM and a free week trial, please call 612-377-3003 or www.thefirmmpls.com and please mention this interview.



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Trammell Crow Co. from page one

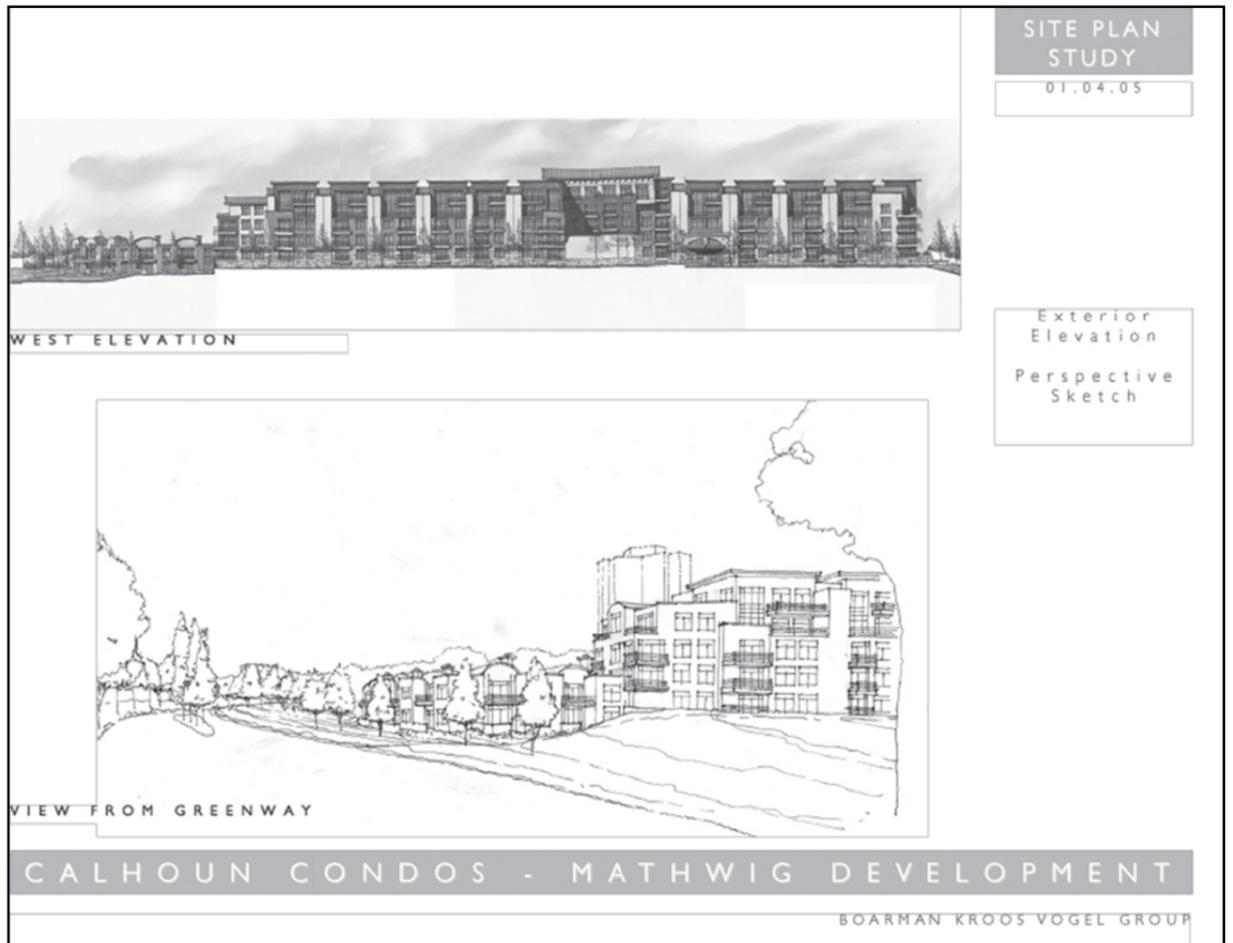
introducing the idea of a taller, narrower, and more elegant tower. Jane Kennedy, a Loop resident, favored the green space and flowers offered by the pocket park even though the tower would be in front of her condominium.

Other participants expressed concern about the height of the project and its effect on the livability and character of the neighborhood. The Loop Condominiums are most affected by the project. Some Loop residents believed that Trammell Crow is offering a false choice. As Loop resident Nadine Emerson stated: "We were invited to offer feedback; however, we were left with the impression that the only feedback that would be taken seriously was that which fell within the confines of two options, a high-rise tower or a 6-story 'wall' of apartments. We found this disappointing and disturbing, as both options appear oversized for the location, lot size, traffic situation, neighborhood and, in the case of the tower, the West Calhoun skyline."

Many people at the meeting expressed their frustration with traffic jams on the streets in front of the project, which have some of the highest traffic in the city with 40,000 cars a day. In early discussions with Trammell Crow, CIDNA requested a traffic study. Spack Consulting presented its draft study, which concluded that the project would not appreciably affect traffic counts, but recommended eliminating left turns out of the site. Spack asserted that solutions to neighborhood traffic problems are the purview of city, county, and regional authorities.

The Loop Condos were built in 2006 within the 56-foot height limit with stronger aesthetic details and attractive interface with the Midtown Greenway (see drawings).

Trammell Crow has not yet responded to CIDNA's preliminary opposition to their ideas. Once received, CIDNA will seek additional feedback from the community at a public meeting to be announced. Check the CIDNA website for meeting dates and project updates:



2005 site plan study of Loop Condos with aesthetic features and Greenway interface. CIDNA would like to see a similar option, which would respect the 56-foot zoning height limit.

<http://cidnalanduse.wordpress.com>. Contact me at corrickcidna@gmail.com with your comments. Your opinions make a difference. This project is important for our community.

CIDNA, already a neighborhood with high density, has supported thoughtfully designed high-density pro-

jects on every site proposed for development during the past decade including the Loop, Ackerman/Village Green, and the Weisman site.

Bob Corrick is Chair of the CIDNA Land Use and Development Committee

Green Team Blurb Jan. 2014 February 24: Transition Towns—the Future is Now!

