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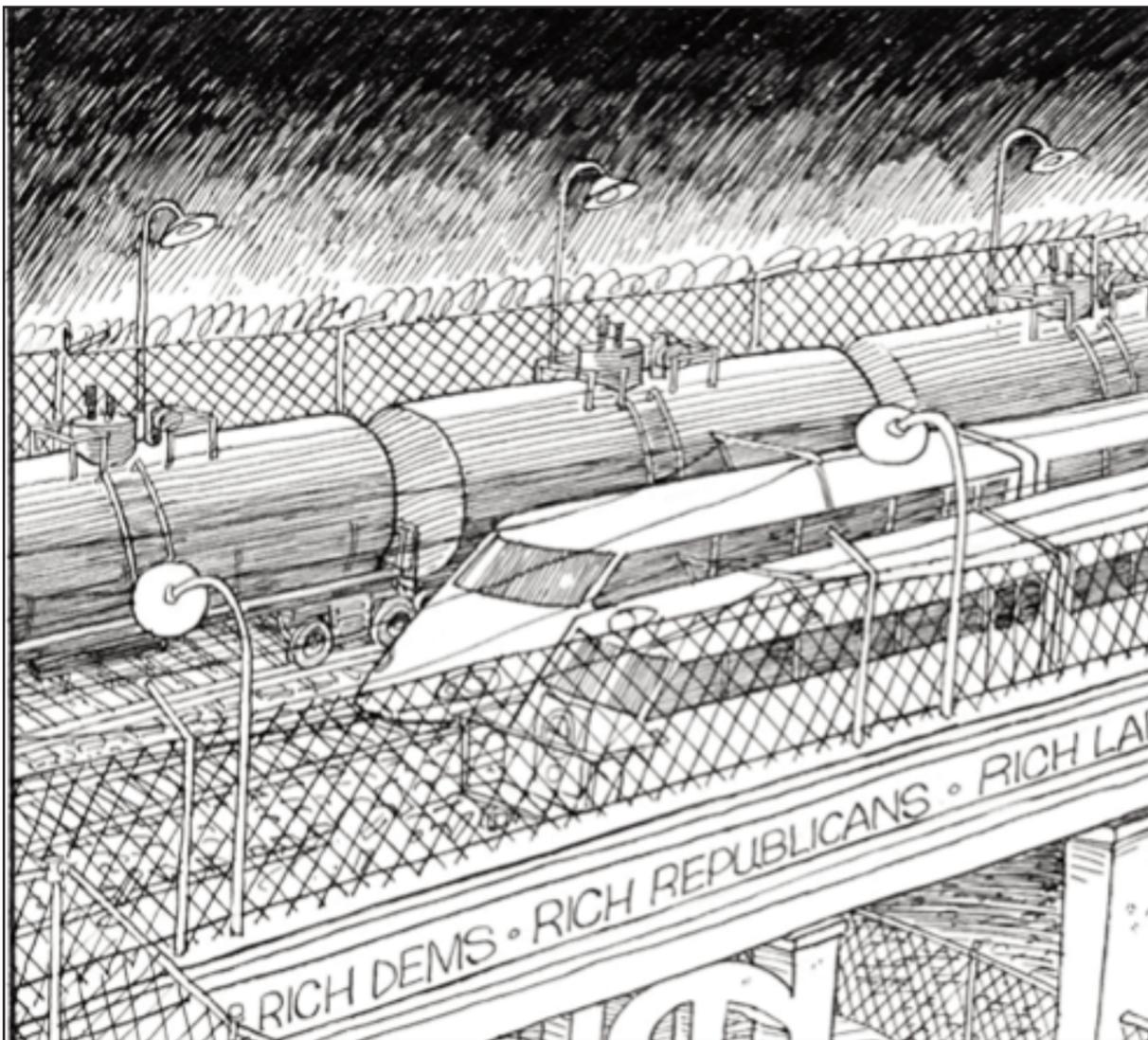
A view from the bridge, and a dagger to the heart!

Fantasy



Minneapolis Star Tribune photo

Reality



Drawing by Jerry Van Amerongen

Don't be fooled by the Metropolitan Council's rendering of a cute little light rail train crossing a modern low-profile bridge, in an idyllic setting. The new Kenilworth Corridor bridge must accommodate freight rail and light rail, both coming and going, and bike and walking paths - all separated from each other, and the general public due to growing liability concerns. The corridor will most likely be a sealed throughway due to the wildlife, pets and people who could get in the way. It's going to be a lot of wires, cables, fencing, lights, whistles and blast walls. Nothing like the cute little Met Council view.

City needs 625 more election judges – that means you!

By Michael Wilson

Cedar-Isles-Dean resident Charlotte Aughenbaugh wants to be an election judge, but there's a slight problem: she's four years old. Come 2028, however, Charlotte will be 16 and thus eligible to work as a student election judge. If it weren't for the age requirement, though, the city could use Charlotte's help right now.



Photo and caption: Michael Wilson

Cedar-Isles-Dean resident Charlotte Aughenbaugh wants to be an election judge, but she's still a bit young. You can be a judge, though, and your help is greatly needed.

Minneapolis' thirteen City Council wards encompass 132 precincts. To fully staff all 132 precincts and have the polling place experience run smoothly for all voters, the city needs a total of 2500 election judges. According to City Clerk Casey Carl, we're still 625 election judges shy of that total.

The message? Step up to the plate, citizens, and take the plunge. Sign up to be an election judge.

Our 7th Ward City Council Member Lisa Goodman is tireless in encouraging folks to be election judges. She's proud to note that through her advocacy she leads her City Council colleagues in number of election judges recruited. "Serving as an election judge is one of the most meaningful things a person can do to support fair and impartial elections in our country," Goodman says. "I take every opportunity I can to request my constituents sign up to serve because the need is great, the work interesting, and the outcome important."

But even with everyone spreading the word, hundreds more of us need to sign up.

A passion for elections and voter services

Grace Wachlarowicz, assistant city clerk and director of the Elections & Voter Services Division, came to Minneapolis in 2012 from a similar position in White Bear Lake. Ask her about voting and elections and Wachlarowicz's eyes gleam, words spilling out as she describes the hard work and enthusiasm of her staff.

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Lunch with Lisa September 28. Come at 11am and tour the Solar Tiny House which will be run exclusively on solar energy. Located on Harmon. Lunch is \$10 and starts at noon. St. Thomas #202. Call now if you wish to attend: 612-673-2207. The tiny house will be on site until 1:30 for those unable to come earlier.

Attend Oct. 4 meeting to see initial plans for Calhoun-Harriet trail and access improvements. community open houses to gather public input regarding proposed trail and access improvements along Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails. The meeting is scheduled Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6-8 pm at

Parade Ice Garden

Fall learn to skate classes start October 1. Classes are offered Tuesday early evenings and Saturday mornings for tots through adults. Free skate rental included if you don't have them. We'll have you or your child skating by the time Lake of the Isles freezes! sqsaparade.com. We'll also be hosting our annual free Halloween and Holiday skating parties again this year at Parade! Watch for details to come.

Lyndale Farmstead Recreation Center, 3900 Bryant Avenue South.

HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Sept. 24, 9am Park Siding Park Gardening
- Sept. 28 Lunch with Lisa
- Oct. 1, 10:30 Walker Library Home History
- Oct. 2, 1-4pm CIDNA Fall Festival
- Oct. 4, 6-8pm Calhoun-Harriet Trail meeting
- Nov. 21, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Join Hill & Lake Press writer Michael Wilson to view our Uptown neighborhoods circa 1930.

Neighborhood monthly meetings

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

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Uptown 1930 from the Air! Nov. 21, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Join Hill & Lake Press writer Michael Wilson to view our Uptown neighborhoods circa 1930. The aerial photography of Joe Quigley.

Researching the history of your Minneapolis home. Saturday October 1, 10:30 - 11:30 am Walker Library

Learn about the tools and resources available at the library and throughout the city that will help you research the history of your house, neighborhood or a piece of property within Minneapolis city limits. Special Collections staff will guide you through the use of online and print resources. If you live outside the city of Minneapolis, check with your local municipality for house history resources.

Register online <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events> or by phone 612-543-KNOW(5669).

To receive an events calendar from the Walker Library, go to [wk-staff <wk-staff@hclib.org>](mailto:wk-staff@hclib.org)

The Walker Library hosts many classes and events for our community.

Park Siding Park Gardening

Park Siding Park Gardening
Saturday, September 24
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.

Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided.

CIDNA Fall Festival
Sunday, October 2 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.
Join us for the festivities!

