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SWLRT: When Green is Grey

By Cathy Diekman

LRT is widely believed to be beneficial for the environment. Those concerned about the environment and the impact of greenhouse gasses (GHG), look for ways to get people out of cars and minimize use. That goal is understandably compelling; some feel that if the funding is available, it is always best for the environment to build LRT. But, while the Central and Hiawatha LRT lines, routed through urban areas with density, may support the efficacy of LRT to reduce carbon fuel emissions, the evidence does not support that same belief for the proposed Southwest LRT.

Developers and proponents have used the environmental halo encircling light rail to obtain funding, public buy-in, and to push through projects over local objections and refuting data. Skepticism of LRT is often associated with an attachment to cars and conservative politics, and therefore easily dismissed. Because of this mindset, the reality is far off the radar that some light rail projects are primarily development projects that cement and accelerate patterns of sprawl and distance living, with serious negative environmental consequences. Not all light rail projects are created equal - or green.

Sierra Club: “The best projects reduce sprawl while the worst projects exacerbate it.” Environmentalists have long understood sprawl to be negative for the environment and an accelerant of climate change, in terms of energy costs, GHG, and further development of open spaces that acted as natural ‘sinks’ taking CO2 out of the air.

Poorly designed transportation projects result in decentralized automobile-oriented development... Residents of sprawling communities drive three to four times more than those living in efficient areas that offer more transportation choices. Sprawl is costly to communities, requiring residents to subsidize public services over greater areas. In addition, sprawl destroys more than one million acres of parks, farms, and open space each year. Many projects ... pass through urban parks, nature preserves, cultural heritage sites, open spaces, and valuable farmland.” Sierra Club, Smart Choices, Less Traffic: 50 Best and Worse Transportation Projects (Nov 2012), p.6

Sprawl has been the dominant planning and development mode for decades, particularly in the Twin Cities metro. Though packaged with transit oriented development near the suburban stations said to reduce car usage, though cars would still be needed for most aspects of daily life, the dominant outcome of SWLRT

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Our New Hennepin County Commissioner



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Marion Greene was sworn in today (June 18) as Hennepin County Commissioner, Third District. She takes the place of Gail Dorfman who resigned. Commissioner Greene will compete in the Primary on August 12. General election is November 4th.

Smith Triangle gets a workout!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Smith Triangle sub-committee members gathered for the annual spring clean-up at Smith Triangle, home of the classic Thomas Lowry statue and monument. Left to right: Linda Schutz, Sally Novotny, Donna Jansen, and Karen Carney. Refreshments were donated by Holiday Station, Caribou Coffee, and Kowalski's Market. Minneapolis Park Board provided gloves and trash bags.

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Lunch with Lisa will meet August 20. Guests will be the Nicollet Mall architects.

Park Siding Park garden clean up - Saturday, June 28, 9 am Volunteers needed!

KIAA Board Meeting July 7 at 7pm

Inspector Todd Loring from the 5th precinct and Chief Ohotto from the Park Police will be at the KIAA board meeting on July 7th to address concerns from the neighborhood about Hidden Beach. Council Member Lisa Goodman will also attend.

CIDNA

Several CIDNA residents are organizing garage sales for June 19-21st. Contact sandrathepink@hotmail.com for details.

Uptown Neighborhood News Blurb

The Uptown Art Fair is coming up quickly and the Uptown Association is now seeking volunteers for the 51st Annual Uptown Art Fair happening August 1st to 3rd. All volunteers receive a 2014 commemorative t-shirt, a delicious waffle cone and the honor of knowing that you played a key role in the second most attended event in Minnesota! Shifts are short and fun, and there are still plenty of slots available. Grab your friends, grab your family and come volunteer! You can register online at <http://uptownartfair.com/volunteers/>. If you have questions or would like to register a group, please contact Yuting at (612)823-4581 or yuting@uptownminneapolis.com.

Canoe Adventure Camp

June 16th-20th 9am-3:30pm & 23rd- 27th 9am-3:30pm | Lake of the Isles @ Kenwood Park

Join us for paddling adventures in the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes! This camp meets at Kenwood Recreation Center by Lake of the Isles. Fee Assistance Available.

Household hazardous waste drop-off events throughout Hennepin County

Hennepin County and its partner cities will hold community collection events this spring for residents to safely dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous waste. Only household waste will be accepted. For a complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items or more information on drop-off facilities, call 612-348-3777 or visit www.hennepin.us/collection-events.

Please note: This year, the county will not be accepting electronics at the collection events; business waste also will not be accepted.

Collection events will be held Thursdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day:

June 26-28, Susan B. Anthony Middle School
5757 Irving Avenue South

July 31-Aug 2 Jenny Lind Elementary 5026 Dupont Avenue North

Aug. 7-9 South High School 3131 19th Avenue South

Aug 21-23 Northeast Minneapolis 340 27th Avenue NE

Sept. 18-20 University of MN – Parking Lot C66
2904 Fairmount Street SE

Oct. 9-11 Minneapolis Public Works Department
(Snelling Avenue Garage) 3607 East 44th Street

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JUNE 14-AUG. 30, T-S, 12-5PM SUMMER SHORTS

3 SHORT SHOWS AND 7 UNIQUE EVENTS

SPOTLIGHTING LOCAL ARTISTS, GROVELAND GALLERY

JUNE 16-20 CANOE ADVENTURE KENWOOD PK

JUNE 20 & 21 SHAKESPEARE IN KENWOOD PK,6:30

JUNE 19-21 CIDNA GARAGE SALES

JUNE 24, THE BAKKEN CELEBRATES TESLA

JUNE 28, 9AM PARK SIDING CLEANUP

JULY 15, 6PM LOWRY HILL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

AUGUST 1-3 UPTOWN ART FAIR

Neighborhood monthly meetings:

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm at Jones-Harrison

EIRA: 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm at The Bridge, 7/8 & 8/19

KIAA: 1st Monday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center,

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm at Kenwood Rec Center

Park Siding Park will be closed June 23 for a minimum of five weeks for reconstruction.

Come Relax, Unwind, and Get Electrified at Tesla Tuesday: Current Affair

The Bakken Museum is celebrating Nikola Tesla on June 24th and would love for you to come!

Don your best mustache (or wear one that we provide!) and join us for a summer evening of Tesla-themed activities, live DJ, and cash bar. View the latest electric car models at our Electric Car Show and talk with MN Plug-in Vehicle Owners about their experiences in driving electric in Minnesota.

Memberships to The Bakken available for purchase online or at the door!

A \$10 admission fee applies to non-members. Admission can only be purchased at the visitor services desk on the day-of the event. Advanced tickets are not sold for this event.

This is an 18+ event.

The Bakken Museum is located in an intriguing mansion on Lake Calhoun, The Bakken Museum inspires a passion for science and its potential for social good by helping people explore the history and nature of electricity and magnetism. The Bakken was founded in 1975 by Earl E. Bakken, who invented the first wearable, battery-powered, transistorized cardiac pacemaker. The Bakken features The Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden, a world-renowned collection of books and artifacts and multiple galleries focusing on the wonders of electricity.

The Bakken Museum is at the corner of West Calhoun Parkway and 36th Street on the west shore of Lake Calhoun. Free parking is available in The Bakken's lot. For more information,

visit www.TheBakken.org or call 612-926-3878.

Eloise Butler summer programs

Summer is near and a wide variety of wonderful tours, classes and events are awaiting you at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. Find out more about these opportunities by taking a look at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Summer Programs Booklet. Register for programs at www.minneapolisparcs.org or call 612-370-4903.

If you have questions about the wildflowers, birds, programs or facilities at the Wildflower Garden please call 612-370-4903 or send an email to ebwg@minneapolisparcs.org. Staff and volunteers are happy to assist you.

PAINT IT PRETTY

Enjoy the great outdoors and beautify the neighborhood! Seniors in Minneapolis need your help to paint their homes and garages. Paint as an individual volunteer or bring along others. Family teams welcome, youth must be age 7 or older and supervised by an adult.

Exact location TBD in Minneapolis, depends upon where the senior citizen resides. One-time and other unpaid volunteer opportunities are also available. Please contact Jeanne the NIP Seniors Program, Volunteer Coordinator atrsrvolunteer@neighborhoodinvolve.org or call 612-746-8549 for more information.