What does it mean to "live the good life" when our human footprint is doing so much damage to the earth? How can we act more sustainably while preserving, even enhancing, the character and beauty of our neighborhoods?

One answer that has grabbed the attention of people around the world is Transition Towns, a global movement that started in England in 2006, growing to over 1100 initiatives in more than 43 countries in 2013. These communities are empowered by a fierce resolve to: lower their greenhouse gas footprint; build resilience against climate change; and reduce energy and economic uncertainty. How? With a strong local entrepreneurial economy and resourceful residents committed to a community that nurtures the well-being of all.

Intrigued by the idea of transitioning to a sustainable community? We warmly invite you to attend Transition Towns—the Future is Now! on Monday, February 24, featuring John Freise co-founder of Corcoran GROWS (Grass Roots Opens Ways of Sustainability) and a sought after TT speaker and Michael Russelle, an environmental scientist and key figure in the emerging St. Anthony Park Transition Town. 7-8:30 pm. Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 West 28th St. Minneapolis 55408 (next to Isles Bun & Coffee Shop). Register with Monica Smith by Feb. 19 at nrp@eastisles.org. Sponsored by the East Isles Green Team.

East Isles Green Team 2014—Offers Six Opportunities to Lend a Helping Hand

Our 2014 working groups include:

Community Solar Gardens—Bill Elwood. Help us build on new legislation expanding solar power in MN. We'll track progress, update residents, research alternative strategies, and encourage residents, businesses to create solar gardens in East Isles.

Community Engagement — Germaine Benemile. Help us engage more residents in our work. Includes doing outreach with apartment and condo dwellers in partnership with the U of MN advertising club.

Edible Gardens for Kids! (Tot Plots)— We want to involve kids in growing food using 16 inch pots visible from the sidewalk, each with one edible treat that kids can easily grow, maintain, harvest, and eat. We need a leader!

Green Standards for Uptown Development — Dave Bryan. Join our effort to create guidelines for neighborhood zoning committees. Goal is to encourage developers, contractors and homeowners to reduce the environmental impact of urban buildings and building sites.

Plant Swap — Rich Harrison. Interested in trading plants and advice with neighbors? Groundwork is being laid for East Isles' first Plant Swap. This will be a more sophisticated event than your average give-away!

Water Quality — Judy Enenstein. Help protect our water supply from pesticides, fertilizers, plastics and drugs. Got ideas? Please join us.

All working groups will meet before the next Green Team meeting on Feb. 10 to make plans for 2014. We invite you to pick a group you're interested in and join the discussion. Contact Monica Smith for more details at nrp@eastisles.org or 612-821-0131.

THE URBAN COYOTE STAYS WARM

By James P. Lenfestey

Like all of you, I snuggled tight to my natural gas fired furnace this winter, letting the Arctic “polar vortex” swirl outside the windows like the evil white witch of the Narnia stories. How I praised my humming high-efficiency furnace, and the pipes below the frozen sidewalks that bring the gas to me.

How happy I am too that we super-insulated this old house at the corner of Girard and Lincoln when we moved in 32 years ago, and added energy-efficient materials, including double pane windows, when we remodeled twenty-five years ago. And how I replaced a furnace along the way with the highest efficiency heat pump I could find.

And all the while the price of natural gas continued to fall, due to the fracking technology revolution that frees gas and oil trapped in shale deposits formerly considered impossible to recover. All of us in HLP land benefit from this natural gas revolution.

Once coal would have warmed our houses, and if you lived in Green Bay my father’s trucks would have rattled it down chutes into your basements, where you shoveled it into boilers from which huge-armed ducts allowed the heat to rise upstairs and foul black cinders and soot swirled up the chimney. I wonder what it was like to live around Lake of the Isles a hundred years ago with dark smudges of coal smoke emerging from the chimney of every house?

Sometime later in the last century fuel oil became cheaper and easier to transport than coal, and households removed the giant old coal furnaces in favor of smaller oil burners, with tanks for oil storage buried in the yard filled by visiting oil trucks. That’s still how it worked when we moved to the neighborhood at 1925 Girard Avenue in 1975. A Rollins Oil truck pulled into the driveway on a regular basis, the driver pushed a ten-foot stick down into our oil tank to measure the contents, then

filled it back up to the brim. I changed out that old oil burner few years later in favor of cheaper, reliable pipeline natural gas.

All that time coal and nuclear-powered electricity flowed from my outlets like water from my spigots, whenever needed. Thank you Minnesota utility infrastructure, I praise you every day.

Yet now I fight to close the state’s remaining coal-burning electricity plants, like Sherco, fight the Keystone tar sands pipeline that wants to bring more oil, fight the worst excesses of fracking that brings us cheap gas, and plan to change my house to solar electric energy. What happened? Our neighborhood planet caught a fever. The carbon dioxide molecules spewing from fossil fuel-fired chimneys radically warm the atmosphere, dangerously acidify the oceans, and accelerate extreme weather events, possibly even destabilized the Polar Vortex.

It’s time to change again.

I am hardly the first neighbor to implement solar-powered electricity, possibly Zenas Hutchison takes those honors, but I will be one of the first to do so in a new way – buying a subscription to a community solar garden.

Our house on the corner of Girard and Lincoln has a quite good roof orientation to accommodate photovoltaic panels, while most neighborhood houses face the wrong way or are shaded by boulevard trees or other buildings. But still, I have been reluctant to impose a 21st century aesthetic on a house built in 1902. But with the new community solar initiative passed by the Legislature last session (thank you Scott Dibble, thank you Frank Hornstein, thank you Governor Dayton) I can have my classical house and solar energy too.

It works like this.

Our utility, Xcel Energy, is required to obtain 1.5% of its electricity from solar by 2020, offering a community solar garden program to achieve some of that, final

details to be presented by the Public Utilities Commission this March.