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STREET ADDRESS	ORIGINAL PRICE	Seller Contrib	DAYS MKT	SALE PRICE	TYPE	BED BATH	SQ FT	TAX VALUE	PROP TAX	YR BLT	
1913 Dupont S #B	109,900	0	97	85,000	C	1/1	920	112,500	1,786	1912	
1425 W 28th St #401	99,900	0	20	100,000	C	1/1	860	115,500	1,467	1986	
2881 Irving S #206	119,900	0	31	109,750	C	1/1	450	86,500	1,374	1916	
821 Douglas Ave #305	149,900	1,250	124	142,000	C	1/1	650	132,500	1,846	1963	
52 Groveland Terr #A040	159,000	0	11	177,500	C	1/1	754	171,000	2,720	1966	
2928 Dean Pkwy #23	209,000	6000	13	208,600	C	2/2	1,083	166,867	2,674	1960	
3104 W Lake St #303	299,900	0	122	275,000	C	1/1	960	181,850	2,931	2007	
2519 Humboldt S #104	304,000		23	295,000	C	2/1	1,177	260,000	3,945	1922	
3337 St Louis Ave	368,800	11,379	24	379,289	TWN	2/3	2,080	338,810	5,394	1984	
1942 Dupont S	399,900	0	54	389,500	TWN	2/3	1,687	346,440	5,460	1976	
2736 Ewing S	649,900	11,500	351	619,900	H	4/3	3,096	655,500	11,074	1931	
1931 Irving S	875,000	0	704	710,000	H	7/4	5,382	1,145,000	21,609	1908	
1518 W 22nd St	835,000	0	39	805,000	H	4/4	4,292	835,000	14,411	1922	
2001 Upton S	975,000	0	0	971,900	H	4/3	2,977	651,500	10,867	1962	
2757 Dean Pkwy	1,145,000	3,000	370	1,070,000	H	4/5	5,240	1,115,000	19,818	1929	
2116 W Lake of Isles Pkwy	1,695,000	0	125	1,368,000	H	5/5	6,264	1,477,000	28,103	1931	
1900 Knox S	1,850,000	0	108	1,850,000	H	4/6	5,263	1,470,000	26,672	1941	
1724 Summit Ave	1,975,000	0	61	1,850,000	H	4/7	6,977	1,781,500	32,855	1907	
2218 W Lake of Isles Pkwy	3,995,000	0	385	2,950,000	H	5/7	8,491	3,125,000	57,835	1915	
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Turning Ninety, a Time to Celebrate, a Day to Remember



Caption by Joyce Murphy; Photo by Dorothy Childers

With family and friends, Penny Jacobs our neighbor, shown here with the talented and loving members of her family, gave us a splendid afternoon of entertainment beginning with a re-creation of an old time radio show, the Lux Radio Theater. It was a historical weekly program from the nineteen forties that featured a radio version of popular movies of that time. The second highlight came when her family came together to sing the song from the Sound of Music, "How do you solve a problem like Maria /Penny?" Some of the lyrics go thusly: "How do you keep a wave upon the sand? How do you solve a problem like Penny? How do you keep a moonbeam in your hand?" Penny was a teacher, traveler, and a musician to mention just a few of her talents. She also designed the home that she lives in to this day. And then there were all the family and friends who gathered together for the purpose of celebrating Penny's ninetieth birthday. All her life she was brave with an attitude and activities of derring do. Her Mother said, when Penny was teen, that she would never survive until her twentieth birthday but here she is, she fooled them all and stayed around, so hats off and Happy Birthday to our dear friend Penny Jacobs.



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Meet your Neighbor, William Payne

Craig Wilson interviews William (Bill) Payne about the allure of moving to Minneapolis from Oklahoma in 1968, his 40 years career at Dorsey & Whitney and his steadfast caretaking of Thomas Lowry Park, where you'll see him tending flower beds throughout the growing season.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Oklahoma. I went to both undergraduate and law school at the University of Oklahoma.

What brought you to Minnesota? I had a good experience in law school and decided to explore available opportunities. Most OU law graduates stayed in the state, and I had offers from great firms. But a long-time friend mentioned that his brother, a Minneapolis resident, had been excited by how vibrant it was (this was 1968), and I decided to test the waters. Suzanne (my wife) and I visited Minneapolis and liked it, and I was offered a job at Dorsey & Whitney. This was the first time either of us had been in Minnesota, and we found we were attracted to the older homes and stately trees of the Kenwood-Lowry Hill neighborhoods. We got back here in the summer and, searching for our first apartment, discovered the newly constructed Mount Curve House (now a condo) at Douglas and Bryant, right across from Thomas Lowry Park and a stop on Thomas Lowry's No. 1 bus line.

What was your career? I was hired by Dorsey & Whitney in 1968 and stayed with the firm my entire career, retiring in 2008. That's virtually unheard of today. While as a lawyer I did a number of things, in the last few years I specialized in mergers and acquisitions and was the chair of the M&A group at the firm.

How did you develop an interest in gardening? I've really thought of gardening as part of the homeownership experience, which for me has been devoted increasingly to projects. We have owned four homes in the Hill & Lake Press sphere of influence, the first in

CIDNA, the second in East Isles and the last two in Lowry Hill. My handyman skills were limited, but landscaping was mostly labor, not skill. I built a brick patio and a cedar fence, started seeds indoors, grew vegetables and planted flowers at our first house, but no big remodeling tasks. At our second house, it was much the same—more landscaping and fence building and development of a small perennial bed. Our third house changed things; it was the renovation of a large mansion that had been cut up into 12 apartments with a lot of neglected maintenance. We turned it back to single family. I supervised much of the renovation and then began the hands-on experience: plumbing, electrical, tiling, sheetrock, you name it. I did a complete renovation of the carriage house. Gardening pretty much fell by the wayside during that 13-year experience.

How did you become involved with volunteering at Thomas Lowry Park? In 1999 we moved to our present home, which is on Mount Curve to the north across from Thomas Lowry Park. Some may remember it as the Swedish consulate. Because it had been converted from single family into a two-unit condo, I was under the mistaken impression that, as with most condos, maintenance would be hired out. I got rid of my gardening tools. The house had been updated when it was converted so there was little need for renovation skills. I compensated by doing work at my daughters' houses. Suzanne had become involved as a volunteer in TLP when we moved in. A loose group of volunteers planted annuals, which they bought, and weeded. They called themselves "Friends of Thomas Lowry Park." The park then had been newly renovated and there was a Park Board horticulturist who worked a few days a month. But there were only a few beds devoted to flowers. I avoided helping out—until the summer of 2011 when I was recruited to weed because the main volunteers (Suzanne and Barb Fogel) avoided the thistles



Photo by Dorothy Childers

and bees. I became increasingly involved, expanding the planting of annuals and perennials and replacing some shrubs. I had been retired for over three years, so perhaps I was looking for something to fill the time.

What is Friends of Thomas Lowry Park? This is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation incorporated in 2008 to carry on the activities of the group of volunteers. I am not presently involved with it.

What does it take to maintain Thomas Lowry Park? The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board provides periodic services: the turf is mowed every week, grass trimming is done regularly and Seven Pools is maintained. This year the Park Board retained a sprinkler service to replace and expand sprinkler zones that were not functioning properly. The Park Board also donates annuals and perennials for planting by volunteers. Last year,

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City needs 625 more election judges (from page one)

People in the City Clerk's office truly have a passion for making every aspect of the electoral process in Minneapolis as good as it can possibly be.

Wachlarowicz says that people often assume election and voter services workers have a few busy weeks every couple of years, but otherwise have it pretty easy. Nothing could be further from the truth, Wachlarowicz laughs, and indeed everyone who has ever been an election judge stands in awe of the complexity of the work Wachlarowicz's department undertakes and the consummate skill with which they perform it.

Election Day is like the Vikings-Green Bay kickoff on Sept. 18. Months of planning and prep work precede the big event, more than most people would ever imagine. But while some signage at US Bank may be confusing or missing or some vendors may run out of corndogs, there is zero margin of error at the polling places. High voter turnout and confidence in the integrity of the process are the goal and the reward, Wachlarowicz says.

The numbers are daunting. In 2012, the last presidential election year, 215,804 ballots were cast in Minneapolis, 200,661 of them at the city's 117 precinct polling places. The astounding number: 50,668 of those voters registered on Election Day, at the polls. Wachlarowicz's people over-prepare for 125 percent of the 2012 totals. They add precincts and adjust boundaries (117 precincts in 2012, 125 in 2014, 132 for this year's November election) based on the number of voters and length of registration lines during the previous election. The success of the process, though, depends on 2500 of us signing up to be election judges.

Feeling motivated yet to volunteer as an election judge? Go to the city's marvelous <vote.minneapolismn.gov> website for all the information you need. The drop-down menu under "Election Judges" includes online sign-up information. If you're not comfortable signing up online, or if you like talking to a person instead, call Elections and Voter Services at 612-673-3000 or 311.

Election judges can choose how many hours they're able to work on Election Day. They can opt to volunteer their time or to be paid at the recently increased rate of \$13.30 per hour. For a full-day 16-hour shift on November 8th plus the required three-hour training you'll receive a check for \$252.70 in early December, in time for a little additional holiday shopping.

A great opportunity for high school students

The city is proud of its steadily expanding student election judge (SEJ) program for 16- and 17-year-olds. Under the leadership of Mary Davis, SEJ coordinator since 2004, the city partners with all 19 Minneapolis public, charter, alternative, and private schools to get the word out about the SEJ program and help interested students sign up. To be eligible this year, students must turn 16 on or before Nov. 8.