Shakespeare in Kenwood Park

The Twelfth Night

by William Shakespeare

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This Friday, June 20th & Saturday, June 21st

at Kenwood Park (by field 2 on the hill)

The performance starts at 6:30 p.m. Running time is approximately 100 minutes with no intermission. Performances will only be cancelled in the event of tornado conditions or lightning. Park on Oliver Avenue, on the west side of the park. Follow signage to performance area.

Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on!

Performances are free and open to the public!



visit theatrepro rata.org for more information

Meet Your Neighbor, John Van Heel

Craig Wilson interviews designer and Loring Park resident and community volunteer John Van Heel about what's going on in Hill Lake's downtown neighbor to the east.

Where are you from and what do you do? I grew up in Golden Valley, just beyond the Minneapolis city limits. I had an early interest in architecture and a love for cities. I was naturally drawn to Minneapolis. I have a professional architecture degree and have been part of the profession for nearly fifteen years. I don't seem to have made the time to take all of the exams required for a license, but I've been lucky to be part of a lot of great Minneapolis based building projects. I am also very proud of what I have contributed to the city through volunteer community participation. Few cities have empowered their citizens to help shape the future like Minneapolis has.

When did you move to Loring Park and what was it like when you did? I first moved to Loring in the eighties when moving away from home. After a year I moved to the Lowry Hill neighborhood near Franklin and Emerson where I lived for the good part of a decade. When I returned to live in Loring Park in the nineties I was finishing college and thinking about getting more involved with the community. Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) was a great organization in an amazingly diverse neighborhood. I have been involved ever since. I was, and still am, impressed by the number and richness of the neighborhood's community, religious, educational and civic institutions. It makes for a great place to live.

When did you decide to go carless and what prompted you to do so? When deciding to go back to school in my late twenties I realized that I could either own a car or go to college. I couldn't afford both. That's nearly twenty years ago and I still don't own a car. Living in the heart of the city has made not owning one doable. When car sharing came along it got even easier. I consider my pedestrian and cycling lifestyle to be the good life. For me it's the urban version of the American dream.

How has Loring Park changed over the years? There was a long period after WWII where the neighbor-

hood suffered from a decline in upkeep, safety, and reputation. In the mid-nineties, using Neighborhood Revitalization Funds (NRP), the neighborhood made a big investment into improving the park. With these changes to



the park came a change in the way people perceived the neighborhood. Additional efforts to improve properties and address safety issues was also important. Putting aside things like new development, I am most impressed by the love residents express for their neighborhood. Nowhere, I think, is this love more evident than in the extensive volunteer gardens in Loring Park and along the Loring Greenway.

What has been your involvement with Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC) and what is the neighborhood up to these days? I have been a CLPC board member for over ten years. I served for six years as the organization's president. Following this I had the honor of serving as the chair of our neighborhood master plan steering committee. This was a multi-year effort to create a comprehensive city-adopted document that will help direct future decisions and efforts regarding things like future development, public realm improvements, and sustainability. Through the master plan work on sustainability we developed a partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council and are now recognized as a national case study pilot project for the LEED sustainability certification program. We are currently working on submitting sustainability credits, and are on course to be the first entire existing neighborhood to become LEED certified. As part of this we are developing programs to help property owners and residents make the neighborhood a more

energy efficient and sustainable place.

How will the master plan accommodate growth? Loring Park is one of the densest neighborhoods in the city. In order to accommodate further growth we listened to residents. The master plan protects historic areas like the mansion district on the hill by directing current zoning to be decreased from the six stories currently allowed. However, the area with the most and best development potential is the area around Nicollet Avenue. Here people were hopeful to see revitalization and new development. There was consensus across the neighborhood that zoning there should be changed to allow greater density and height.

What are things about Loring Park that need improvement? I think much of Loring is in great shape, but we do have some problem areas. Our Nicollet Avenue has great potential, but the businesses have struggled over the years against some difficult conditions. When the freeway was built in the sixties it divided the historic commercial district in two. The freeway edges that surround the neighborhood could use a great deal of improvement. The poor pedestrian facilities, and poor urban design standards serve to cut us off from adjacent neighborhoods.

CLPC and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (LHNA) have teamed up to promote pedestrian, bicycle, and greening improvements to Hennepin-Lyndale Commons. What has your role been and what is needed to make the improvements? I think the Hennepin-Lyndale reconstruction project that is scheduled for next year is a major opportunity to bring significant improvements to the corridor. In 2008 I worked with folks from Lowry Hill to organize a charrette at the Walker Art Center to explore a wide range of potential changes and improvements to the corridor. Some of these ideas were put together into a fifteen-year plan document that was later incorporated into the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan. Today the two neighborhoods have teamed up with the important institutions that surround the corridor. Coming together with a common voice saying that we want more space and more attention paid to the pedestri-

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The Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons Part II

By Craig Wilson

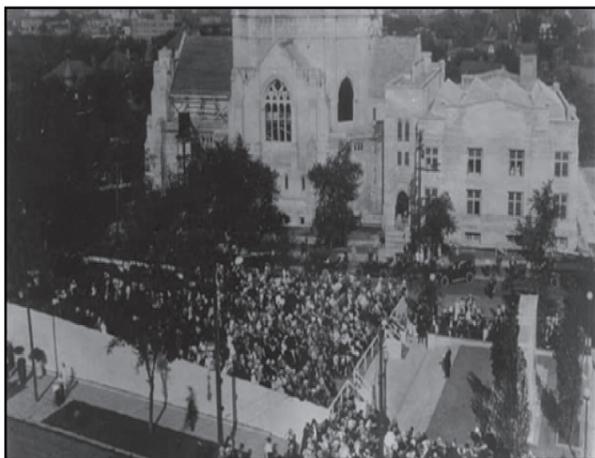
Photos courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

In anticipation of the Hennepin-Lyndale Reconstruction Project, I researched, developed and presented on the 'Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons' at the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting at the Walker Art Center on Tuesday May 20, 2014. The presentation was received with so much interest, I was asked to share it with Hill Lake readers over the next several issues of the Hill Lake Press. The first phase focused on pre-20th century Hennepin-Lyndale Commons. This second phase focuses on the Commons in the 20th century. Look for post-20st century Commons Part III in the June issue of the Hill Lake Press.



Hennepin-Lyndale in 1908

As part of the City Beautiful and Suburbanization movements of the period, efforts were made to create a "green" and beautiful Minneapolis. The City Beautiful Movement was a reform philosophy of American architecture and urban planning that flourished during the 1890s and 1900s with the intent of introducing beautification and monumental grandeur in cities—such as here at Hennepin and Lyndale.



The Virginia Triangle in 1915

The "Virginia Triangle" evolved to become the intersection of Hennepin and Lyndale. In 1915, a statue commemorating Thomas Lowry was erected on this site.



Thomas Lowry Monument in 1915

The movement successfully created a sense of "place" and "order" amidst the bustling corridor until the freeways came in 1967. At that time the Thomas Lowry monument was relocated to its present location at Smith Triangle on Hennepin and 24th Street, near Temple Israel.



Vineland Intersection in 1917

The commons was once teeming with gardens and green space. This is the current site of the Walker Art Center in 1917.



St. Mark's Cathedral in 1925

Monumental architecture and ample green space gave a sense of grandeur and grace to the corridor.



The Virginia Triangle in 1938

The Commons and Virginia Triangle were once a place to be celebrated and enjoyed. This is in stark contrast to knot of "modern" freeway overpasses and underpasses that replaced it.



Hennepin-Lyndale Traffic in 1934

Due to geographic constraints, the Commons has always had a high concentration of traffic.

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The Evolution of the Hennepin-Lyndale Commons II



The Commons in 1937

The diagonal intersection created by Hennepin Avenue bisecting the grid at Lyndale, caused a very confusing and dangerous intersection, which was exacerbated without traffic signals.



I-94 development in 1965

Freeways—a midcentury “solution” to congestion—tore through Minneapolis communities. This is 94 dividing Seward from Cedar Riverside heading westward toward Hennepin-Lyndale. Originally 94 was supposed to link in a circle around downtown through both Southwest and Northeast Minneapolis. The northeastern portion was never constructed which causing significant stress on Hennepin-Lyndale and Lowry Tunnel by forcing nearly all traffic though the southern route.



A traffic accident in 1947

As the automobile became increasingly popular, accidents grew along with traffic congestion. Something had to change....