In the meantime, several companies have sprouted up to sell households or renters shares in a solar garden—an efficient large photovoltaic array sited on a warehouse roof or brownfield development. By buying a share, probably in the \$4000-5000 range, the homeowner receives reduced electric rates guaranteed for 20-25 years, with all solar liabilities, maintenance and insurance carried by the providing company. That initial investment - which builds and guarantees the array – not only insulates the homeowner against rising electricity rates, but depending upon electricity usage and the number of shares acquired, ensures that up to 120% of current annual use is proved by the sun, not coal, gas or nuclear.

Anyone interested in joining me in this green power opportunity let me know soon, jimfest@aol.com, 612-730-7435, because when the PUC delivers the final buy-back rate package in March, the limited number of solar garden shares should fly off the rooftops.

Were all of this to be condensed into a poem, it might go like this:

Once I loved my heat of coal
and once my pail of oil,
and once my pipe of ancient gas,
but I always loved the soil,
and to be fair, also clean air.
And so I walk, I run
to greet the energy from the sun.

Oh well, you get the point. By the way, I have no financial interest in any of this. I do have eyes to see the already dramatic ecological changes around us and to read scientific reports proclaiming much worse conditions to come.

UPTOWN TALKS: An Evening of Community, Cuisine & Conversation

Uptown Association’s annual event to feature a panel discussion, awards ceremony, community expo and restaurant tasting January 28.

The Uptown Association’s annual event, “Uptown Talks: An Evening of Community, Cuisine & Conversation,” is set to celebrate Uptown Minneapolis’ continued status as a premier neighborhood, business district and visitor destination with a wide variety of activities on January 28, 2014. The evening’s main event is a panel discussion with city leaders on important topics facing the Uptown neighborhood, including crime and safety, future development, park and recreation projects, and transportation.

Panelists include:

- Musician, writer, Doomtree Records artist Dessa
- Minneapolis Police Chief Janeé Harteau
- Senator D. Scott Dibble, District 61
- Representative Frank Hornstein, District 61A
- Hennepin County Commissioner Gail Dorfman, 3rd District
- Ward 10 City Council Member Lisa Bender
- Minneapolis Park Board and Recreation Board District IV Commissioner Anita Tabb
- Director of District Athletics Trent Tucker, Minneapolis Public School District

Guests will also have an opportunity to sample signature dishes from dozens of Uptown restaurants and learn about ideal wine and beer pairings.

OWNER RENEWS BID TO WRECK 2320 COLFAX AVE. SOUTH

By Trilby Busch

The Orth House at 2320 Colfax Avenue South, which the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission declared an “historic resource” last March, is again facing possible demolition. Owner Michael Crow has submitted an application to the HPC for a permit to wreck an historic resource.

Designed and built by master builder T.P. Healy in 1893, the 6,400 square-foot house is currently a 15-unit rooming house. In the fall of 2012, the Lander Group put forth a proposal to wreck 2320 Colfax and the house next door to clear the site for a 44-unit apartment building.

Last February when the owner applied for a wrecking permit for 2320, the Healy Project appealed to the Heritage Preservation Commission. After the HPC declared the house to be an historic resource, Crow appealed to the City Zoning and Planning Commission. The dispute came to a head at the April meeting of Z&P, which denied the owner’s request to overturn the HPC’s ruling.

In this second round in the owner’s effort to get a demolition permit, the process is essentially the same as last year. The HPC will hear Crow’s application at its February 18th meeting. If the HPC allows the permit, demolition can go ahead to clear the site for the Lander Group’s three-story apartment building. If the HPC denies the permit, Crow can appeal to the City’s Zoning and Planning Commission to overturn the HPC’s decision.

The Healy Project will continue to fight against demolishing the house. Spokesperson Anders Christensen says, “The Project remains committed to finding a redevelopment proposal that includes saving the Orth House. Most people who live in the surrounding neighborhood oppose the Lander Project. It is no longer acceptable to demolish usable buildings and send them to the landfill.”

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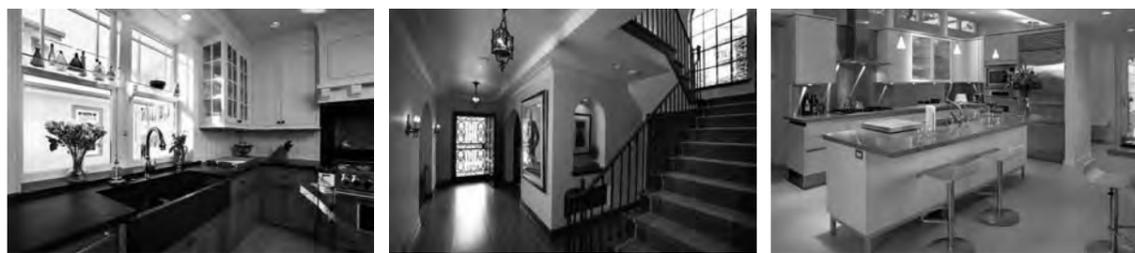
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City of Lakes Loppet 2014

The Loppet Ski Festival takes place January 31 to Feb. 2 with skiing events for the whole family.

The Luminary Loppet continues to be a popular event. With more than 1,000 luminaries, an ice pyramid, the Enchanted Forest, the Brock White Ice-Cropolis, four stations with fire pits and goodies including (at two of the stations) hot cocoa and even some fire-spinners, the Luminary Loppet can be enjoyed by anyone on skis or snowshoes, or even walking.

For information on the many cross country skiing and winter activities and registration information visit www.loppet.org or call 612-604-5330.

Photo: preparation for Luminary Loppet with the Lake of the Isles Dragon surrounded by Luminaries

Photos by Dorothy Childers



Later with Lisa

Council Member Lisa Goodman's festive annual holiday party was held at The Normandy Inn in downtown Minneapolis on December 16, 2013. Lisa's friends and supporters packed the room and enjoyed food and drinks and conversation. Ruth Hamann and Patrick Sadler from Lisa's office welcomed arrivals and helped make the event successful.

Jacob Frey, newly elected council member for Ward Three was Lisa's guest of honor.

Lunch with Lisa will return next week on January 29 at St. Thomas. The new Nicollet Mall project will highlight the discussion.