In 2013, 162 students worked as election judges. That number grew to 221 students in 2014. When the primary election was opened to students in 2014, 24 signed up. That number almost doubled last month when 46 students worked on primary election day.

Wachlarowicz waxes enthusiastic about the pro-



Chris Irving, election administrator and trainer, and Grace Wachlarowicz, assistant city clerk and director of the Elections & Voter Services Division, hold a copy of the city's comprehensive Election Judge Manual. Election judges are unanimous in their praise for the quality of training and support Wachlarowicz's department provides.



City Clerk Casey Carl and 7th Ward Council Member Lisa Goodman are tireless advocates for citizen participation as election judges.

Photos and captions: Michael Wilson

gram. "We're engaging the next generation," she says. "They're tech-savvy and fast learners. Many have second-language skills, which is a critical need. And we love to see them getting hooked on voting, the electoral process, and helping their community." Davis concurs. "It warmed my heart," she says, "when I saw at least 22 of my SEJ program alumni working as regular election judges at last month's primary."

Although state law allows student judges to be paid slightly less than minimum wage, Davis says that Minneapolis pays students the same wage as adult judges since students train side-by-side with adult judges and perform almost all the same election day duties.

Do you have a child or grandchild who will be 16 on or before November 8th? Encourage them to ask at their school or go to <vote.minneapolismn.gov> to sign up. They can also call Mary Davis or assistant SEJ coordinator Elizabeth Zalanga at 612-673-3870 during office hours or on the special SEJ mobile line (612-518-2149) at all other times.

Take the plunge, election judges say

So what's it like to be an election judge, you might ask. Pretty impressive, would be your answer.

After hearing Lisa Goodman make her election judge pitch for several years at CIDNA board meetings I decided in 2013 to take the plunge and work at my own neighborhood precinct polling place, Jones-Harrison.

First up was the required three-hour training. Having suffered (and snoozed) through scores of inservices during my professional life, I wasn't expecting much. Was I ever wrong! Chris Irving, election administrator and trainer, made the three hours fly by. Cedar-Isles-Dean resident and election judge Jay Wilcox says, "Chris is well-organized and articulate, with a good sense of humor. The Election Judge Manual we're all given is masterful."

"I relish what I do," says Irving. "I find this line of work highly rewarding. I love that I get the opportunity to meet with and work alongside other members of the Minneapolis community who are committed to serving the public. Education is also a passion of mine, so I am grateful to be able to realize that through the training of election judges."

"I think the secret to Chris' success is that he truly tries to look at the election from the point of view of the judges," adds City Clerk Casey Carl. "Chris understands how the process works and how that service translates to voters in the polls. In our team meetings,

Chris is always first to bring the voice of our judges to the table, to pose the questions that our judges would ask and to force us to think about how our plans impact their ability to best serve voters."

The amount of election procedure information we're asked to learn can be intimidating. How can I possibly learn everything Chris is presenting and that's in the manual by Election Day, I ask myself. Well, not to worry. Every precinct has a Head Election Judge (HEJ) and an Assistant Head Election Judge (AHEJ) who have been running polling places for years. In addition, many of other election judges have years of experience. We newbies have loads of questions as we settle nervously to our assigned tasks. There's always a colleague ready to answer, and as the day goes on we gain confidence.

In 2014 I wanted to get to know another part of the city (and frankly I didn't want to spend two whole days at Jones-Harrison talking about SWLRT). I was assigned to the Brian Coyle Community Center – the very heart of our city's Somali community. Not only was there the hard-fought battle between Phyllis Kahn and Mohamud Noor, but ranked-choice voting was being used for the first time – with 35 candidates running for mayor. And half the voters coming in the door, it seemed, spoke minimal or no English. Translation, impartiality, and voter instruction concerns were uppermost on our minds, but the level of support from our HEJ, AHEJ, and "downtown" was amazing. The two long days I spent with my Somali fellow citizens rank among the high points of my recent life.

Cedar-Isles-Dean resident and CIDNA board secretary Rosanne Halloran has taken the plunge this year. She wanted to get to know another community and was assigned to Lyndale Community School in south Minneapolis. She was struck by "the big learning curve – so many different facets involved in the total voting process." She was impressed, like all the rest of us, with the quality of the inservice and also appreciates that "the city values our work highly enough that they offer to pay us." Being an election judge, Halloran says, is an experience everyone should try to have.

So what's holding you back? Go to <vote.minneapolismn.gov> or call 612-673-3000 and sign up to be an election judge on November 8. You'll be glad you did.

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What are your true colors?

Thanks to its new sign, Alcott Triangle leaves 129 years of obscurity behind

By Michael Wilson

It's taken 129 years, but the little park at the corner of St. Louis Avenue and West 29th Street in Cedar-Isles-Dean finally has a public identity: Alcott Triangle.

After stories appeared in Hill & Lake Press last winter about the history of Alcott Triangle and the tiny Alcott School for which the parklet was named, the neighborhood asked our Park Board commissioner Anita Tabb to look into getting an official sign made and erected. Working with Lisa Beck, the Park Board's director of asset management, Tabb came through in a big way for her friends and constituents in Cedar-Isles-Dean.

On September 13, about 50 Alcott Triangle neighbors gathered in the late afternoon with Tabb and Beck to christen the sign and celebrate the pleasure we all draw from our parks and our community. But after waiting 129 years, the neighborhood wasn't content with just a ribbon-cutting. Nora Whiteman and Tom Rush, West 29th Street residents across from the park since 1979, treated the crowd to enormous ice cream cones and bottomless root beer floats, while Scott Abbott, gardener and baker extraordinaire and resident in the red townhomes, brought plates of his gourmet chocolate-chip cookies.

Preparing to cut the ribbon as a few drops of rain began to sprinkle down from leaden skies, Tabb called Alcott Triangle "a special little nugget in the neighborhood" and thanked the community for gathering to acknowledge and celebrate the work of Park Board staffers who made and erected the sign, repaired the benches last year, and mow the grass. "Your public words of appreciation motivate Park Board staff to continue their good work for our community," Tabb said.

Beck expressed special appreciation at being invited to the celebration. "At the end of the day, for me and for everyone in my department, this is what it's all about," she said, gesturing to the crowd enjoying their prized neighborhood green space. Beck and Tabb along with all the neighbors in attendance expressed particular thanks to Abbott for creating a lovely garden at the base of the sign.

"It's great to have a sign," Whiteman says. "In the past when we've had neighborhood parties or invited friends over, we always had to use a long description of where the park was located. Now we can just say, 'We're across the street from Alcott Triangle!'"

Whiteman and Rush have a special tie to Alcott Triangle because Rush's mother, Nancy Rubel Rush, actually attended Alcott School. "It gives us such pleasure watching our granddaughter playing in the park," Whiteman says, "knowing that her great-grandmother went to Alcott School back in the 1920s and played at



Alcott Triangle and Alcott School in a 1931 aerial photograph. Note heavy railroad usage on land now occupied by the Midtown Greenway, Kenilworth Trail, and Cedar Lake Shores townhomes. The large triangle of land at top, today's Calhoun Village shopping center, became Thompson Lumber Co. in 1940. (Photo: Minneapolis Public Schools, courtesy Peg Carlson.)



Photo by Dorothy Childers

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Over 50 Cedar-Isles-Dean residents gathered on September 13 to celebrate Alcott Triangle's new sign. Ice cream cones, root beer floats, and chocolate-chip cookies added to the fun. **Photo by Dorothy Childers Caption: Michael Wilson.**

recess time in the exact same park, almost one hundred years ago.”

The orphan park that no one wanted

The triangular piece of land where W. 29th Street merges into St. Louis Avenue was labeled “Playground” on the 1887 plat map of the West End Addition, 2nd Division, long before houses were built in the area. The plat map made provision for a north-south street on the west side of the triangle – Abbott Avenue? Beard? In the early 1900s a handful of houses were built in the immediate area, but the “playground,” like most of the land around it, remained unused open space.

Things changed dramatically in 1921 when the Minneapolis Public Schools, hard-pressed to cope with rapidly increasing enrollment, moved three portable classrooms onto land that the School Board owned to the west of the parklet, where several side-by-side homes now stand. The school was named for Louisa Mae Alcott, and for convenience the parklet began being called Alcott Triangle. And thus began Alcott Triangle’s journey as the orphan park that no one particularly wanted.

City records show that on June 10, 1927, the City Council voted to turn Alcott Triangle over to the Park Board. On August 9, 1927, however, the Park Board’s Standing Committee on Designation and Acquisition of Grounds concluded that the property “is apparently of no use as a park but ... may be of some use in conjunction with the [neighboring Alcott] school property” and recommended that the City Council vest title to the



CIDNA board member Michael Wilson, Commissioner and Park Board President Anita Tabb, and Lisa Beck, Park Board director of asset management – along with lots of helpers – prepare to cut the ribbon on the new Alcott Triangle sign. **Photo by Dorothy Childers**

property with the School Board.

In 1928 the School Board asked the Park Board for title to the land, but the Park Board didn’t officially own the land. In 1929 the School Board asked the City Council to vacate the strip of land between the Triangle and the Alcott School grounds, which had been ear-

marked for a street on the 1887 plat map. The Council did so on May 31, 1929.