35W development in 1965

This is 35W being constructed northward toward Hennepin-Lyndale. Originally 35W was intended to run along Lyndale Ave but Southwest Minneapolis neighbors protested and the proposed freeway was moved eastward. This accounts for the “jog” in 35W between Hwy 62 to the south and the Lowry Tunnel to the north. This deviation from the original alignment down Lyndale contributes additional stress to the 35W/94 interchange and Lowry Tunnel.



The “Minne-Dig” in 1965

To accommodate 94 at Hennepin-Lyndale, the government spent 5 years constructing the Lowry Tunnel between 1967 and 1972. It was an extremely complex project—for example, to keep buildings stationary, foundations along Hennepin-Lyndale had to be frozen 50 feet deep. The problems of the “bottleneck” became exacerbated over subsequent decades as traffic and congestion steadily increased throughout the region...with the Lowry Tunnel and Commons acting as a major keystone and hub to the regional freeway system.

Look for a continuation of this series focused on early post-20th century Hennepin-Lyndale Commons in the July edition of the Hill Lake Press.

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is to provide further incentive for continued movement to the suburbs and far beyond, whether to a development built around a transit station, or the far greater number of dispersed, large, single family homes that constitute suburbia and exurbia. Rather than invest in basic quality of life functions in the city such as public safety, education, and open space that would draw people to living in the more energy and environmentally efficient city, SWLRT is a massive infrastructure project that supports and accelerates distance living.

After Decades of Sprawl, More in the Pipeline

In a recent MN2020 article, "Sprawl is Real, and It's Here," Conrad de Fiebre shared the findings of Measuring Sprawl 2014 placing our metro in the top third of the nation's "most inefficient and edge - subsidized regions." "Indeed, from 1980 until very recently, the population of the core cities Minneapolis/St. Paul remained relatively unchanged. By contrast, over the same period, the population of the exurban and suburban ring rose by over 50% (Mind the Gap, 2005), with Eden Prairie's population rising 300% from 16,000 to 50,000 persons from the years 1980 - 2000 (SWLRT DEIS, 2012). Unless sprawl-promoting policies fundamentally and rapidly change, the emerging exurban edge - the most distant comprising such places as Chanhassen, Hastings, Rosemount, and Waconia - is expected to see the most new residents (228,000) and the fewest new jobs (59,000) by 2040 (Met Council, Thrive MSP 2040). As summarized by de Fiebre, core city growth will be "dwarfed by that of the more dispersed suburbs and exurbs."

SWLRT and the Trajectory of Metro Sprawl

SWLRT mirrors and follows the pattern of exurban and suburban population growth of the past three decades. This booming growth is SWLRT's reason for being, though such a rewarding of sprawl is antithetical to environmentalism. Adhering to Republican era FTA guidelines, SWLRT planners prioritized one seat, no transferring, faster commute times for exurban and suburban residents over core city transportation needs. The ridership numbers show that SWLRT as currently

planned would be overwhelmingly an exurban and suburban public service.

Of the 16 SWLRT stations, 87% percent of total SWLRT ridership is projected at the 12 exurban and suburban stations (MPR, "A Stop by stop look at Southwest LRT," 5/16/14).

Fully 43% of total ridership is expected at the most distant 6 stations in Eden Prairie and Minnetonka. The largest proportion for one municipality, 36% of ridership, would occur at the 5 stations in Eden Prairie, the most distant on the route (Ibid). Density in these municipalities is 1860 persons per square mile compared to 7000 for Minneapolis.

The Sept 2012 Money Magazine Best Places to Live issue extols the high quality of life in Eden Prairie where the median household income is \$116,000. A coming "light commuter rail project," is listed as an added reason to live in Eden Prairie. Light rail makes it easier to work and have access to the urban core while still enjoying the generally better exurban schools, lower crime rates, more open space, and larger homes and yards, inducing more decentralized growth. Light rail is another amenity whose presence increases the incentive to live at a distance.

The number of new to transit riders is low, with the DEIS projecting that SWLRT would take only 4000 - 6,000 vehicles off the road. Over 60% of the total ridership is to be transferred from the existing bus system and another 13% of total ridership represents current carpoolers. This small number of cars off the road is dwarfed by the Met Council's projected population growth in the exurban edge which will be further fueled by SWLRT itself. If the aim is GHG reduction, the GHG produced by the very large suburban and exurban growth, expedited by SWLRT, far outstrips the negligible reduction in GHG due to SWLRT projected ridership.

SWLRT and the Emerging Exurban Edge

Marketing SWLRT as a great benefit due to reverse commute access for city residents to employment cen-

ters in Eden Prairie is belied by the route itself. The route skirts the urban core, stops far short of the Eden Prairie Mall, and provides 6 stops in Eden Prairie and Minnetonka, with expensive park and rides, to facilitate exurban and emerging exurban edge access to downtown employment.

The major population increases projected by the Met Council for the exurban edge of affluent Chanhassen and Waconia will be expedited by access to SWLRT park & rides which would be located an 8 - 18 mile drive up the highway in Eden Prairie.

The fast growth the Met Council projects for Shakopee and Chaska will be facilitated by the 10 mile proximity to Eden Prairie park & ride stations.

Sierra Club: "Sprawl destroys open space, passes through urban parks, and cultural heritage sites"

Another very serious environmental concern is the taking of urban open space and defacing urban parkland for a support infrastructure of suburban and exurban sprawl, neatly matching the Sierra Club description of sprawl. SWLRT would destroy the Kenilworth Corridor, pass through the Chain of Lakes, and permanently occupy the Kenilworth Lagoon. SWLRT further contributes to increasing GHG by weighting amenities such as parkland, trails, and open space toward the suburbs, adding to the incentives to get out of the city and head southwest to the exurbs.

The Minnetta Transportation Institute issued a landmark report in 2012, "The Impact of Center City Economic and Cultural Vibrancy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Transportation," finding that the best way to reduce GHG associated with transportation is to enhance urban living. "A vibrant urban core affects both land-use patterns and transportation behavior." Rather than trying to get a small percentage of "choice" riders out of cars, making cities places people actually want to live significantly reduces GHG. We are investing \$1.7 billion in SWLRT with DEIS projections of negligible reduction in GHG, at best, while SWLRT actually cements a decades-long, dynamic process that supports and accelerates sprawl. This is LRT gone grey.

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an environment will be an important step. Remaking the corridor will happen over time. It is a multi-jurisdictional place. Improvements will also happen through working with MNDOT. The adjacent institutions will also have an important part to play. The Walker for instance has plans for significant landscape improvements along the corridor. I think we can go a long way in making this a place that the city can be proud of.

What would your ideal Hennepin-Lyndale look like 20 years from now? My ideal Hennepin-Lyndale would be more like the beautiful institutional buildings and gardens that surround the corridor. In these we see human caring through craft and artistry. The pedestrian is raised up to feel special. It happens in the surrounding urban fabric, I see it happening in the fabric of this grand roadway too. This is clearly one of the most important civic locations in the city. And while it will always be a high traffic location, that doesn't mean that there isn't additional room to also have well-designed pedestrian space with art and landscaping. In twenty years bigger more dramatic changes are possible, but I see big changes too even when we focus on the details of what is there right now.

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THE URBAN COYOTE

NEIGHBORHOOD'S BEST TREE IDENTIFIER IDENTIFIED

by James P. Lenfestey

Last month I asked the help of readers in identifying a tree I had bought and planted over thirty years ago to honor Lowry Hill resident Bill Smith, who was struck by a car and killed at the corner of Franklin and DuPont. I offered a pint of Sebastian Joe's ice cream to the first person that gave the correct identification. I am happy to report that the winner is Saheli Patel, a fifth grader at Kenwood School. She marched up to the tree and confidently and correctly identified it. She was so smart and charming and well informed about trees that I asked her to write up her story. The result is printed below, word for word. I attempted to delete the last paragraph as needlessly complimentary to a mysterious "distinguished gentleman" whom I assure you I have never met. But Saheli's Mom said cutting it would be "a deal breaker." So it remains.

Regards, U. Coyote.

Dear Mr. Lenfestey -

Thank you for taking me out to ice cream and giving me the chance to be in the paper. This is the story of how I won the contest.

I heard about your tree identification contest from my mom who read it in the Hill and Lakes Press. My mom came home and announced that I could go win a pint of Sebastian Joe's ice cream if I was the first to figure out what an unidentified tree was. I was so excited, I immediately started bugging her with, "when are we gonna go, where is it and do you know anything about the tree already?" She told me that she only knew the location and I had to do the rest of the figuring out because my mom does not know much about trees unless they are fruit bearing trees. She is growing five apple trees as well as a plum, pear, cherry and a lemon tree in our yard but she can't identify other trees unless they are obvious.