Photo: Clockwise from left: Ruth Hamann, Council Member Lisa Goodman, Arlene Fried, Patrick Sadler, Jean Deatrick, and Council Member Jacob Frey.

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SWLRT COMMUNITY MEETING

By Jeanette Colby

During a very cold first week of January, the Metropolitan Council held two “Community Meetings,” ostensibly to ask for input on the SWLRT water impact and freight re-route studies currently underway. The meeting on January 7th at the Kenwood Rec Center attracted about 250 residents of neighborhoods near the Kenilworth Corridor, as well as people from several other Minneapolis neighborhoods, St. Louis Park, and other suburbs. In addition to staff members, community members were grateful to see a number of Met Council Commissioners there, as well as city and state officials or their representatives.

The evening began with time for participants to review informational posters set up around the gym. Then, after an introduction by Dan Cramer of Grassroots Solutions, people divided into groups to discuss issues, questions, and concerns. Group participants contributed professional experience, specific SWLRT knowledge, and concerns for transit, urbanism, and the environment to the discussion.

Some of the questions raised included: Is Kenilworth the best alignment for Minneapolis and the region, given the lack of density and little possibility of development? How can the character of Kenilworth be preserved – are we willing to give up something that other cities admire and seek to emulate? How safe is freight rail, especially running next to passenger rail and possibly impeding access to stations? Is the rush for federal money trumping good planning and design? The entire transcript (unedited in any way) of the table reports is available at www.swlrt.org.

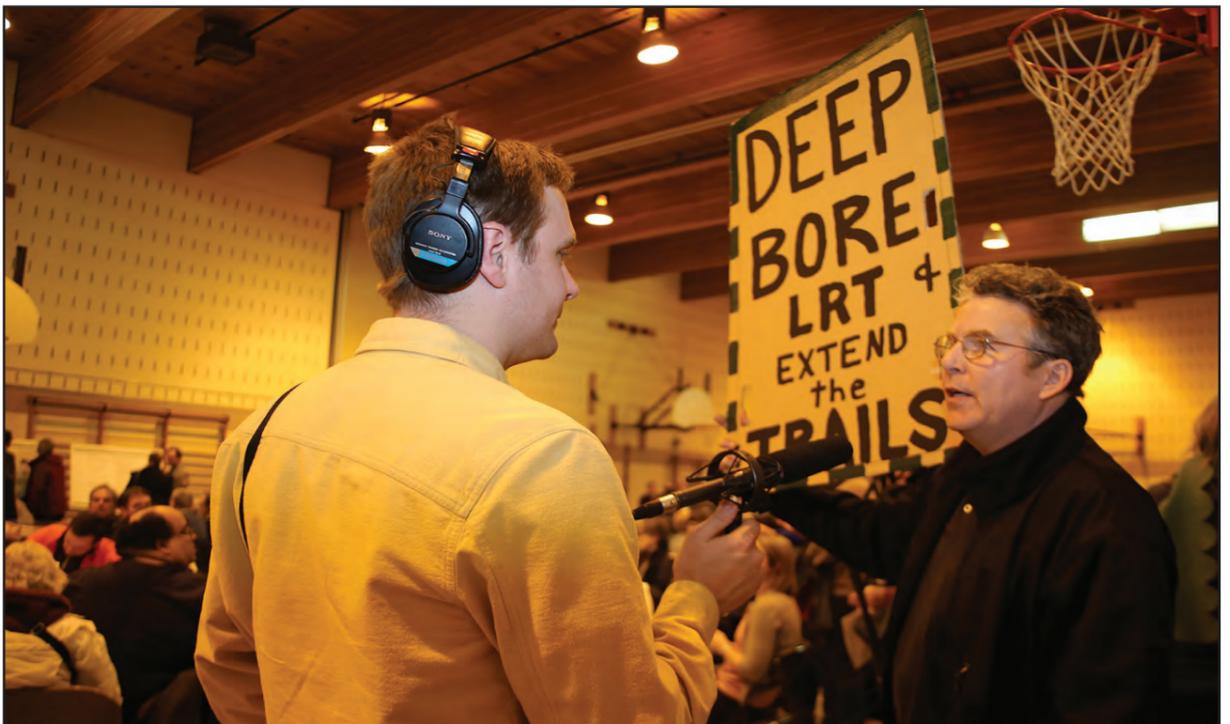
Unfortunately, one of the strongest themes was skepticism of the entire SWLRT planning process. Many viewed the informational posters as biased, with one table reporter saying the skepticism “seems to be rooted in the government agencies’ failure to properly anticipate the problems of the St. Louis Park reroute and alignment.” Another noted that, “The key challenge at the table was trust, trusting the numbers, trusting what we’ve heard.”

Met Council staff member Sam O’Connell indicated that her team is reviewing the input and will soon post answers to questions raised at the meeting. The Met Council plans to host a second round of meetings in mid-February after the draft reports are released to receive public feedback. In addition, Ms. O’Connell says, “it is anticipated that public comments will be taken at Corridor Management Committee and Met Council meetings prior to any decision on project scope and budget.”



Photos by Dorothy Childers

A large crowd attended the recent SW LRT meeting at the Kenwood Community Center.



George Puzak was interviewed by MPR at the SW LRT meeting on January 7.

Proposed Ordinance Would Allow Minneapolis Neighborhoods to Request Conservation District Status. Public Meeting January 28

On Tuesday, January 28, the City of Minneapolis will be hosting a public meeting to discuss a proposed Conservation District Ordinance. The meeting will take place in City Hall Room 319 starting at 4:30 p.m.

The City’s proposed Conservation District Ordinance effort is designed to ensure that development in notable areas respects neighborhood character. Developed using public input, the ordinance conserves distinguished visual character in a manner that offers more protections than the zoning code, but fewer protections than historic district design guidelines. Under this proposed ordinance, two-thirds of property owners in a contiguous area with notable visual character would have the opportunity to request conservation district status.

If passed, the proposed ordinance would amend the City’s existing Heritage Preservation Regulations. Comments on the draft of this ordinance will be accepted in-person during the public meeting or by emailing City staff member John Smoley at john.smoley@minneapolismn.gov through 4:30 p.m. on February 4, 2014.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith, Recorder

Below are abbreviated minutes from the December 2013 and January 2014 EIRA Board of Directors meetings held at Grace-Trinity Community Church. The complete minutes can be found at www.eastisles.org.