Parks historian David C. Smith writes that Park Board records do not indicate when the Board officially accepted title to the land from the city. Renay Leone, former MPRB real estate planner, states that “coming at this from a real estate legal perspective, it seems that no one ‘sold’ the land to MPRB, but the owner of the larger parcel between St. Louis Avenue, Chowen Avenue, and West 29th Street actually dedicated it in 1887 as a park.

“Usually, that would have been enough to consider it owned by the Board of Park Commissioners,” Leone continues, “but often in those days the City of Minneapolis would take specific action to ‘transfer’ or ‘turn over’ land to the Park Board. This is apparently what happened in 1927. But apparently we didn’t want it and thought it would be better off conveyed to the School Board, which we suggested the City do. Which they never did. And that pretty much brings us to today, where our practice is to consider it ours and maintain it as such.”

Alcott School’s last year of operation was 1940. At war’s end the two remaining portables were moved across West 29th Street and rebuilt as houses, and the St. Louis-Chowen-West 29th block filled rapidly with new homes. Alcott Triangle slipped back into under-the-radar obscurity.

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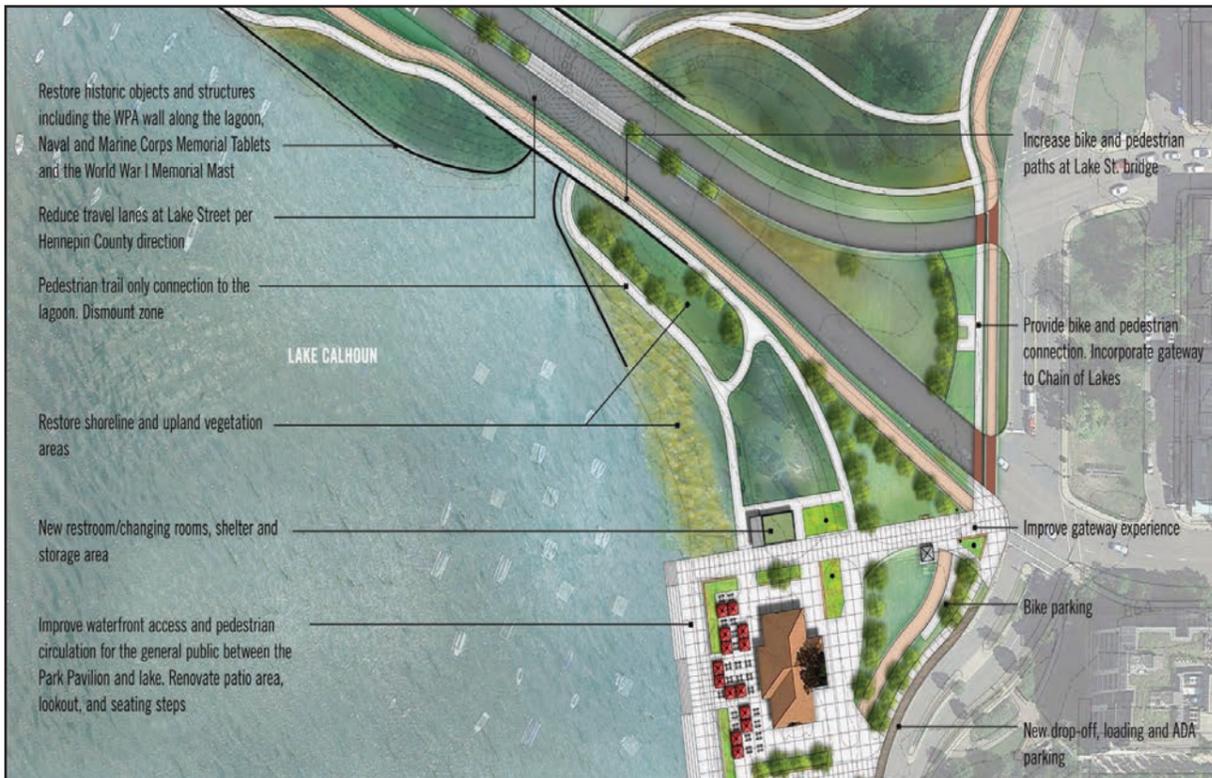
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Improvements at NE Calhoun up for review at Oct. 4, Nov. 9 Open Houses



Funding sources have been identified that will allow the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board to start work now on two of the many areas of improvement identified in the 20-Year Master Plan for Lakes Calhoun and Harriet, which is working its way toward final Park Board approval. Of special interest to Hill and Lake residents are improvements to pedestrian and bike traffic flow and safety at the highly congested northeast corner of Lake Calhoun. Design concepts and alternatives will be up for public review and comment at an Open House on Tuesday, October 4, from 6-8 pm at Lyndale Farmstead Rec Center, 3900 Bryant Ave. S. Preferred concepts will be presented on Thursday, November 9, from 6-8 pm at Lyndale Farmstead. Further information at <minneapolisparcs.org/current projects>; click on “Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan & Improvements.”

Graphic: MPRB. Caption: Michael Wilson

FRIENDS OF THOMAS LOWRY PARK

By Barry Lazarus

Hello once again to our neighbors, friends, dogs, and others from around the metropolitan area who use and enjoy Thomas Lowry Park.

Friends of TLP is proud to report the Park is looking as good as a young man on his way to the prom with his date. Smiling, spiffy, trimmed, clean and glowing. As a result, on the day of September 10, 2016 the following was taking place within the Park: a tai chi lesson, a group assembling to depart on a city walking tour, a wedding, persons reading, someone meditating, the girl scouts and leaders from Troop #10398 weeding, trimming, pruning and cleaning up the product of their hard work. More on the scouts hereafter.

Also, humans were being walked by their dogs.

On August 14, 2016 the volunteers from the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis donated their respective time to help maintain the Park on Community Service Day. Friends thanks Erik and daughters Cecily and Saga; Daryl and his parents Marla and Mark; and Christy, Cynthia and Joyce for their work and the Society for organizing the event.

On September 6, 2016 the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association at its regular monthly meeting also made an important and meaningful contribution to the Park. For the past few months, Phil Hallaway, President of LHNA, Commissioner Tabb, and this writer have been discussing the Park’s need to complete the irrigation system within the Park; the replacement of broken or uneven pavers on the walking paths in the Park and the need to monitor the irrigation systems heads, hoses, settings and timing of operation.

At the referenced board meeting, the LHNA board agreed to seek NRP funds to complete the irrigation system and, once the bids on paver removal and replacement has been approved by the MPRB, to also seek NRP funds for this needed safety repair. As to monitoring, the board will discuss this expense when more information is submitted. Friends is most grate-

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ful for LHNA's cooperation.

On September 10 from 10am to Noon, the girl scouts responded to Friend's call for volunteers. Ann Do, one of the #10398 Troop Leaders, Sherry Brooks from the MPRB and this writer have been organizing the girl scouts to attend the regular volunteer Saturday Park work day.

Right on time Ann Do and her daughter Lily; Dawn Lindquist, one of Troop #10398 leaders, and her daughters Ava and Grace; Michelle Smith, another Troop #10398 leader, and her daughter Peyton; and Daisey Nichols(thanks to the transportation provided by her father) with rakes and garden tools in hand came to work in the Park along with Friends the board members Suzanne Payne and Mr. Lazarus.. And work they did. It was wonderful to observe these young ladies from Susan B. Anthony Junior High School and Southwest High School and the troop leaders work diligently and enthusiastically. Water, juice and rolls were provided by Friends. On completion, a scrumptious lunch at Lowrys was also provided to this hardworking crew by Friends. Troop #10398 is considering adopting the Park for its future community service work. Sherry Brooks from the MPRB also dropped off with Ms. Payne gloves and additional tools. Would be others in the hood would do the same.

Friends needs friends. Whether you choose to donate money or work or both the Park will be the better for it...and so will you. Donations to this IRC Section 501(c)(3) non profit corporation can be made to "Friends of Thomas Lowry Park" and sent to Mr. Lazarus, 1716 Colfax Ave So., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Arrangements to work in the Park can also be made with Mr. Lazarus and he will arrange for someone to call or email you as to times and work needed. The Park is a passive park but active volunteers and donors are wanted. Remember, what work you do in the Park stays in the Park.

Until the next report from Friends, enjoy Autumn...in the Park.



Photos by Barry Lazarus

Some of the hard working volunteers at Thomas Lowry Park on September 10th, weeding, trimming, pruning and cleaning.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Julia Curran, Vice President of the EIRA Board

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting September 13, 2016 Grace Trinity Community Church

Welcome/Call to Order

Board Members present:
 Andrew Degerstrom- President
 Julia Curran-Vice President
 Brian Milavitz- Treasurer
 Nancy Johnston
 John Grochala
 Peter Mason
 Steve Havig
 Mike Erlandson
 Bruce Larson

Guests present:
 Betsy Allis, Chair of the Green Team

Guest Speakers present:
 Lisa Goodman
 Jack Whitehurst
 Dan Elias

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Goodman, Councilmember, Ward 7

- Hennepin/Lyndale should be done by early Oct. Dunwoody delayed due to pipe.
- Lunch with Lisa resuming. Hopefully will have Tiny House after seeing at East Isles picnic.
- 2321 Humboldt got approval of all variances requested to move forward with the plan as presented.
- Ped Overlay. In 45 day public comment period. Be aware that Lisa will be taking it seriously if it passes. If you're interested, get involved by Nov. 1, meeting is at 4:30. Some off-use stuff going on in some Uptown where it doesn't meet up with their business plan. Will at least help push street focus.
- MTN: City Access television no longer Channel 79: Government meetings on Comcast now in standard definition on 14, high def 799, multi language is 859. CenturyLink: 8001 standard, 8501 high def, 8002 multi-lingual in standard, 8502 multilingual hi def.
- Absentee voting is open and easy.