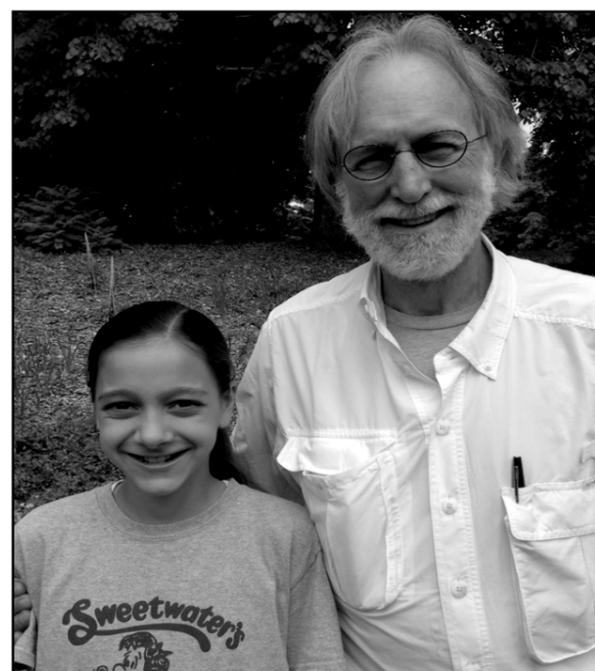
My mom took me to a semi-circle with flowers and



Saheli Patel with identifying leaf.

mulch and at the top was a large 30-40 foot tall tree with slightly heart-shaped, simple, serrated leaves with a uniform leaf base. Right away, just from looking far away, I could tell it was a Little Leaf Linden. I knew this because our neighbors have a tree like this overhanging into our backyard, which is okay. I had identified the tree last fall.

My mom knew I'd be able to identify the tree because of my experience identifying leaves for The Leaf Project at Kenwood School. The Leaf Project was assigned last fall for the fifth grade class with our teacher Mr. Darwin Lee. We went to Kenwood Park to pick up leaves and then our teacher helped us figure out how to identify a leaf. We picked leaves from other Native trees in the neighborhood. The main components of a leaf are whether or not it is serrated, if it is compound, simple or doubly compound and whether it is lobed, unlobed, alternate or opposite. The project involved collecting leaves (some students collected 30 leaves) and cataloging the leaves and doing observational drawings. We learned about deciduous and conif-



Saheli with her friend, Jim Lenfestey.

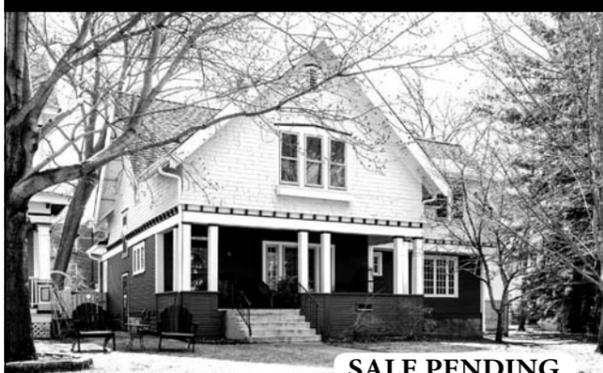
erous trees. Before this project I knew just about nothing about trees.

Mr. Lee is a very fun and nature loving unique teacher. He tells us many interesting and inspiring stories and reads us books aloud. His assignments are always fun and not boring and he cares about each individual kid.

Thank you again for the ice cream. This was especially nice of you because you no longer eat dessert. You are a very nice man. My mother says you are a distinguished gentleman and I also noticed that you look like a traveler in an old fashioned book because of your white-pocketed shirt, spectacles, beard and traveling kind of shorts.

Yours sincerely, Saheli Patel

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Teacher Tells Children to Take a Hike (In East Cedar Lake Park)

Photos and text by Angela Erdrich

Kenwood Elementary Students went on a local nature hike on May 21st. Mr. Darwin Lee started the hike with a lesson in the school garden on West 21st Street. The children hand pollinated (cross pollinated) the two varieties of apple trees in the garden using paint brushes. From there, these busy bees visited the backyard of author, Louise Erdrich, who showed them a hotel that she is constructing in her backyard. Against zoning laws you say? Not true because she is building an insect hotel in her bee friendly, pesticide-free garden and the children put some finishing touches on her masterpiece by inserting some logs with holes drilled for solitary, non-stinging mason bees. After visiting Louise, the kids prattled on about her "bird sanctuary" backyard while walking down to East Cedar Lake Park. Upon crossing the Kenilworth Trail and entering the lovely woods, they took time to identify flora like Jack in the Pulpits and ginormous cottonwood trees. Then they put their binoculars to good use tracking fauna (scat) and identifying birds including a Baltimore Oriole, a great horned owl, grebes and other various water fowl. Along the way they hopped over some fallen trees, leapt from large boulder to large boulder in a circle of lovely rocks and they used a hand held microscope to view pollen. They exited the woods, leaving only footprints, to make their way to a grassy clearing area where they were able to view nesting birds and even peak at their eggs. And finally, with utmost care and supervision, they drew back sling

shots to chuck Native wildflower "seed bombs" (crafted by Dr. Sarah Vernig) into the prairie restoration area. They stopped for some lemonade at Matt Allen and Sarah's yard and were back at the school for a round trip time of 1.5 hours flat. A good time was had by all and no fossil fuel was burned on this field trip. Right now anyone walking by can see the fruits of their labor...hundreds of delicious apples are growing in the sun and take my word for it, bugs are snug in Louise Erdrich's backyard and some non-invasive wildflowers have seeded themselves in the prairie. While no child was left in the woods, the woods made an impression on these children during one of their final weeks of class at their beloved Kenwood School.



Breanna A hand pollinates apple blossoms in the school Veggie garden.



Children use sling shots to disperse native wildflower seeds into the Prairie Restoration Area of East Cedar Lake Park.



Mr. Darwin Lee and his class of Kenwood Elementary School hike in East Cedar Lake Park.



Green Team Plant Exchange

EAST ISLES LIVING GREEN FESTIVAL

By Betsy Allis

A fun time was had by all at the East Isles Living Green Festival on Saturday, May 31st at Levin Triangle Park. Young, old and everyone in between had their pick of events and entertainment. At any given time one could see residents relaxing on the grass listening to the soft, rhythmic sounds of Kate Lynch and Chris Beaty, eating from the healthy snack table, or talking to green team station "hosts" about solar energy, tot plots, water, composting or something totally unrelated. The plant swap drew a steady crowd and many stayed on to do garden-chat with neighbors. Others turned their attention to tenor, Dave Hoiland, as he led five or six others in singing favorite old-timey tunes. And every 30 minutes or so, people heard another voice announcing the latest prizewinner. The day's first recipient (Chris Beaty) was delighted with his new countertop compost bin. Later, Barb Pratt was thrilled to win one of our Tot Plot planters! Luckily a steady stream of cool prizes was available to kids over at the fishpond, a WaterWise station game. Kids were issued fishing poles and challenged to "catch" toxic items from the pond---old pill jars, trash, leaves and other contaminants. Throughout the 3-hour event, happy residents noted the mellow, festive mood. Next year's Living Green Festival will be held on Saturday, May 30th.

Thanks to Green Team members, Betsy Allis, Germaine Benemile, Dave Bryan, Carolina Elizondo, Bill Elwood, Judy Enenstein, Rich Harrison, Jenika McGann and Lucille Renaud-Ruiz; EIRA Social Chair, Amy Sanborn; musicians, Kate Lynch, Chris Beaty, and Dave Hoiland; volunteers Rhonda Dask, Jill Waite, Mikki Morrissette, Sally Novotny, Gerado Ruiz, John Sanborn, and Kitty Schneider.

And much appreciation to First Tech, Hoigards, Kowalski's, MN Renewable Energy Society, Lunds, Moss Envy, Ramsey County, and Steeple People for food and material donations.

Watch for more information about East Isles Living Green events: Tot Plots for Kids, Community Solar, Keeping Kids Safe program for East Isles mothers, Green Singles activities, and our third-annual SuperSale on Saturday, September 6.