December 10, 2013

Board members present: Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Antone Melton-Meaux (Secretary), Ramon Ramirez Quintero (Treasurer), Candace Dow, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, and Linda Schutz. Alternate Bill Elwood and other East Isles residents were also in attendance.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, Candace Dow

Candace Dow is the chair of EIRA's Transportation Committee and EIRA's representative to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Midtown Greenway Alternatives Analysis (AA). Dow reported that the AA is studying transit options for Lake Street and/or the Midtown Greenway between the proposed Southwest LRT and Hiawatha LRT.

The transit options have been narrowed to the following: arterial bus rapid transit on Lake Street; double/single track rail in the Midtown Greenway; or a combination of both. Under all options, the bike trail will remain on the Greenway and local bus service will continue on Lake St.

The Metro Transit is in the final screening stage of the AA. The Policy Advisory Committee will select the Locally Preferred Alternative on February 12, 2014. If rail is selected, the vehicle type and single vs. double track will be determined at a later date. Metro Transit planners have said that if the combined option were selected, it would be possible to implement arterial bus rapid transit on Lake Street first to determine how the service meets needs before implementing rail on the Greenway.

Residents and board members raised concerns about streetcar/LRT on the Greenway including, in unranked order: safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists at the three at-grade crossings in East Isles with 214 daily streetcar/LRT trips and hours of operation from 4 am to 1am daily; noise; vibration; traffic and air pollution from idling cars waiting for trains to cross the intersection; increase in crime in East Isles; pinch points that would narrow the pedestrian and bicycle paths; equity issue that single or double track on the Greenway would remove the area persons farther east of the Chain of Lakes than East Isles use as a park; changes to the trench may not meet historic preservation requirements; green space and quiet for residents; and cost compared to bus on Lake Street. Attendees supported arterial bus rapid transit on Lake Street.

The next meeting of the East Isles Transportation Committee is December 17. The committee will draft a resolution regarding the AA to be presented to the EIRA Board at its January 14, 2014 meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report, Ramon Ramirez Quintero

The income statement and balance sheet were presented.

Social Committee, Amy Sanborn

EIRA Board approved a motion to spend up to \$250 of unrestricted funds for food and beverages for the annual Ice Skating Party on January 26, 2014.

NRP Committee, Monica Smith

The committee recommended shifting the balance of the funds from the Residential Loan Program (about \$51K) to the Affordable Housing Loan Program.

The EIRA Board approved the following motions:

To amend the Residential Loan Program contract with Center for Energy and Environment to remove the

remaining balance from the contract.

To approve a plan modification to increase the allocation of the Affordable Housing Loan Program to accommodate the transfer of additional funds.

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

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

Zoning Committee, Allan Amis

The November 19th meeting included a presentation on the Shoreland Overlay District.

A public hearing will be held December 12 for a variance to reduce the setback for a new enclosed porch at 1612 26th St W.

Green Team, Bill Elwood

The Community Solar program on November 18 was a success with over 25 people in attendance.

Fall Meeting Evaluation Report, Linda Schutz

The majority of the respondents to the Fall Members meeting evaluation gave high scores across almost all of the evaluation categories. Most highly rated were: meeting place convenience & accessibility; speakers were informative & engaging; and agenda's content & topics were informative & helpful.

January 14, 2014

Board members present: Dan McLaughlin (President), Vaughn Emerson (Vice President), Candace Dow, Nicole Engel-Nitz, Donna Jansen, Carla Pardue, Michael Rossini, and Linda Schutz. Alternate Bill Elwood and other East Isles residents were also in attendance.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

East Isles has been redistricted to Ward 7 and will once again be served by Council Member Lisa Goodman.

The City has hired a law firm for the lawsuit against 1800 Lake (for pumping groundwater into the Lagoon).

Lunch with Lisa is January 29, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall, Room #201. The topic will be the Nicollet Mall renovation. Project planners will attend to hear feedback from the community. An online survey is also available at www.nicolletmallproject.com.

The city offers a number of ways to be alerted about Snow Emergency parking restrictions, including a smart phone app, Facebook, Twitter. For details, go to: www.minneapolis.gov/snow.

Public Meeting to discuss proposed Conservation District Ordinance, Jan. 28, 4:30 pm, City Hall, Room 319.

Regarding transit on the Greenway: CM Goodman reminded all that the Midtown Greenway was purchased by Hennepin County to be used a transit corridor. If the Greenway is selected as the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, there will be many opportunities for public comment during the very long timeframe before the project is completed.

Announcement

Save the date for the Community Connections Conference on March 22, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is free and open to all.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee, Donna Jansen

The December 17th meeting included a presentation about a variance request to reduce the interior side yard and the rear yard setbacks from 6 ft to 1.4 ft to replace an exiting garage. The homeowner reported that the neighbors have been informed and do not have objections. The EIRA Board approved the Zoning Committee recommendation to support the request.

Transportation Committee, Candace Dow

See December 10, 2013 minutes (above) for background information.

Candace Dow reported that EIRA's Transportation Committee employed a number of efforts to reach out to the community for feedback on the project: outreach at Ice Cream Social, presentations/surveys at EIRA's semi-annual meetings (April and October 2013), monthly committee meetings, EIRA e-newsletter and email communication, Metro Transit open houses, informal discussions with residents, and monthly reports at EIRA Board meetings. The vast majority of the respondents were opposed to rail on the Greenway.

The committee drafted a resolution to the Alternatives Analysis stating that EIRA recommends arterial bus rapid transit on Lake Street and does not support rail on the Midtown Greenway (to read the full resolution, go to www.eastisles.org). After much discussion by residents and board members, the EIRA Board approved a motion to approve the resolution (vote count: 5-3).

Dan McLaughlin encouraged everyone to submit individual comments about the Alternatives Analysis to the Metro Transit.