Jack Whitehurst

- Citywide survey of neighborhood board demographics, voluntary.
- Aimed to help understand how the demographics are or aren't represented.
- Question: what has been the most successful way other neighborhoods have used these funds? Have any neighborhood associations ever successfully navigated the park board system to get things accomplished?
- Answer: Some successful environmental projects. CIDNA, ECCO, West Cal have taken housing dollars to work with non-profit assistance fund to help non-profits do affordable housing in other parts of the city. Park Board sometimes works, sometimes not. Call Bob Cooper.
- Discussion of cameras and demographics.

Daniel Elias, Minneapolis Park & Recreation, Bde Maka Ska (Calhoun) & Harriet Access Project

- Comes out of Calhoun-Harriet Master planning project
- Fix bike/walk paths
- New pedestrian ramps, crossing signage.
- Two high priority conflict areas will have new focus at open houses. First meeting public is 10/4 to present options, scope, get public input. Second is 11/9 and presents preferred option.
- Questions: Funding? Has to be spent by 7/1/18. Conflict areas? Where bike/walk comes together. Southern-most east lane from Thomas to Channel turns from being an extra car lane to providing enough space for those on foot/bike. This is temporary until full rebuild to grade separated bike lane. Discussion about ADA accessibility of Bde Maka Ska/Lake Calhoun depending on point where the bike lane is shifted into the extra road lane.

Open Forum

Committee Reports Green Team

- Super sale went very well with 43 official sales and 8 unofficial sales. After-sale pick-up went well, but trucks weren't allowed to pick-up on LotI Parkway. 22 sponsors. \$853 income. Still figuring out expenses. All 62 directional/promotional yard-signs recovered.

- Prizes were awarded to Barb Pratt and Amy Sanborn for achieving spring garden workshop pledge goals.

- Judy Enenstein stepped down after 5 years of outstanding service.

- Fall plans include food preservation tips in October and a presentation on food waste in November with NRDC senior advocate, JoAnne Berkenkamp.

- 11 people of 33 who inquired into community solar garden have officially subscribed. Start time will be sometime this fall. Program is open to renters who are Xcel subscribers.

Social Committee:

- Calhoun Square has pulled out of the wine tasting, aiming now for spring.

Transportation Committee

- Greenway clean-up went well. Group from Irving from Triangle Park to 22nd is exploring traffic calming.

NRP Steering Committee

- Covered by Jack and Lisa's report.

President's Report

- Donna's gone, Andrew's busy with new grad school & teaching, bear with him.

2017-2019 Community Participation Program application

Applications due 11/19, ours needs to be approved at board meeting before. Need to propose new budget for CPP. Take current budget, rework for new allocation, fill out application. Andrew's looking for people able to help with that. Will be VP and Treasurer helping Andrew out with that based on current budget, will check with Monica for old application. CPP covers majority of expenses.

Follow up on annual committee reviews

Going forward, Parks and NRP will be joint meetings. First official joint meeting today. Will keep an eye on how that's going. Parks committee was not called to order.

Mike Erlandson made a motion to separate out accounting from rest of administrative job.

Seconded by Steve Havig.

Passed without dissent.

Reminder: The next East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on ? 2016 at Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street.

EIRA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by EIRA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at coordinator@eastisles.org at least five (5) days before an EIRA sponsored event.

East Isles Residents Association Board Meeting August 16, 2016

Board Members Present:
 Andrew Degerstrom- President
 Julia Curran-Vice President
 Nicole Engel-Nitz- Secretary
 Brian Milavitz- Treasurer
 Nancy Johnston
 John Grochala
 Peter Mason
 Steve Havig
 Mike Erlandson
 Bruce Larson
 Amy Sanborn

Guest present

Carla Pardue- Co-Chair Zoning & Land Use Committee

Dave Bryan-Co-Chair Zoning and Land Use Committee

Council Member Lisa Goodman

Staff: Donna Sanders, Neighborhood Coordinator

Committee Reviews

Green Team Committee, Chair Betsy Allis (she was unable to attend the meeting so she sent a report)

Our programming has focused on engaging residents in four areas:

Sustainable energy and conservation

Reduced consumption and waste

Sustainable food systems

Protection of our waterways

Major events include:

Sponsoring two house parties: 1. Green cooling strategies and 2. A program on reducing food waste

Four part series on food & climate change called Eating Consciously

Four programs on community solar and energy audits.

Earth Day Clean Up

Neighborhood Plant Swap

Super Sale

Mini Ted Talk type format at the Spring Garden Party-provided four gardening strategies

Played an active role in a 17 neighborhood coalition led by Xcel and the Center for Energy and Environment called the Lake Street Challenge.

All events were well attended!

Betsy and Julia did a visioning exercise in July 2016.

Major topics include: livability, connecting place/culture; enabling policies; facilitating elements and encouraging neighborhood traditions.

PROPOSED 2016-17 GOALS

Engage East Isles residents in reducing their carbon foot print by

Participating in two Lake Street Energy Challenge goals related to Community Solar and Energy Audits.

Growing their own food and practicing green, bee-friendly landscaping.

Participating in the City's Organics Recycling program.

Engaging in conversations about the relationship between energy, lifestyle, and climate change.

Submit funding requests for a Water Conservation project in East Isles.

Continue three annual events— Earth Day Clean Up, Plant Swap, and Super Sale.

Explore partnership opportunities with other EIRA committees.

Zoning & Land Use Committee, Co-chairs, Dave Bryan & Carla Pardue

The committee met 5 times this year. Major accomplishments include:

2701 East Lake of the Isles: plans to demolish the existing residence and replace it with a new house. Neighbors were upset that a traditional older home was to be demolished and replaced with a new, potentially modern style house. In response to the neighborhood reaction, the owner has evidently changed his plans and intends to remodel the existing house.

2650 Hennepin- new Walgreens store: In response to concerns from the neighborhood about this project, zoning committee members met with Walgreens representatives several times after the initial presentation and testified before the Minneapolis City Planning Commission. The end result will be a building whose appearance will be more attractive and more compatible with existing buildings in the area. The revised building will also have an entrance at the corner of 27th & Hennepin in addition to the originally proposed entrance at the building corner near the parking lot entrance.

Other projects that were presented in the last year include:

2321 Humboldt: renovation of an existing house

2505 East Lake of the Isles Parkway: new home to replace an existing house

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Susie Galiano

September 6, 2016 Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association (“LHNA”) Minutes

Present Board Members: Phil Hallaway, President, Suzanne Shaff, Susie Galiano, Jimmy Fogel, Toni D’Eramo, Scott Shaffer, Thomas Huppert, Sarah Janacek, Clint Conner, Joyce Murphy, Baygan Harzheim, Rebecca Graham, Evan Stern.

Present- Guests and staff: Cathy Powell, John Getsinger, Barry Lazarus, Joyce Murphy, Chris Madden. Guests from First Unitarian Society including Tim Roehl and Ed Kodet.

Call to order- Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present to vote on all material matters.

Approval of Minutes. Ms. Janecek moved that the minutes from June 7, 2016 be approved. It was noted that Ms. Shaff’s name was spelled incorrectly in the prior minutes. Mr. Fogel seconded approval of minutes. All approved.

Community Announcements- Council Member Lisa Goodman was out of town. Mr. Hallaway noted that Lunch with Lisa would occur Sept 28, University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall.

Treasurer’s Report- Ms. Graham, treasurer noted that bills had been paid and money in contribution deposited.

Committee Reports:

Zoning and Planning

First Unitarian Society (“FUS”) renovation. Mr. Tim Roehl and Mr. Ed Kodet presented plans on behalf of FUS regarding proposed plans to renovate the interior of the building, and exterior property. Most of the interior work will address heating and air conditioning issues. It was noted that variances have been approved by the City to (a) reduce the minimum front yard requirement adjacent to Mount Curve Avenue from 20 feet to 9.5 feet to allow a canopy/pergola, to 1.75 feet to allow a decorative

wall addition, and to 14.75 feet to allow a trash enclosure; and (b) reduce the minimum interior side yard requirement adjacent to the west lot line to allow a walkway from 12 feet to 2.5 feet.

The outside proposed renovations include redoing the front canopy, adding a handicap ramp in the rear of the building, enclosing the area for solid waste on the northwest side of the building. They have also proposed to widen the sidewalk adjacent to the property at 910 Mount Curve from 4 to 6 feet wide.