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Wood Elementary 5th graders enjoy a nature hike through East



5th graders enjoying the circle of boulders in East Cedar Lake Park.



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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (EIRA)

By Monica Smith

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

May 20, 2014

Guest Speaker: Molly Broder, Broder's Pasta Bar

Most restaurants in Minneapolis are governed by City ordinances with the exception of about 70 restaurants in neighborhood nodes with a "Charter Wine License" (beer and wine license). These restaurants are governed by the Minneapolis Charter that dictates regulations including the ratio of food (70%) to alcohol (30%). There is one restaurant with this type of license in East Isles: JJ's Coffee & Wine Bistro.

The increased demand for craft beer and fine wines make it difficult for restaurants to comply with the 30% alcohol limit.

These restaurants are seeking to be governed by ordinance (not by the Charter). To move an item from the Charter to an ordinance requires either a unanimous vote by the City Council or a ballot initiative. The issue will be on the ballot in the November election.

The Charter Commission is holding a public hearing on June 4.

The 70/30 restaurant group is seeking support for moving the regulatory authority from City Charter to ordinance. If the 70/30 restaurant group is successful, it will propose amending various aspects of the license, including the food to alcohol ratio. Such amendments would go through the process applicable to ordinance change.

The EIRA Board voted to have EIRA's Zoning Committee discuss in more detail at their June 17th meeting (5 pm at Grace).

EIRA Board business

EIRA officers were elected: Dan McLaughlin, President; Vaughn Emerson, Vice President; Nicole Engel-Nitz, Secretary; and Andrew Degerstrom, Treasurer.

EIRA has two open Board of Director positions. The two Alternates will be invited to fill the seats. If one or both of the Alternates is not prepared to fill the vacant seat, the EIRA Board may appoint someone to the position.

Open Forum

Lowry Hill resident Kathy Spraitz attended the meeting to discuss making improvements to the warming house at the Lake of the Isles ice rink. Spraitz was referred to EIRA's Parks Committee to discuss the idea further.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee

The April 15th meeting included a presentation by Lake & Irving Restaurant, 1513 W Lake St to discuss their plans to expand the restaurant to include an outdoor patio with 20 seats on the east side of the building and to upgrade their entertainment license from "C1" to allow for live music (indoors only). A nearby landlord attended the meeting to learn about the plans and any potential noise impact on tenants of her apartment building. The Zoning Committee recommended that the EIRA Board approved a motion to support the plans as presented on April 15, contingent upon ECCO's position on the project. The Board approved the recommendation.

The 16Twenty development (1618 & 1620 W Lake St and 2915 James Ave S) was approved by the Planning Commission on May 5th with the CUP and variances as previously presented to EIRA.

Transportation Committee

The EIRA Board appointed Andrew Degerstrom as the new Chair of the Transportation Committee. People interested in serving on the committee can contact nrp@eastisles.org.

NRP Committee

Andrew Degerstrom will join the committee as the EIRA Board representative.

The EIRA Board selected Andrew Degerstrom as the Elector and Jerome Ryan as Alternate Elector to represent East Isles at the election for Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission, District 6. The candidates seeking the District 6 seat will be invited to the June 10 EIRA Board meeting.

The EIRA Board approved the following for the next 12-month period: Dan McLaughlin is authorized to approve an expense of up to \$500 as long as the expense is within the budget. Any approved expense will be reported at the next EIRA Board meeting. This policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Green Team

The Living Green Festival will be held on May 31, at Triangle Park. The Green Team is working on a proposal for a community solar project in East Isles. The EIRA Board approved the Green Team budget of \$1,008 for projects/events and \$105 for food at events.

Social Committee

The Ice Cream Social will be August 28 with a budget of \$2,153. The committee is seeking donations from area businesses to offset expenses.

East Isles will staff a pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair.

Smith Triangle Subcommittee

The committee is planning a park clean up for June 7. The landscape architect student who volunteered to help with Smith Triangle has not provided any services; the Parks Committee terminated their agreement with the student.

Insurance

EIRA's Directors and Officers insurance is expiring in June. The EIRA Board voted to renew the existing individual policy.

June 10, 2014

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3

Greene was elected in a special election to serve out Gail Dorfman's term as Hennepin County Commissioner. The seat is up for reelection in November 2014 (primary on August 12). Greene's focus as County Commissioner will be on health care, early childhood and improving communications between the County and residents.

The Southwest Light Rail Transit project is currently in the municipal consent process.

Contact Commissioner Greene at marion.greene@hennepin.us or 612-348-7883.

Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 Council Member, City of Minneapolis

Hennepin County is offering Hazardous Waste collection events: the next event is June 26-28, 9 am - 4 pm each day at Anthony Middle School, 5757 Irving Ave S. For details go to www.hennepin.us/collectionevents.

Minneapolis 311 is adding weekend hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The next Lunch with Lisa is August 20 and features the Nicollet Mall architects.

A trial date of December 28th has been set for 1800 Lake (dewatering lawsuit).

There are three types of liquor licenses in Minneapolis: Class A license for downtown bars/restaurants; 60/40 license for most bars/restaurants outside of downtown with contiguous commercial zoning; and 70/30 Charter Wine and Beer license for restaurants surrounded by resi-

dential zoning. The 70/30 license is part of the City Charter and are very restrictive (however the restrictions are not related to typical neighborhood concerns about noise, traffic/parking, etc.) The other two liquor licenses are governed by city ordinance. The 70/30 restaurant group would like the regulatory authority to be moved from the City Charter to city ordinance. The only way to change the City Charter is by a vote of the public. CM Goodman is supportive of putting the issue on the ballot and would like to see stricter enforcement of the city's regulations.

Candidates for Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC)

The two candidates for the NCEC District 6 seat attended the meeting to discuss their interest in serving on the commission. The election is June 12 and Jerome Ryan will serve as EIRA's elector.

REPORTS

Zoning Committee

The May 20th meeting was cancelled.

Lake & Irving Restaurant, 1513 W Lake St spoke with Monica Smith on June 3rd to report that they continue to work on an agreement with their neighbor (Wells Fargo) to add a patio on the east side of the building. Lake & Irving is interested in adding outdoor seating as soon as possible and is now proposing adding 20 outdoor seats on the Lake St side of the building. In light of the change in plans, Lake & Irving will be invited to present their revised plan to EIRA's Zoning Committee at their June 17th meeting.

The Zoning Committee continues to work on developing a process document and developing green guidelines. A team will meet with four other neighborhoods on July 15 to explore working together on common goals. The next meeting of the Zoning Committee is June 17, 5:00 pm at Grace.

Transportation Committee

The next meeting is June 26, 7 pm at Grace. The agenda will include goal setting.

NRP Committee

The next meeting is August 11, 5:45 pm at Grace.

Green Team

Upcoming events:

Green Mixer, June 14, 5 pm at The Lowry

Tot Plot events and tour

Community Solar Meeting in July

September 6: Super Sale

Town Hall program in the fall with guest speaker Dan Buettner

Parks Committee

Thanks to Kowalski's, Caribou Coffee and Holiday for donation of food/beverages for the Smith Triangle Park Clean up on June 8. The next Parks Committee meeting is June 11, 7 pm at Grace.

Staff Report

The EIRA Board approved a budget of \$1,500 for a summer membership mailing.

Construction on Lake Street: CenterPoint Energy will be replacing a natural gas pipeline on Lake Street beginning in July. Construction will occur from Excelsior Blvd to James Ave S (eastbound traffic lane nearest the south curb of Lake St). Go to www.centerpointenergy.com/construction for more information and to sign up for email updates.

Board Review

The EIRA Board approved a motion to elevate Brian Milavitz from Alternate to Director fill an EIRA Board vacancy.

Dan McLaughlin and Monica Smith will draft a policy for approving expenditures for consideration at the July 8th meeting.

The EIRA Board will hold their summer meetings at The Bridge for Youth (July 8th and August 19). The Bridge will be invited to speak about plans for their vacant buildings.

The Green Team will present information about a community solar project at the July 8th meeting. The EIRA Board will review a letter of engagement with Stoel Rives for pro bono legal services related to the project.

The next meeting is July 8, 7 p.m. at The Bridge for Youth, 1111 W 22nd St.

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CIDNA)

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 11, 2014

The June meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Russ Palma, James Reid, Amanda Vallone and John Wessinger. NRP Committee Chair Gail Lee was also in attendance. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Marion Greene, Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3

Marion Greene was elected in a special election to serve out Gail Dorfman's term as Hennepin County Commissioner, District 3. The seat is up for reelection in November 2014 (primary on August 12).