Social Committee, Amy Sanborn

The annual Ice Skating Party will be Sunday, January 26, 1-3 pm at Lake of the Isles. Contact Amy at events@eastisles.org to volunteer at the event.

Green Team, Betsy Allis

Upcoming event: Transition Towns-The Future is Now, a presentation about moving toward self-reliant communities, February 24, 7 pm at Grace.

The Green Team has six working groups: solar, recruitment, edible gardens, green standards for development, plant swap, and water quality. Volunteers are need!

NRP Committee, Monica Smith

The next meeting is a joint meeting with the Parks Committee to prioritize park improvements. Monday, February 3, 7 pm at Grace.

Nominations Committee, Linda Schutz

The committee will meet on February 11 and March 11, 6:30 pm at Grace to plan for the 2014 board elections.

The committee is seeking new board members to replace four of the current board members who are not seeking re-election. Interested individuals should contact Monica Smith at nrp@eastisles.org.

The EIRA Board approved a budget of \$100 for committee expenses.

BOARD REVIEW

EIRA Annual Meeting

The Spring Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at the Uptown Diner and will include a chili dinner.

Board approvals

The EIRA Board approved the following motions:

To fund up to four board/committee members to attend the Uptown Association's Annual Meeting on January 28th.

To renew Monica Smith's contract for 2014.

To contribute \$200 to Grace for the furnace repair.

To elevate EIRA Alternates Bill Elwood and Rosita Acosta to EIRA Board of Directors to replace departing members Mike Rossini and Renee Guest.

Miscellaneous

The 501(c)(4) application has been sent to the IRS.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7 p.m. at Grace-Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

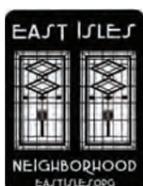
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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

Below are abbreviated minutes from the December 2013 and January 2014 CIDNA Board meetings. The complete minutes can be found at www.cidna.org.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 11, 2013

Announcements

Improvements at Brownie Lake are largely completed. The pedestrian bridge over the channel will be set in place in February after the City of Lakes Loppet.

NRP/CPP Report

Chair Gail Lee reported on the following:

The NPP contract will be extended for one year (12/31/14).

CIDNA's application for the 2014-16 CPP program has been accepted.

The tree grant program is available to residents. Information can be found at www.cidna.org/issues.

The committee created a punch list for work to be completed at Park Siding Park.

CIDNA is working with Metro Blooms on a project to plant 10 raingardens in the neighborhood in 2014. Homeowner expense will be \$300-400 per garden. CIDNA's expenses will be \$5,520 (before grants). The CIDNA Board approved a Plan Modification to Phase I/Strategy 10 "Community Planting Plan". The language will now read "Develop and implement landscaping and planting plans for neighborhood parks open spaces, and raingardens." The board also approved moving \$6,000 from Phase I/Strategy 19A "Sidewalk Construction" to Phase I/Strategy 10 to fund the project.

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). The Land Use Committee has raised concerns about traffic with the additional housing.

Construction at 2920 Chowen Ave S: the existing house will be removed to accommodate a new 2-story, 2,200 sq ft home with detached 2-car garage.

Transportation Committee

Chair Ed Ferlauto reported that the recent Southwest LRT Corridor Management Committee meeting included information about Transit Oriented Development. The West Lake Station was one of four stations designated Tier 1 (joint development projects that can be completed quickly) with a possible acquisition of land from private property and Hennepin County (3 acres to the west of Whole Foods).

Consultants have been hired to work on the Freight Rail Relocation Analysis Study and the Water Resources Evaluation. Results are expected in mid-January 2014.

Midtown Corridor Alternatives Analysis, Michael Mechtenberg, Metro Transit

The purpose of the Alternatives Analysis (AA) is to identify and analyze the benefits, costs, and impacts associated with transit alternatives. The AA is studying transit options (Light Rail Transit, Streetcar, Bus Rapid Transit and Dedicated Busway) for Lake Street and/or the Midtown Greenway (between the proposed Southwest LRT and the Hiawatha LRT). The AA will result in a selection of a locally preferred alternative (LPA) that best meet the identified purpose and need for the project.

The transit options have been narrowed to:

Enhanced bus on Lake Street (capital costs of \$50 million)

Double/single track rail in the Midtown Greenway (capital costs of \$185-220 million)

Combination of both of the above (capital costs of \$230-265)

Further study is needed for the Greenway regarding bridge protection, retaining walls, street crossings and the historic status of the corridor.

Metro Transit is in the final screening stage of the AA. The Policy Advisory Committee will select the LPA in February 2014. If rail is selected, the vehicle type and single vs. double track will be determined at a later date.

For more information: www.midtowntransitway.org.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 8, 2014

Land Use and Development

A proposal for a large apartment project on the site of

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LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

by Janis Clay

LHNA Board Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2014

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

Present - Guests and staff: Nash Meeker; Ian Evans; Lee Rosenthal; Diane Rosenthal; Suzanne Shaff; Chris Madden, LHNA Administrator.

President Maureen Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

Community Announcements. Council Member Goodman submitted community announcements via email. "Lunch with Lisa" will take place Monday, January 29, at the University of St. Thomas - downtown. The topic will be the new Nicolet Mall project. The City Zoning and Planning Committee, confirmed by the City Council, rejected rezoning for 1936 Fremont Ave., which had been approved by the Board of Adjustment. The decision was consistent with the concerns expressed by immediate neighbors and the LHNA Board. A new, improved mobile app provides snow emergency information via mobile phone.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Raj Dash moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded approval of tonight's agenda and of the December 3, 2013, minutes. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson gave the Treasurer's report. There were no updates from last month's report.

Committee Reports:

Environmental: Michael Cockson had no environmental updates, and Janis Clay reported nothing new on the Bee initiative. Tom Huppert reviewed the draft Urban Agricultural Proposal, a plan to better support the community's diverse activities and interest in urban agriculture. Tom is working on arranging for Ginger Cannon, the City's contact person on the proposal, to speak to us.

Zoning and Planning: David Weinstein reported on the City's denial of the request for rezoning 1936 Fremont Ave. S. from R2B Two-Family District to R3 Multiple-Family District.