Architect Ed Kodet explained that the First Unitarian Building is a mid century modern building and needs to be upgraded. It has a facade on Groveland terrace and Mount Curve.

A variance was needed for the canopy/trellis work, redoing the facade to duplicate some of the original 1950’s concrete and wing wall, and building of an enclosure trash bins and storage. Another variance was needed to widen the sidewalk on the west side to 6 feet, extend the sidewalk, create a surmountable curb on the west edge of the property close to the neighbors at 910 Mt. Curve to allow trash collection at that point, rather than in front of the building as is current practice. Mr. Kodet explained that 6 feet is the normal width of a city sidewalk. Redoing the sidewalk would also allow reworking of the drainage system. Landscaping has been proposed as part of the project.

John Getsinger and Kathy Powell, owners of the adjacent property at 910 Mt. Curve, explained their reasons for filing an appeal of the granting of the variances to the First Unitarian Society. Their main objection to the variances was the surmountable curb and the site of garbage pick-up that would occur because of this curb. This would result in dumpsters and garbage containers being rolled to the curb, and garbage trucks emptying the containers in close proximity to their family and sleeping rooms at 5:30 AM three times per week.

Following discussions between the two parties an agreement was reached in which Mr. Getsinger agreed to drop his appeal of the granting of the variances if the church agreed it would not include a surmountable curb at the end of the sidewalk it is proposing. That will mean the garbage trucks will continue to stop in front of the front door of the church at the existing surmountable curb, instead of next to the corner of the Getsinger/Powell property. The appeal will be dropped once the church’s revised plans have been submitted to the City Council.

LHNA had previously written a letter to Council Member Goodman in support of the Getsinger appeal.

Clint Connor made a motion that LHNA submit a letter to Council Member Goodman stating that it withdraws its support of the appeal if the design proposed by the FUS is amended to remove the surmountable curb at the end of the proposed 6-foot sidewalk. Scott Shaffer seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.

Burch and Bradstreet- Julie Casey city inspector in charge of liquor license establishments conversed with Clint Connor. She observed Burch and did not witness any problems. Third precinct general license inspector conversed with Connor and stated that the restaurant had contracted with a new valet service. The congestion with delivery trucks appears to have improved. There appear to be more valets- witness less double parking. Casey says to call 911 if vehicles are double-parked.

1774 Girard- The building has been torn down and construction of new home is underway.

2101- Irving Avenue South Variance approved by the City to allow development on or within 40 feet of the top of a steep slope in the SH Shoreland Overlay District to replace an existing retaining wall.

1907 Dupont - Variance approved by the City to (a)

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KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Shawn Smith

September 2016 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met September 12th, 2016 at the Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Treasurer Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Mark Brown, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Absent: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Mike Bono, Josine Peters. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Dee Montgomery (Heritage Coalition).

Opening Activities

Shawn moved for approval of the agenda, with the addition of Dee Montgomery’s topic, and it was approved unanimously.

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa will be September 28th at Opus Hall. The topic is still being determined. Lisa is always open to suggestions for topics for Lunch with Lisa, please contact her office with ideas.

Hennepin/Lyndale construction is still on schedule to be finished this fall. Hennepin northbound will be

open in the coming weeks.

The local government channels are changing as follows: Comcast HD will be 799, and Standard Definition will be 14. Century Link HD will be 8501, and standard definition will be 8001, Multilingual HD will be 8502, and standard definition multilingual will be 8002.

November 8th election early voting starts September 23rd. There are 4 early voting locations in Minneapolis, please see the city website for more details. Shawn Smith stated that the voting period was starting very early considering the first Presidential Debate is not until September 28th.

Historic Marker Restoration Project – Dee Montgomery

The centennial marker commemorating the establishment of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation will be restored. The original boundary of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation included areas of Kenwood, and the marker that is being replaced is located on the southeast edge of Lake of the Isles. The Heritage Commission has its own funds; tax dollars will not be

used.

The board advised Dee to consult with Native Americans to ensure that any concerns regarding the history and commemoration of Fort Snelling were heard.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Jeanette Colby, Shawn Smith

KIAA is pushing for clarification and information with the warning bell and mitigation strategy at the 21st St crossing. KIAA has requested involvement from Commissioner Marion Greene and expressed the need for her support on this issue with the Southwest Project Office. There are concerns over the volume of the proposed wayside bell.

The Section 106 process is continuing now that the Memorandum of Understanding is executed. This pertains to mitigation strategies for Grand Rounds eg landscaping, retaining walls, shoreline treatments, etc.

Downtown Kenwood Parking Issue – Jeanette Colby

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

CIDNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 14, 2016

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Lowell Berggren, Stephen Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, James Reid, Karen Stublaski, Amanda Vallone, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

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

Announcements

The 2016 Minneapolis Housing Resource Guide is available at minneapolismn.gov/inspections/resources.

Organics recycling training sessions: Tuesday, September 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave S and Thursday, October 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Windom Park Northeast, 2251 Hayes St. For more information, minneapolismn.gov/organics.

Minneapolis is developing a Zero Waste Plan. All are invited to input sessions outlined below. More information and to RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2bfvSAw>.

Multi-unit residential (5+ units): Thursday, September 22, 8:30-11:45 a.m. at Sabathani Community Center, 310 38th St E.

Commercial: Wednesday, September 28, 8:30 a.m. – Noon at Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Ave.

Residential (1-4 unit): Tuesday, October 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Minneapolis Urban League, 2100 Plymouth Ave N.

Home Energy Squad visits are offered for \$70 (free for income-qualified residents). The price goes up to \$100 in 2017. To schedule: mncee.org/hes-mpls.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser will not be held this fall.

Board Survey, Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) NCR is conducting a survey to collect demographic information about volunteers serving on neighborhood boards.

NRP/CPP Report, Claire Ruebeck

Claire Ruebeck presented a tool that the NRP Committee developed to help the board evaluate projects that may be eligible for Park Dedication Fees within the neighborhood.

The application for the 2017-19 Community Participation Program (CPP) is due on November 18. The board will review the application prior to submission.

The final gardening day of the season is Saturday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Park Siding Park.

NCR is planning a training session on Best Practices for Connecting with Renters on Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m. (location to be determined).

Calhoun-Harriet Trail and Access Improvements Project, Dan Elias, Park Board

The Park Board is working on plans to implement short-term priorities identified in the Calhoun-Harriet Master Plan. Priorities include trail rehabilitation, access improvements and bike/ped improvements at two areas of congestion. Open Houses are: Tuesday, October 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead, 3900 Bryant Ave

S to review analysis and concepts and Wednesday, November 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Lyndale Farmstead to review preferred concepts.

For more information, go to minneapolisparcs.org/currentprojects.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa is Wednesday, September 28, Noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall. The topic is community solar.

Channel 79 will no longer carry government access programming. Meetings will be broadcast on Comcast channels 14, 799, and 859 and on CenturyLink channels 8001,8002, 8501, and 8502.

Early voting for the November 8th election begins on September 23. Details at vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters.

Election judges are needed for the general election. For more information, vote.minneapolismn.gov/judges.

The City reports that there were 31 accidents in the Lake Street/Dean Pkwy vicinity in the past three years. The City tracks the top 100 intersections with the most crashes; Lake/Dean is #77 on the list.

Cedar Lake South Beach, Michael Schroeder, Park Board

Michael Schroeder attended the meeting to discuss options to implement the improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach in 2017. CIDNA has \$375,000 of Park Dedication Fees that could be used to fund eligible improvements. The opportunity exists to get the South Beach project added to the Park Board's 2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) if CIDNA recommends using Park Dedication Fee funds. The CIP budget will be approved by the Park Board in mid-October.

The board discussed the use of the Park Dedication Fee for South Beach by applying the evaluation tool developed by the NRP Committee and found that the project meets the guidelines.

The CIDNA Board will vote on a resolution to support the project using Park Dedication Fees at the October meeting.

Fall Festival, Elaine May

The Fall Festival is Sunday, October 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Park Siding Park. Volunteers are needed; contact info@cidna.org to help.

Art Mart

Amanda Vallone is exploring date options for Art Mart. Details will be presented at next month's meeting.

Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry/Richard Logan

The 9/8-21/16 issue of the Southwest Journal featured an article about pedestrian safety.

West Calhoun Neighborhood Council committed 50% of their NRP Phase II funds to safety initiatives.

The safety coordinator for the MN Safety Council will work with the committee on educational programming and best practices.

Land Use Committee

Mediation between The Loop Calhoun and the Trammell Crow contractors has been delayed until January 2017. The Land Use Committee will be discussing any follow-up action to the board's resolution passed in July 2016.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Progressive Dinner fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 18. Registration is \$45 (\$35 for members) at midtowngreenway.org.

Transportation Committee, Craig Westgate

The Met Council bypassed state funding and secured local funding to meet the federal deadline to keep the project moving forward.

New Business

Minneapolis is conducting bike/ped counts at 100 intersections in the city including two locations in CIDNA (Cedar Lake Pkwy/Kenilworth and Dean Pkwy/Lake of the Isles Pkwy)

Open Streets is seeking suggested routes for 2017; go to openstreetsmpls.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence.