Commissioner Greene's areas of focus will be: community engagement, interdisciplinary thinking, health care and early childhood. Contact Commissioner Greene at marion.greene@hennepin.us or 612-348-7883.

Southwest LRT: All of the municipalities along the route and Hennepin County will vote on municipal consent based on a static plan put forward by the Met Council for the LRT route, location of freight and station locations. The details of the stations, connectivity and development are still being designed and will include community engagement.

Council Member Lisa Goodman noted that Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority owns the land in the Kenilworth corridor and has a trackage use agreement with TC&W. Minneapolis wants to ensure that a government agency continues to own the land and not have it be sold to a private entity (such as a railroad).

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Southwest LRT: The deadline for municipal consent is July 14th. Minneapolis will hold a public hearing prior to municipal consent but the date has not been set. CM Goodman encourages residents to attend the public hearing to voice their opinions.

There will be no Lunch with Lisa in June or July. The next event will be August 20 and feature the Nicollet Mall architects.

A trial date of December 28th has been set for 1800 Lake (dewatering lawsuit).

Announcements

Construction on Lake Street: CenterPoint Energy will be replacing a natural gas pipeline on Lake Street beginning in July. Construction will occur from Excelsior Blvd to James Ave S (eastbound traffic lane

nearest the south curb of Lake St). Go to www.centerpointenergy.com/construction for details and to sign up for email updates.

Several residents are organizing garage sales for June 19- 21st. Contact sandrainthepink@hotmail.com for details.

Land Use and Development

The City Planning Commission will hold public hearings for both of the new apartment projects in CIDNA on June 23, 4:30 pm at City Hall. The projects are: 2622 W Lake St (Weisman site) – 8 story, 90-unit building and 3188 W Lake Street (Tryg's site) 6 story mixed-use building with 157 units. The project details have not changed from what was presented to the CIDNA Board in April 2014.

NRP/CPP Report, Gail Lee

Park Siding Park:

The playground at the park will need to close for additional construction that will include installation of the resilient surface and resetting some of the equipment for safety issues. The exact date of the closure has not been determined. The crosswalk striping, permanent stop sign and lighting will be installed soon.

The May 31 garden clean up and naturalist program went well. Clean ups are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of the month at 9 am. Volunteers are needed.

Raingarden program:

All 10 raingardens are currently reserved; we are accepting names on a waiting list.

A decision about the cost sharing grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is expected on June 26.

Miscellaneous:

The committee will be reviewing the CIDNA mailing list for accuracy.

Website: the current website it difficult to maintain due to old software. The committee is exploring options and will make a proposal at the next board meeting. Board members are asked to review the current site and provide likes/dislikes to info@cidna.org by June 30th.

Gail Lee will serve as CIDNA's elector for the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission, District 2 election on June 12.

The next committee meeting is June 17, 3 pm at Rustica (Calhoun Village). All are welcome.

Southwest LRT

See LRT comments above under reports by Commissioner Marion Greene and Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Sewer Construction

Sunset: westbound closed between Depot and

France; detour is Cedar Lake Ave. Eastbound remains open. Temporary pavement will be removed and replaced with concrete (later this summer), driveway aprons will follow, and then the sidewalk and landscaping will be installed (early fall).

Depot: closed between Sunset and St. Paul; detour is Chowen

28th St near Park Siding Park entrance will be reconstructed this month.

Keep informed: send an email to bgrand@zanasoc.com stating that you would like to receive the Cedar Lake Area Sewer Improvement email updates.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee

Goal of this new committee is to advocate for safe and effective bike/ped connectivity focusing on the confluence of Lake St and Excelsior Blvd, the Midtown Greenway, Parkways and interfaces with commercial and residential properties within the West Calhoun and Cedar Isles Dean neighborhoods.

Committee membership is open to all residents and employers within West Calhoun and Cedar Isles Dean. This is a joint committee between West Calhoun and CIDNA. Interested participants should email info@cidna.org.

Cliff Swenson, Director, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Cedar Lake Parkway from 394 to Burnham Rd was scheduled to be reconstructed this summer with funding from regional parks (state funding), City of Minneapolis and property assessments. The state funding was reduced so this project will likely be rescheduled to next summer.

Little Free Library

A dedication will be held for the new Little Free Library at 3519 W 29th St on June 23, 7 pm.

The CIDNA Board approved a motion of \$250 of CPP funds toward the construction of the library. CIDNA information will be kept in the library.

Election of Officers

Officers for the 2014-15 CIDNA Board were unanimously elected: Chair: Craig Westgate; Secretary, Rosanne Halloran; and Treasurer: Roger Klimek. The Vice Chair position remains open.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION (KIAA)

By Shawn Smith

KIAA Board met June 2, 2014 at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Larry Moran called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Jeanette Colby, Jack Levi, Kathy Low, Ed Pluimer, Shawn Smith, Jim Gilroy, Angie Erdrich

Others present: Mark Holtey, MPRB

Lisa Goodman was unable to attend but sent updates which were read by Larry Moran. No Lunch with Lisa for June or July. August Lunch with Lisa to cover Nicollet Mall Renovation. Yard waste pickup season has begun. Hazardous waste collection this summer, multiple locations/dates. Open Streets events this summer throughout the city through September

Election of KIAA officers: Larry Moran re-elected as Chair; Ed Pluimer re-elected as Treasurer; Mike Bono re-elected as Vice Chair; Shawn Smith elected as Secretary replacing Amy Lucas who did not renew her position on the board.

Jeanette Colby, who has represented KIAA on the SWLRT Community Advisory Committee (CAC), reported that the CAC has been disbanded. The Committee was told by Met Council staff that after the current Municipal Consent process is complete, staff plans to review the organizations represented on the CAC to reflect changing needs of the project. These organizations will be invited to nominate individuals. The Met Council plans to send applications in July. Along with SWLRT staff, Sue Haigh, chair of the Met Council, will review applications and confirm nominees. The plan is to convene the new CAC in September. It is hoped that Kenwood and other neighborhood associations will continue to have representation on the CAC.

Marion Greene and Ray Hoover (campaign manager and principal aide) addressed the board. Marion spoke about her goals - to support the County as the key layer of government to address gaps in the larger community. Seeking more communication with the County and City, more interdisciplinary thinking, advancing healthcare issues, early childhood issues. The Board stressed the importance of continued engagement with the communities within the continuing SWLRT process. She will be meeting with Mayor Hodges and the City Council to share views and forge relationships with the City on a variety of issues.

Treasurer's Report. Year end report recently published. Ed Pluimer provided copies of bank statements, which were the end of KIAA's fiscal year and also reflected the expenses of the Annual Meeting, which involved fresh pizza for all who attended, with childcare courtesy of BeArtRageous. The annual gathering was successful and worth the cost; over 100 attended, plus their children. Also, Kenwood PTA thanked the Board for the support from KIAA for the Spring Carnival and other support.

NCEC (Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission) Elected Official Matt

Barthelemy asked to address the Board. In his position, he is tasked to provide community engagement advice to Mayor Hodges and City Council. Connectivity to City departments, engagement events are the focus. Purpose of his attendance was to meet our Board and announce his representation of Kenwood. Interested in bringing community organization together to share and discuss common issues, and he is up for re-election on June 12. Kathy Low raised needing an elector and alternate to attend the election of our representative; there are two candidates of which Matt is one. Jack Levi elected as the elector.

Lake of the Isles Ad Hoc Committee update: In 2011 the Committee submitted a report on recommendations for completing and maintaining the big renovation project around the Lake consistent with the master plan for the project. There have been some improvements, but there are still issues with the condition of the turf, shrub beds, and plantings at the lakeshore. A first meeting has been held between the Park Board and the Army Corps of Engineers to follow up on their 2001 legal agreement to complete the renovation in a manner consistent with National Register criteria for this historic landscape.

SWLRT discussion on whether KIAA should send a statement to Mayor Hodges and Minneapolis City Council and Hennepin County prior to the vote for municipal consent. The position of KIAA is unchanged regarding co-location. But if Minneapolis is

to give municipal consent, the city needs a strong guarantee that all agreements will be honored with regard to mitigation, particularly the current proposal for a North Tunnel. There are remaining questions on how the Minneapolis stops on the line will benefit the City due to projected low ridership and poor access without additional bus service. In addition to the guarantees for what has been promised, the City should require finishing the water studies, doing the storm sewer system study, and should withhold consent until there is an Environmental Impact Statement that is for the specific plan now up for vote (with two tunnels) as well as a final DEIS. Larry Moran to write the statement to be reviewed by the Board before sending.