Crime and Safety: Raj Dash distributed a well-written and highly informational article prepared by Minneapolis Police Department Neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams for the Hill & Lake Press. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity, via unlocked doors, and of valuables left in full view. Raj distributed another article regarding burglary-thwarting tips. We will renew efforts on the block captain initiative.

Events: Mark Brauer updated the Board on the annual Ice Skating social, set for Sunday, January 26, 2014, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Chris Madden will place an ad in the January Hill & Lake Press. LHNA is responsible for the fire pit. Raj Dash and Phil Hallaway will work on this. The Annual meeting will be the second or third Tuesday in May. Mark Brauer is working on finalizing the date. We

need to begin considering topics, perhaps crime and safety or the plight of the pollinators. The annual mailing should go out by April, and be prepared by March.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program: Chris Madden is working on the neighborhood priority survey, required by the City for LHNA to access Community Participation Program funds. Board members will contact Lowry Hill businesses for raffle donations, to encourage people to fill out the survey and send it in. The goal is to have this out during the first quarter of 2014. We must adopt ADA and Equal Employment Opportunity policies to access these funds. David Weinstein is reviewing draft policies.

Kenwood Rec Center Improvements: Nash Meeker has agreed to serve as LHNA contact person for structural changes, planned primarily to improve ADA accessibility of the Kenwood Park building (Rec Center). He will attend an upcoming public open house at the Rec Center on January 14, 2014.

New Business:

David Weinstein and Nash Meeker recapped a community meeting, held immediately prior to our board meeting, regarding the environmental effects of the SWLRT on the Kenilworth corridor. The Board discussed whether it is appropriate to take a position on SWLRT.

The City of Lakes Loppet will take place January 31 through February 2, 2014. The Board discussed providing hot chocolate for the event. Raj Dash, Phil Hallaway, and Nash Meeker will work on this. Maureen Sheehan moved and Mark Brauer seconded allocating \$250 for coffee and hot chocolate. All approved.

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to visit the LHNA website at www.lowryhillneighborhood.org, and sign up to receive LHNA's monthly E-Blast about events in the neighborhood. Dan Aronson moved and Mark Brauer seconded adjournment. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



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Tryg's Restaurant (3118 W Lake Street) was presented by Johnny Carlson of Trammell Crow and Aaron Roseth of Elness Swenson Graham Architects.

Two ideas were presented for consideration: (1) an 11-story 130-foot tower with a pocket park to the north by the Midtown Greenway and (2) a 6-story building spread out over most of the entire site. The density of each proposal would be about the same (177 units) and is within the zoning guidelines.

The site is zoned C3A, residential/commercial mixed use with a 56-foot height limit. A small southern portion of the site is in the Shoreland Overlay District, which limits height to 35 feet. The developer would seek a conditional use permit to exceed these height limits.

Bob Corrick, Chair of CIDNA's Land Use and Development Committee stated that factors such as character of the surrounding neighborhood, access to light and air, and shoreland views must be considered to issue such a height exception. With the exception of MoZaic, there has been no 130-foot tower built in the Lakes area or outside of downtown/riverfront/U in the 20-year history of the zoning height limits. Approval of a tower would set a precedent to allow for other development that exceeds the zoning height restrictions.

There has been a lot of concern about traffic around the proposed project. Traffic counts in the neighborhood (40,000 cars a day) are some of the highest in the city and state, causing major traffic problems at rush hour. Trammell Crow asserts that their project will have a negligible impact to the traffic congestion. They have retained a traffic engineer who has provided a study to this effect. They propose not allowing a left turn onto Lake St from the property to help with traffic flow.

Parking meets the city's requirements and includes 50 stalls for the restaurant and 1.3 stalls per dwelling unit.

The developer is expected to make a formal proposal to the Land Use and Development Committee later this month and will be reviewed by the CIDNA Board at the February meeting.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

The next Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, January 29, noon at St Thomas, Opus Hall, Room #201. The topic will be the Nicollet Mall renovation. Project planners will attend to hear feedback from the community before the design process begins. Feedback is also encouraged via an online survey at www.nicolletmallproject.com.

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Announcements

Public Open House for improvements to Kenwood Community Center is January 14, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Community Center, 2101 Franklin Ave.

City of Lakes Loppet is January 31-February 2nd. The Loppet Foundation (event host) will be more stringent about requiring registration for participating in the Luminary Loppet.

Save the date for the Community Connections Conference on Saturday, March 22, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is free and open to all.

NRP/PPP Report

The expenses for the CPP funding cycle ending 12/31/13 were reviewed.

Confirmation about the raingarden project with Metro Blooms is expected by the end of January.

The next NRP Committee meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 pm at Rustica.

Transportation Committee

Regarding Southwest LRT: The second of two public meetings to give feedback on three studies (freight rail service, impact of shallow tunnels on lakes, greenscaping in Kenilworth area) will be January 9, 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Louis Park Rec Center.

Chair Ed Ferlauto reported that the Calhoun Isles Condo Association and Cedar Lake Shores Townhome Association have issued a statement favoring the shallow

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52 Groveland Terr #A315	169,900	4,000	42	164,400	C	1/1	779	154,500	2,782	1966	
2845 Irving S #202	349,400	0	85	280,000	C	2/2	1,245	304,500	5,310	1912	
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tunnel option for Southwest LRT.

Due to personal reasons, Ed Ferlauto is resigning as the chair of the transportation committee. The CIDNA Board thanked him for his service and dedication to the committee. Art Higinbotham will serve as the temporary chair of the committee.

Art Mart

Claire Ruebeck reported on the Art Mart held on December 9, 2013. The Art Mart featured 23 vendors with a wonderful variety of products. Attendance was low due to extremely cold weather. The event came in under budget. Special thanks to Jones-Harrison for donating the meeting room, tables/linens and light snacks. The CIDNA Board is interested in making this an annual event and approved a budget of \$2,500 to host the event in 2014.

Annual Meeting

CIDNA's annual meeting will be held on May 14, 2014 at Jones-Harrison. Content for the meeting will be discussed at the CIDNA Board meeting in February.