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

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1721 West Lake Street: new condominium project
2519 Lake Place: new home on vacant lot

Goals for the coming year:

Influence proposed development

Less home tear downs and encourage renovation

Encourage city officials to extend the Uptown Small Area Plan to Franklin and Hennepin and uphold the guidelines of both the Plan and the Shoreland Overlay District Ordinance.

Promote sustainable buildings with energy use below the energy code minimum requirements and promote best practice control of site water use and storm water runoff.

Find speakers to make presentations at our meetings who will educate participants.

Parks Committee (Harvey was unable to attend so he sent a report)

Park Amenities

Lake of the Isles Regional Park

The Mall

JoAnn Levin – Triangle Park

Smith Triangle

Projects (Completed)

Planting of (12) trees along the Mid Town Greenway (NRP Funding)

Minneapolis Park Board plants (12) trees to fill "gaps" along The Mall.

Minneapolis Park Board plants (8) new trees along three boulevards surrounding JoAnne Levin-Triangle Park. Originally part of 2012 park renovation project.

Minneapolis Park Board delivers (3) picnic tables to JoAnn Levin-Triangle Park. Originally part of 2012 park renovation project.

Uptown Business Association approves funding for (1) new park bench along The Mall (2015-2016)

People for Parks approves funding in the amount of \$3,000 for installation of a chess table/tables along The Mall (2016)

Projects (In Process)

Awaiting final approval from Minneapolis Park Board for purchase and installation of (9) new decorative wrought iron benches along the Mall (NRP funding)

Identify location/s for installation of chess table/s along The Mall (People for Parks funding)

Consider deep-root injection of classic Elm in center of JoAnne Levin-Triangle Park to reduce possibility of infection from Dutch Elm disease.

Projects (Approved by MPRB [Jon Rabel])

Minneapolis Park Board to plant several additional boulevard trees as well as several new trees within JoAnn Levin Triangle Park.

Minneapolis Park Board to plant flowers along perimeters of playground and in front of Triangle Park

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sign.

Various Projects Under Consideration / Review

Smith Park Renovation Project (MPRB Funding) - 2020/2021 \$220,500

Walker Library Park/The Mall (New) (MPRB Funding) - 2021 \$347,500

Viewing Dock: East Shoreline at Lake of the Isles
Planting of flowers within concrete median between W Lake Street and The Mall on East Calhoun Pkwy.

Replace Lake of the Isles Warming house (Parks Foundation committee in place)

Additional Funding Sources

NRP Parks Allocation Fund

Minneapolis Park Board - Park Dedication Fees (\$85,000 approximate)

Social Committee, Chair, Amy Sanborn

Accomplishments in the past year

Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 10/28/15

Ice Skating Party, 1/24/16, Organized party with three other neighborhoods

Annual Member Meeting

Planned, set-up, provided food & drinks, clean-up

Ice Cream Social, 400 people, 7/28/16

Uptown Art Fair, 8/5/16

Organized EIRA volunteers to staff a pop booth, 10% of sales donated to EIRA.

Goals for next year.

Same as last year

New members recruited

Transportation committee, Chair, Peter Mason

Identify opportunities for input/advocacy of East Isles neighborhood concerns and issues associated with:

- Traffic (including Traffic Volumes/congestion)
- Speeds
- Parking programs for residents and businesses
- Safety improvements (e.g. redesigns, re-routes including changes in one/two way direction, over underpasses)
- Alternative modes including transit, bicycling, and walking
- ADA and senior accessibility including snow and ice removal
- Sidewalks
- Streetscapes
- Alleyways
- Street furniture and streetscape beautification (e.g. graffiti identification, public artwork around utility boxes, billboards)

What your committee has accomplished in the past year

- 311 Walking tours
- AdoptAGreenway (Greenway cleanup)

What you hope your committee will accomplish in the next year

- NRP – Mall ideas integrated with ped/bike safety
- More aggressive traffic calming (bulbouts, chicanes not ½ measures like speed humps – North side)
- #6 Express Bus stop at ~ 25th/Hennepin

Outreach & Nominations Committee, Chair, Nancy Johnston

Activities:

Creation of recruitment materials for board members, EIRA membership, & annual meeting (April 12, 2016)

Advertising in Hill & Lake Press, EIRA Newsletter, businesses and rental buildings, personal contacts

Contact of current board members re end of term, resignation, or re-election

Recruitment of new board members and alternates, information re EIRA and board members' roles/responsibilities to potential candidates

Annual meeting: notification to membership, preparation of ballots, election, recognition of departing board members

Assisting with membership table at annual Ice Cream Social, July 28, 2016

Outcomes:

Election of 11 board members and 1 alternate

New members recruited, donations collected at annual meeting and Ice Cream Social

Future goals:

Continue recruitment of diverse membership and board members

NRP Committee, Chair, Mike Erlandson

The EIRA Board also had conversations at their monthly meetings regarding NRP. The Committee Chair and members of the Committee held a field meeting with Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb and Park Board staff member Lisa Beck in June on The Mall. The new Committee Chair met with City staff overseeing NRP funds, Jack Whitehurst and Robert Thompson.

EIRA 2016 Accomplishments

The Committee has spent the last year reviewing possible opportunities for putting EIRA-NRP funds to use in the neighborhood. The conversations have cen-

tered on enhancements to The Mall and a number of smaller items to improve the neighborhood.

EIRA 2017 NRP Committee Goals

The Committee plans to narrow the list of priority projects and allocate NRP funds in the next year. The focused will be on using the funds to help create a sense of community, enhance public safety and improve the general quality of the neighborhood for all residents.

Discussion on committee guidelines and policy:

According to the EIRA by-laws, a committee must formally meet at least 1x a year in order to continue as a committee.

It was suggested, all correspondence, newspaper articles etc with the EIRA name on it must first be brought to the Committee members and approved. Then the Board of Directors must approve the correspondence.

All financial decisions and purchases must first be approved by the committee members and then the EIRA Board of Directors.

Ward 7 report

Council Member Goodman updates:

No Lunch with Lisa in August

The sidewalk replacement in East Isles is not going to take place until 2017. The City plans to send out a letter to residents explaining the delay.

The City workers will not cut the tree roots in the sidewalk in order for the sidewalk to be even. Hurts the trees.

October meeting falls on Yom Kippur so it will be rescheduled to another date. See September board meeting minutes for the date.

Hennepin/Lyndale construction update: almost done!

Submitted by: Donna Sanders, EIRA Neighborhood Coordinator

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volunteers put in 136 hours of work at typical gardening tasks, such as planting, weeding and pruning. Of those, I put in 81 hours and Suzanne 35.

What is the history of Thomas Lowry Park? I wrote three articles for the Hill and Lake Press on this history. Readers could consult the online archive (<http://www.hillandlakepress.com/issues.htm>) if they are interested, linking to the January, February and June 2012 issues. But the short version is that the present park was conceived and completed in the early 1920s, with Theodore Wirth overseeing construction. It included the construction of Seven Pools (which remains unique to the entire system), the pergola and landscaping. It was renovated, using Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds, in 1997. Since then an irrigation system was installed in late summer 2010 and more beds developed, again using predominately NRP funds.

What does Thomas Lowry Park need? We are all impressed when we see substantial plantings at the Arboretum. And it is tempting to keep adding to those at TLP. But that necessitates even more routine maintenance, while the number of volunteers in TLP has decreased. So what we really need are more volunteers.

What is your hope for its future? Well, I could hope that the Minneapolis Park Board would hire more help, particularly those who would garden, but that would be inconsistent with its recent direction. I could hope that volunteers would come forward, but efforts over several years have produced few.

What is needed most? One grave concern is Seven Pools. When the Park Board proposed to close it a decade ago because of its design (it used fresh water, which was disposed of in the sewer), the neighborhood responded by funding water usage; a recirculating pump was installed the following year. Seven Pools itself is more than 90 years old. It leaks—at lot. I have heard talk than it needs to be completely redone, probably for big bucks. I don't know whether the Park Board has the stomach for that. Is it possible that it will simply be torn out? My hope is not—it is Theodore Wirth's legacy.

How can residents help? It would be tempting to say, "Volunteer," but that would be delusional. One solution might be to privately hire a landscaping service for the park through public donations. That has been done on an occasional basis by the Friends of TLP.

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Parking continues to be an issue where patrons are parking too close to the alley, blocking driveways, too close to stop signs, etc

KIAA will continue to explore signing solutions – parking is allowed at the Kenwood School when school is not in session.

East Cedar Lake Beach Committee (ECLB) Report – Matt Spies

Increasing neighborhood programming at the beach remains a KIAA focus. It is part of the overall strategy to reduce crime and improve public safety.

Matt reported that 35 kids came to the Play Space "pop up playground" and the strategy was successful. The board approved a \$25 increase to the funding to cover extra expenses.

Neighborhood Priority Plan and Budget – Jeanette Colby, Matt Spies

Jeanette reiterated the need to work on the Priority Plan Strategy, which will include a neighborhood engagement survey to identify the priorities for KIAA spending. Mike Bono, Matt, and Mark Brown will work on the subcommittee. The CPP application is due November 10.