Larry Moran will write the annual letter for the KIAA website.

Hidden Beach continues to be recognized as a special jewel within our park system in the Chain of Lakes. Unfortunately due to the early warm weather, there have been complaints of illegal activity at the beach and an earlier, heightened start of issues vs last year. Residents observing illegal activity are advised to call 911. KIAA has funded extra patrols by Park Police again this year. Remember, 911 is not exclusively an emergency number but the proper way to call the police for an issue that needs to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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In celebration of the newly renovated Searle Gallery space in the Beihm Parish house, Dr. William Pringle Rodman, exhibited a body of work documenting the daily lives of nuns of three different Minnesota orders of Roman Catholic nuns who still wear habits. Shown above with one of his images that was juried into the Minnesota State Fair Exhibition, Dr. Rodman and Patricia Hoolihan, a freelance writer, who provided the text for a booklet of this project, "Sisters of Habit," reminisced about their collaboration. The exhibit may be seen until July 30th at the Searle Gallery, second floor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1917 Logan Avenue South. The hours are 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily except Thursdays or Sundays, and not open on July 19th.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (LHNA)

by Janis Clay

LHNA Hill Neighborhood Association Board Minutes Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Present - Board Members: Maureen Sheehan, President; David Weinstein, Vice President; Dan Aronson, Treasurer; Janis Clay, Secretary; Thomas D. Huppert; Phil Hallaway; Sherie Tazelaar; Sarah Janacek.

Present - Guests and staff: Lisa Goodman, Seventh Ward Minneapolis City Council Representative; Marion Greene, Third District Hennepin County Commissioner; Ray Hoover, Samuel Harriman, Sisyphus Brewing; Catherine Cuddy, Sisyphus Brewing; Benjamin Graves, Graves hospitality.

Community Announcements. Seventh Ward City Council Representative Lisa Goodman: There will be no Lunch with Lisa in June and July. In August, Lunch with Lisa will feature the Hennepin-Lyndale reconstruction project. Hazardous Waste collection events will take place over the summer. Minneapolis 311 will now be available Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Restaurants are seeking repeal of the City's 70/30 rule, requiring that no more than 30% of a restaurant's revenue come from alcohol sales. The May Lunch with Lisa was a field trip to the City's waterworks facility. Lisa plans another field trip next year.

President Maureen Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. A quorum was present.

Hennepin County Announcements: Newly elected Third District Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene and her aide, Ray Hoover, introduced themselves. They plan to attend when possible and would like to receive minutes.

Sisyphus Brewing: Samuel Harriman and Catherine Cuddy presented information on Sissyphus Brewing, a new taproom located next to Dunwoody Institute. They plan to open in July. The area is not residential, and a parking lot is available after 5:00 p.m. as well as street parking. Outdoor events are not currently planned.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Phil Hallaway moved and David Weinstein seconded approval of

tonight's agenda and the May 6, 2014, minutes. All approved.

Graves Hospitality: Benjamin Graves discussed plans for acquiring the Rye Deli space to open Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse, featuring food and specialty cocktails. It will be open seven days a week, starting at 3:30 p.m., and also open for brunch Saturday and Sunday. There is a parking lot. Plans also include valet parking.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Aronson gave the Treasurer's report. We have received contributions of \$950, including receipts from the Annual Meeting. We have about \$25,000 in the bank, and a receivable from the City of about \$12,000, which we should be able to access now that we have approved an ADA policy.

Committee Reports:
Environment: There were no environmental updates.

Crime and Safety: Chelsea Adams, Fifth Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, did a nice presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Events: About 100 people attended the Annual Meeting. Theatre Pro Rata will present Shakespeare in the Park on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21. LHNA is a sponsor. Sarah Janacek and Tom Huppert may be able to attend and display the LHNA banner. The annual Lowry Hill Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Thomas Lowry Park.

Neighborhood Priorities Survey Working Group/Community Participation Program: About 180 Lowry Hill residents completed the online neighborhood priority survey, required by the City for LHNA to access Community Participation Program funds. Robert Thompson has sent some examples of Neighborhood Plans prepared by other neighborhoods. A number of Board members expressed willingness to work on our plan, including Michael Cockson, Phil Hallaway, Dan Aronson, Sarah Janacek, Janis Clay, and Tom Huppert.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs:
The Annual Meeting included election of the LHNA

Board of Directors. The following current Board members, up for re-election, were elected to additional two-year terms: Janis Clay, Mark Brauer, Raj Dash, Phil Hallaway, Tom Huppert, Ann Seltman, and Dan Aronson. Sara Janacek was elected as a new Board Member to fill one open seat. The following returning Board Members are in the middle of two-year terms and were not up for re-election: Michael Cockson, Jimmy Fogel, Rebecca Graham, Maureen Sheehan, Ruth Shields, Sherie Tazelaar, and David Weinstein. Due to work commitments, Sherie Tazelaar said she would need to step off the Board after tonight's meeting.

Election of Officers: Maureen Sheehan moved and Sarah Janacek seconded, election of the following officers:

- Phil Hallaway - President
- David Weinstein - Vice President
- Dan Aronson - Treasurer
- Janis Clay - Secretary

All approved. Maureen thanked Board members for their hard work throughout the year, especially Rebecca Graham for her crime reports. She thanked Chris Madden for her work as LHNA coordinator, and thanked Sherie Tazelaar for her service on the Board. David Weinstein moved, and Sarah Janacek seconded a motion expressing appreciation to Maureen for her leadership as President over the last two years. All approved.

New Business:

LHNA's next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at the Kenwood Rec Center. This is one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday. 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. The meeting was adjourned.

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by Jean Deatrck

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Dear editor:

We want to thank Senator Scott Dibble and Representative Frank Hornstein for their leadership in approving funding for the Minnesota Safe Routes to School program in this year's legislative session. The funding will be used to support Minnesota's communities and schools in their efforts to make it safer for students who want to walk or bike to school. The funding can be used improve street crossings, trails and sidewalks—vital components to helping to assure safe walking and biking. Anyone in Minnesota recognizes the benefits of students and walking and biking to school, and who sees the importance of assuring their safety, owes Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein a huge thank you.

Sincerely,
Rachel Callanan,

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PLANTING THE SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP

Lowry Hill's Kenwood Retirement Community has a partnership with Grace Homeschooling Academy, where the young students come in quarterly for activities with the seniors.

As is usual this time of year, the Kenwood's Gardening Club started its annual planting. What a perfect project to do with the kids! But resident Marge Schier (pictured) wanted to take it one step further since it is an educational venture, after all. She, along with avid gardeners Susan Anderson, Jane Morgan and Patricia Saunders, took it upon themselves to develop a full-fledged lesson plan that transformed simple gardening tasks into hands-on learning activities.

Twelve students came to the Kenwood in May to help the seniors plant the large patio containers, as well as small flower pots that they could take home.

The Kenwood goes the extra mile to keep its residents digging. Its second story plaza offers raised beds and large pots for flowers, fruits and vegetables that the residents care for without staff assistance. Although many residents participate, a core group of 10 seniors keeps the property and its community areas looking picture-perfect.



Marge Schier, planting the seeds of friendship.

Bad Parent Award

By Madeleine Lowry

“We’re going cold turkey,” I informed my son as I removed the training wheels from his bike for the last time. He looked apprehensive. I, however, was on a mission. At eight years of age it was time for him to learn and I think we both knew it.



My resolve had been whetted by a conversation with my daughter and her friend in my kitchen that afternoon. I’d predicted that this would be the summer William would learn to ride a bicycle, as I had last summer and the summer before that.

“Mom, he really has to learn. It’s getting embarrassing,” my sixteen-year old admonished.

I thought about this. My older son had learned late, maybe at eight or nine years old. It had taken the threat of an impending family bike trip in Holland to get him serious about losing the training wheels. My daughter had learned at a younger age, but she was a girl. Boys were often late bloomers, weren’t they?

In the hope of gathering support for my theory, I turned to her friend, “How old were you when you learned to ride a bicycle, Lucien?” He got points for looking slightly apologetic as he delivered the final blow, “I was in kindergarten.” (Thanks, Lucien.)