Next meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 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.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition

The Midtown Greenway Coalition announces a call for proposals for Northern Spark 2014. The event will be held June 14th in locations throughout Minneapolis, including the Greenway!

Northern Spark, organized by Northern Lights.mn, is a unique, free, annual, multidisciplinary, multi-venue, multiple partner, dusk-to-dawn, public arts festival. A one-night event, it serves as a platform for artists to dream of and plan projects that use the city as a stage and screen.

You are invited to apply as a Greenway artist! The event will coincide with the third annual Greenway Glow ride along the Midtown Greenway. This year's deadline for proposals is Friday, February 7th at 12pm. For a downloadable application, please visit <http://midtowngreenway.org/projects-and-programs/public-art/>

When I saw the article in the Op Ed section of the Star Tribune, I read it eagerly, as I do most lists of this type. Titled, "Bring a Sense of Humor and 19 More Tips," it promised to provide some words to live by. I did like number one: "Bring your sense of humor," and number three: "Other people don't care what you're wearing," but the rest didn't really connect with me.

I began to think about what lessons I've learned, now having lived probably more than half of my life. What have I found to be true? What are the life lessons I've gleaned from friends and family? Here is my list.

From my father I learned: "If you endeavor to do something, give it 100% of your efforts," and also: "Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today." Taken together, these rules offer an Americanized thumbnail version of the Chinese attitude towards work and discipline.

My mother taught me: "When one door closes, another one opens," and I've often found it to be true in my life.

She also told me, "Do things when you can, for when you have the time, you won't have the money and when you have the money you'll lack the time." This is the reason my husband and I took a six-week sojourn in Europe after he finished his medical training and before he started his new job. We spent the last of our savings on the trip, a move that could have been viewed as foolhardy. But we knew that we would not have the time to take a long trip again until we retired. Plus, the pleasure of watching our baby boy learn to crawl crab-like on the hard tiled floors of Tuscany was priceless.

From my mother-in-law I learned the adage, "Don't be ruled by the tyranny of the shoulds." By this she meant that we should shed those preconceptions of all the things one "should" do in one's position in life and pay more attention to what we want to do, can do.

My father-in-law believed that learning something new was the antidote to boredom or self-pity. He followed this advice in his retirement, taking up the piano, fiction-writing and pursuing a Ph.D. in History.

My in-laws also lived by the rule: "Never give advice," (unless asked). I think it was partly motivated by a sense of humility. They were especially careful not to advise their grown children. I believe they felt it was a gift to be

By Madeleine Lowry

given the freedom to make our own mistakes.

My husband taught me, "Never ignore the impulse toward generosity." If you find yourself thinking of doing something charitable, don't second guess yourself. It probably worth doing, and if not, what's the harm?

From my sister-in-law I learned that, "When all else fails, lower your expectations." This applies to in all kinds of situations where feeling stressed and overloaded threaten family harmony.

The corollary to this is to find more occasions to say, "Oh, well." So, your car is a salt-lick and the fridge is empty and the house is a frightful mess. So what?

I think it is important to cultivate a sense of what is enough and we've tried to instill this in our kids. Having enough, achieving enough, being good enough—and knowing when you've reached that threshold can save you from the unsatisfying never-ending desire for more, more, more.

I've learned that you have to take care of yourself first—this is an especially important lesson for parents and employees. If you don't, who will?

Cultivate a sense of gratitude. The more you are thankful for, the more you'll find to be thankful about.

And finally, know what makes you happy and build it into your daily life. A hot cup of coffee? A square of chocolate? A swim in the pool? A few minutes to read? Time spent outside? Try to tick a few items off your "happy list" each day.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar

—Sigmund Freud

My collections are under attack by those closest to me. I suspect my editor/wife JoAnne is behind the plot. She has been encouraging me to ask friends and family members how they really feel about my stuff. This is a touchy subject. I have always taken their feigned indifference for petty jealousy. Now everywhere I search for an ally I hear the same thing, a clear differentiation between their feelings for me (lukewarm) and their impression of my “hobby” (stifling, excessive). I am warned to not take their pointed criticism personally, which is difficult as they are my CDs, books, and old radios.

These inquisitions/interventions give me pause. Could I possibly be that shallow? Have I no soul? Didn't I understand Citizen Kane? Why do I need a non-operational Grundig Majestic radio looming over the family room? When is the last time I listened to a Tijuana Brass boxed set? Am I likely to watch Hill Street Blues DVDs, or re-read Jimmy Breslin's account of Watergate? My friends intone words such as public library, Internet, Netflix, Kindle, and Pandora, all rational solutions.

For decades I have enjoyed collecting media and odd

bits of Americana including an autographed picture of Miss Rheingold 1951. The hunting has been fun, but I have also unknowingly been constructing a two-way Rorschach test. My insecurities fairly screamed, “Look at all the cool stuff I've got! Won't you like me?” If my sparkling wit did not make me friends, perhaps my Hot Tuna album, or my Lone Ranger board game would. It cuts both ways. If someone were too unhip to get the joke of a prominently displayed autographed photo of Henry Kissinger, perhaps we were not meant to be friends.

I have reached the age and stage when I do not feel the need to attract new friends. The message that I am getting from those closest to me is that they care for me despite, not because of my Frankie Avalon albums and Hopalong Cassidy lunchbox. They say my stuff is weighing on me and wouldn't a much smaller collection be more practical and easier to appreciate? They warn that I am drowning in stuff.

I may be ankle deep but I am certainly not drowning. All the constructive criticism begins to blur and soon I am in a buzz of friends, all nude. They are led by my 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Reese. Chanting and dancing, they implore me, “Break free!” “Throw away your crutches!” “Break free!” (Repeated incessantly). I have to admit it is catchy and with the drums and the bonfire I find myself caught up in the frenzy. Two figures are struggling to hold my video collection aloft. Buckling under the weight, they nevertheless move slowly and rhythmically toward the inferno. Another grabs my baseball cards. Suddenly everything fades, the fire, the chanting, the throngs. I am alone, sweating profusely, floundering in a sea of Mad magazines.

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