The Finance Committee will identify the threshold amount to have in savings to ensure there is sufficient cash flow while more readily identifying opportunities to spend improvement funds to benefit Kenwood. The board's intent is to ensure available funds are spent for

the betterment of Kenwood.

New Business/Action Taken Between Meetings - All

The 2016 Minneapolis Housing Resource Guide is published. This is a resource for associations and homeowners. www.minneapolismn.gov.

A motion was approved to reimburse Deb Gilroy for \$100 for the expenses related to placing a bench for former board member Jim Gilroy.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:50 p.m.

Updates: If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at kiaa55405@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, October 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

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A handwritten memo in Park Board files from December 1969 summarizes the prior history of the property, including a notation that "Marve Giving has cleared it [the Alcott Triangle property] for as long as he can remember." Leone surmises that 1969 "may have been when we actually did something with the land (started mowing it, or put some trees or benches on it). I haven't found anything in our files relative to the acceptance, transfer, or legal conveyance [of the property] from that era."

Obscure no longer because of its beautiful new sign, Alcott Triangle now has a name which everyone knows and occupies a place of pride in the neighborhood. West 29th Street residents Art and Lori Bartels summed up the feelings of everyone at the September 13 celebration. "We enjoyed meeting many of our neighbors at the Alcott Triangle ceremony," they said. "Thanks to the Park Board and the CIDNA board for your 'place-making' work in getting today's Alcott Triangle recognized and connected to its history."

(Editor's note: David C. Smith's histories of all 37 MPRB triangles can be found at minneapolisparks.org. Type "Triangles" into the search bar, then click on "Triangles & Other Tiny Parks.")

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increase the maximum allowed size of a detached accessory dwelling unit and garage from 1,000 square feet to 1,264 square feet; and (b) reduce the minimum 3 foot setback requirement of a detached accessory dwelling unit adjacent to interior and rear lot lines to 2.1 foot adjacent to the east lot line and to 2.1 feet adjacent to the north lot line.

1610 West Franklin - Variance approved by the City to (a) reduce the minimum front yard requirement adjacent to Franklin Avenue West from 20 feet to 0 feet to allow a roof deck and stairs; and (b) to increase the maximum lot coverage and maximum amount of impervious surface by 30 square feet to allow the stair/landing addition.

Environment

Barry Lazarus, President of Friends of Thomas Lowry Park, presented information on irrigation and pavers. The group has received approval to irrigate the entire park. Carefree Lawn, the approved irrigator, has provided cost estimates for expansion of the system at \$2,790. In addition they provided estimates for monitoring and maintenance of the system at \$180 per week during the sprinkler season.

Do not know whether pavers need approval from the city. There has been a modest sum requested for pavers, but it is dependent upon park board approval. Cost of complete replacement of the pavers is enormous, and there is not enough money to do it. They have received complaints from senior residents about cracks and unevenness. Mr. Lazarus stated that they have received a masonry bid for replacement of 92 cracked pavers at a cost of \$1,840. The park board may want their contractor to do the work. Mr. Lazarus does not know yet whether park board needs to approve contract.

Sarah Janecek moved and Clint Connor seconded a motion that LHNA authorize up to \$3,000 to enlarge the irrigation system for Thomas Lowry Park. The motion passed unanimously. It was agreed to table discussions of funding for monitoring of irrigation and paver replacement to a later date.

Crime and Safety

Joyce Murphy presented a concern. She heard that a neighbor's pit bulls had broken through a fence and attacked a neighbor's dog 3 times. The Board confirmed that it had no authority to take action at this time, but that anyone who has firsthand experience with such a situation should call animal control.

The Crime and Safety committee had nothing to report. Mr. Hallaway suggested that the group continue

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If you have a back porch/yard lights, we encourage you to leave those on as well. Light is a BIG deterrent to criminals. It will not cost you more than a few dollars increase in your monthly electric bill.

Some other tips we encourage are as follows:

- **Get to know your neighbors** and watch out for each other.
- **CALL 911** if you see suspicious persons or activity – **this is what 911 is for;** don't hesitate, make the call. **Report ALL crimes immediately to 911.**
- **Be informed,** sign up to receive official Minneapolis Police Department crime reports online at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crimealert/

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

Gardening Volunteers are needed for Thomas Lowry Park on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon!

Meet at Douglas Ave S. (corner of Colfax & Douglas). Bring your yourself and your favorite gardening tools & gloves if you have them.

Lowry Hill Needs Crime & Safety Block Leaders

About half of our neighborhood blocks are leaderless. Visit lowryhillneighborhood.org to see the block leader map and learn more about what block leaders do.

The next LHNA Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 4th!
7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.



Visit the LHNA website for more information,
our event calendar and sign up for the monthly eNews letter
at lowryhillneighborhood.org

Cabin Dreams

By Madeleine Lowry

Why do people like cabins? This is a topic my husband and I have debated for many years.

Phil is a native Minnesotan. He was raised with a cabin mentality. His parents favored pristine wilderness and built a cabin in Canada more than seven hours away, accessible only by boat. I've been there. I enjoyed the nature, the quiet, the canoeing, the spectacles (loons, lightning), the short-term deprivations (outhouse, lack of electricity/running water/roads). Being a guest once in a while was nice, but I didn't want to own one.

I am from the East Coast where owning one abode is financially-demanding enough. Plus, I don't feel the need to clean, stock and maintain a second house. We like to travel in the summer. And when we aren't traveling, we like being in the city on weekends. Our friends are here. Our kids' friends are here. The weather is good. We have walking paths, biking trails and kayak-able water in our neighborhood. Who needs a cabin?

We went cabin hunting for half a day about a dozen years ago. The realtor zipped us around rural Wisconsin showing us "must have" cabins on prime boating lakes. I wandered through them thinking, "What do people do here?" The answers suggested themselves by the presence of motorboats, pole barns, ample lawns and satellite dishes. Why would we drive several hours to watch cable TV when we don't even have it at home?

We finally settled on a half-share in a condo at Lutsen Resort, five hours to the north. This settled the matter for more than ten years. We love the proximity to hiking, biking, cross-country and downhill skiing. Then there are all the resort amenities including fly-fishing lessons, sea kayaking classes, evening craft activities, kids activities, live music on weekend evenings, naturalist programs, golf, swimming and special event dinners. Grand Marais is a short drive away and offers its own quirky delights. Plus, the view from our deck is a lake the size of an ocean.

This is the "cabin" our kids have known for most of their formative years. We have enjoyed hosting friends and family there. I love the fact that housekeeping cleans before we arrive and after we leave. I never have to worry

if the sheets are clean or if there is toilet paper in the bathrooms. And if there is a malfunction while we are there, big or small, I lift the phone receiver and call for maintenance—the perfect solution for two people who are not handy in the least.

And yet, the question of a cabin is rising again. Wouldn't it be nice to have a place closer by that we could go to for one or two nights at a time? A place on a lake where we could swim and kayak? Near trails where we can hike and bike? A modern cabin with a small footprint that wouldn't require much upkeep? A place we wouldn't have to reserve six months in advance?

We tested out the theory by renting a cabin for Labor Day weekend. It was a mere two-hour drive. We stayed in a log cabin on a quiet lake in a woody area. We hung out on the dock and swam. We listened to loons and explored by paddling around. We drove down quiet country roads and poked around quaint Wisconsin towns. We grilled our food over real charcoal and ate our meals al fresco, which seemed to make everything tastier. We reclined in hammocks and read, wrote in our journals and listened to my youngest tap out songs on an electric keyboard for hours. It was fun. It was relaxing.

I think I might want to do it again.



Photo by Dorothy Childers
Council Member Lisa Goodman held her annual party at the beautiful contemporary Cedar Lake home of Gloria and Fred Sewell on August 24. Enjoying the lovely evening are from left, Patrick Sadler, Doug Kress, Lisa Goodman, and Douglas Gardner.

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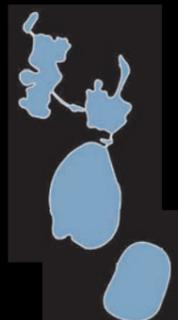


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to search for block leaders and that someone write an article re: block leaders to be published in the Hill and Lake Press.

Communications

The LHNA agreed that this month's ad in the Hill and Lake press should include recruitment for Thomas Lowry park volunteers and for crime and safety block leaders.

Neighborhood Priorities

Irrigation of the Hennepin/Douglas median and improvements to Thomas Lowry Park were discussed. Mr. Hallaway reported that he had contacted Robert Thompson, Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, regarding projects to be conduct-

ed and the mechanism for transferring funds. An individual from the city will probably attend the next meeting to provide information to the Board.

Mr. Hallaway brought up the need to review and update the LHNA By-Laws. Specifically, the requirement that the Secretary maintain a register of the names and addresses of all members of the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association is onerous and not manageable. Also, can the Board vote on issues via e-mail in lieu of having a physical meeting. Mr. Conner will research whether email voting is an acceptable form of voting on a resolution.

Dates for future meetings are as follows:

2016: October 4, November 1, December 6

2017: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6

There was no new business.

Jimmy Fogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clint Connor seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



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