Okay, so maybe he was the wrong person to ask.

Was I deluding myself? Were we bad parents? Nah. Didn’t William have two friends, also in third grade, that were training wheel dependent? Well, they had been last summer. I decided not to ask their mothers for an update as my attempts to reassure myself that William was within the range of normal were currently not faring well.

As the third child, William ranks one step above the dog in the family pecking order. Every once in a while we’ll realize that certain things have been let go too long.

When your first child spits out her pacifier, you sanitize it and place it gently back in her mouth. When the second child loses his binky, you stick it in your own mouth to lick it clean and promptly pop it back in his. When the third child drops whatever object he sucks on for comfort, the dog picks it up and nudges it toward any orifice emitting a wail. This is the natural progression, n’est-ce pas?

Sure, we’d tried to teach him before, but once the training wheels came off, he’d refused to even mount the bike, which kind of defeated the purpose. It didn’t help when a much younger neighbor boy whizzed by on his bike, sans training wheels. William was mortified and refused to be seen learning in public. We’d ended last summer with a truce: training wheels restored, but loosely. (Shh.)

“Why don’t we have Liam teach him?” I suggested brightly, naming another one of my daughter’s friends from Southwest.

“Why Liam?” she asked in a way that seemed to imply concern that the parental units were shirking their responsibilities.

The answer seemed obvious to me. “Because he’d actually enjoy it.” But Nicola clearly didn’t favor outsourcing. This was a parental responsibility.

Fortunately we didn’t have to bring in reinforcements. Once the training wheels were off, we ran William up and down our short driveway until he had enough confidence to try the sidewalk.

“They have the athletic gene,” my husband mused as we jogged behind William’s bike, indicating the Pearson’s house across the street. I had to smile. True, it was somewhat lacking around our house. But, who was he kidding? You don’t need a gene to learn to ride a bike.

I said nothing. I understood the need to rationalize. Like me, he was trying to reassure himself that we weren’t contenders for the bad parent award. Sigh.

Denial—not just a river in Egypt.

Lowry Hill Resident Heather McElhatton Hosts New MPR Program



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Welcome to Heather McElhatton's A Beautiful World, a new MPR radio program hosting story tellers and news makers, whose goal is to build a better world through solutions journalism. Stories and reports presented by McElhatton are collected and culled from diverse media sources. Each of the stories heard on A Beautiful World have been carefully collected from the vast ocean of headline news that floods our world every day. The programs are recorded live in front of a studio audience at MPR's UBS Forum and are open to the public. For information and tickets, go to mpr.org/events. Shown in the photograph: Twin City Artist and A Beautiful World guest Dessa (L) and Heather McElhatton (R).

Secretary of State Introduces New Online Tool for Voters to Request Absentee Ballots

Increase in Absentee Balloting Expected as Voters No Longer Need an Excuse to Vote Absentee

Minnesota voters can now request an absentee ballot online at mnvotes.org through a new tool launched by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The

service allows voters to apply for an absentee ballot quickly and easily without the need to print, scan forms, and return by mail, fax or email. A similar tool for military and overseas voters was introduced in September 2013.

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sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night?

—Jack Kerouac

I'm an excellent driver.

—Raymond Babbitt

(Dustin Hoffman) in Rain Man

So, what are you driving?

—M. Glenn Cook

(Second question after years of estrangement from his son.)

During my childhood, Dad was always a Lincoln man. In the years when he could afford one and after he no longer could. From a distance the Continental Mark IV may have suggested a successful executive, but up close it smelled like an ashtray on wheels. I grew indifferent to cars and stopped speaking to my father for other reasons. When he and I reconnected years later, the fragile peace was almost broken when he saw my beige 1982 Datsun two-door. The car seemed to crystallize his disappointment in me. In my defense, it was 1983, but he was right: I just didn't get it.

Without lapsing too far into Happy Days clichés, in Pennsauken High in the 1960s the industrial arts majors bought cars while the college prep students saved their money for college tuition, room and board, text books, and drugs. A story, probably apocryphal, was of shop major Mike Farron (name altered to avoid a knuckle sandwich), out of his element but nevertheless dozing peacefully in a required U.S. History class. An irate Mr. Harbison woke him and demanded an explanation. Mike sleepily answered that he worked very late the night before. Mr. H was not satisfied with the groggy response. Finally Mike, now mostly awake, pled that he needed the money to support his car. Mr. H. asked why he even had a car, to which Mike replied that he needed the car to get to work.

Mr. Harbison and I may have been naive as to the perk of girls and their seeming attraction to guys with a Chevy Camaro or a Ford Mustang. I do not believe that even a souped-up Dodge Charger or Plymouth

Roadrunner would have gotten me a date. In truth my feigned ambivalence to automobiles is mostly sour grapes. It is a cover for a fear of driving. I am fine in the metro area but have always been anxious in high speed traffic, particularly on two-lane undivided highways. Suspension bridges with no shoulder may as well have been designed by Dante. Put simply, I am not a good candidate for the Autobahn.

Despite a natural curiosity to see new places, I have forsaken many out of town excursions because of my fear, and I am the poorer for it. Medication and listening to sports talk on my iPod have helped immensely. I am still not adventurous, although I once drove across the Golden Gate Bridge. The tragedy of 3.8 million crash injuries and 35,200 traffic fatalities in 2013 (as reported by the National Safety Council) tempers the call of the open road for me. There are just too many entitled, crazed, aged, enraged, fatigued, unskilled, distracted, intoxicated, and impulsive drivers.

Why am I such a chicken? Woody Allen wrote, "I am not afraid of death, I just do not want to be there when it happens." I have felt that, between melting ice-caps, random shootings, diminishing resources, eroding privacy, unending wars, and a growing concentration of wealth, if I am granted another twenty years of life, that could be quite enough. Most of the futuristic "Jetsons' world" of robots, pills to replace the need for food, and living under the ocean or in outer space has not made me want to overstay my welcome.

But now I want to see 100! I have achieved many of my life goals, which I attribute not to diet, exercise, faith, and good work habits, but rather setting a very low bar. I have family and friends involved in very exciting and important things and I want to help or at least be in the way. Recently I found yet another life affirming incentive besides outliving Dick Cheney.

Google is researching, building, and launching driverless cars. The vehicles exist and have already logged hundreds of thousands of miles primarily near Google headquarters in Mountain View, California. Our nemesis, crazies on the road, could be greatly reduced

—though not eliminated, as Mike Farron is still out there. Us autophobes have heard the talk for years, but this is real and there is a timeline.

Safe driverless cars could well exist before I am bat poop bonkers and forced to surrender my driver's license. The company has retrofitted existing cars and is creating their own, equipped without steering wheels or brakes! The company sees bigger profits in the "smarts" (the software) for the cars and may secede the manufacture of the body to the major automakers. Whoever makes it, by 2020 autonomously chauffeured vehicles may be on our streets albeit in a limited number. There are many places I want to see.

Tom H. Cook may yet drive back to Minnesota. Watch the YouTube demonstration video on driverless cars (and the hysterical Conan O'Brien parody of it). Also check the TED talk by Sebastian Thrun, Stanford professor, Google Vice President, and lead researcher.

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Minneapolis is getting out anti-graffiti messages in June in a number of ways:

- Watch a video about graffiti in Minneapolis here: <http://youtu.be/rYY2bxtxvus> (access in other languages here)

- Get more information on graffiti here: www.minneapolis.gov/graffiti

- Call 911 if you see graffiti tagging in progress
- Report through 311 if you find the graffiti later. Do this by calling 311, or using the free 311 smart phone app (available for download at google play, app store, or www.minneapolis.gov/311)

- Or report it online through www.minneapolis.gov/graffiti

- Free graffiti cleanup solvent is available at all Minneapolis Fire Stations.

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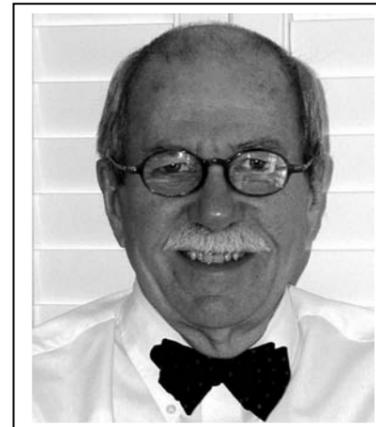
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