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Petition to rename Lake Calhoun gathers signatures, moves toward County Board vote

By Michael Wilson

The campaign to change the name of Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska continues to move along, with an August 7 deadline coming up for submitting signatures to the petition calling for the name change. On August 8 Park Board staff will deliver the petition and all signatures received to the Hennepin County Auditor's office for the next stage on its journey.

The campaign has already aroused heated opposition and support, which will no doubt intensify as more people become aware of the impending County Board hearing and vote on the petition, which will most likely occur in late September or early October, according to County Auditor Mark Chapin.

Opponents and proponents both agree on the importance of language, but on little else. Opponents speak of “scrapping” or “expunging” the name Lake Calhoun. Proponents speak of “restoring” the name Bde Maka Ska. Many people are struggling with that most Minnesotan of values: what's fair to all concerned? And still others are not yet really aware that if the petitioners have their way, the name Lake Calhoun will vanish from signs around the lake, from maps, and from all printed and online materials that refer to this particular body of water.

To view the petition, go to <minneapolisparcs.org> and type “petition” into the search bar in the upper right corner.

An outgrowth of the Master Plan CAC.

The campaign to rename Lake Calhoun is an outgrowth of the work of the Park Board's Community Advisory Committee (CAC), which began meeting in July 2015 to update the long-range Master Plan for Lake Calhoun Park and Lake Harriet Park. Several members asked for the formation of a Racial Equity Subcommittee. In addition to developing ways to recognize and integrate the history of Native peoples into the fabric of Lake Calhoun Park, the subcommittee also presented a major goal of eliminating the Lake Calhoun name and replacing it with Bde Maka Ska. (Disclosure: I was a member of the CAC.)

At the Park Board's regular meeting on September 2, 2015, Commissioner Brad Bourn moved: “Be it resolved that it is the position of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board to oppose the concept of naming a Park in Minneapolis after Vice President John C. Calhoun, and add the removal of John C. Calhoun's name from the lake to our Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Agenda.” Bourn's motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Annie Young then moved: “That the Board add Bde Maka Ska to the Brown Signs surrounding Lake Calhoun.” Young stated that the new dual-name signs were intended to honor the Dakota people and educate the public about the lake's Dakota name. Young's motion was seconded and passed 6-0, with one abstention and two absences. The dual name appeared on the seven brown Lake Calhoun park entry signs on October 1.

At the final CAC meeting in May 2016, a majority of the members voted to adopt the resolution calling for



Photo illustration: Len Goodman. Caption: Michael Wilson.

Racial equity activists hope to eliminate the name Lake Calhoun, leaving the seven brown entry signs around the lake with only the name Bde Maka Ska.

the name change. Three members voted to oppose adoption. Adoption of a dual name was never presented to the CAC members as an alternative.

The draft Master Plan came before the Park Board at its May 3, 2017, regular meeting and was approved on a 6-0 vote, with three absences. The Board went on record, as the MPRB website states, as “advocating for the name restoration in ‘all appropriate fora (forums) including the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.”

One long-time Park Board observer who asked not to be named points out the many heated, sometimes stormy Park Board meetings during 2016 when groups of racial equity protesters denounced the Park Board and also the fact that this year all nine seats will be on the November ballot. Regardless of whatever their personal feelings might be about the name change, the observer notes, commissioners had little option but to concur with the name-change resolution on May 3.

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DIGITIZATION OF OLD HLP ISSUES IS WELL UNDERWAY

By Michael Wilson

Hennepin County Library archivists have begun digitizing all 450 issues of Hill & Lake Press, according to Ted Hathaway, senior librarian and head of the James K. Hosmer Special Collections department at the downtown Minneapolis library.

The digitization project is an outgrowth of HLP's 40th anniversary and retrospective celebrations last year. Those events sparked renewed appreciation for the richness, depth, and quality of coverage HLP has provided for the Lowry Hill, Kenwood, East Isles, and Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhoods since Volume 1/Issue 1 in March 1976.

The Special Collections department has added photos from the ECCO News and past issues of The Wedge to its Digital Collections platform and will continue on to other neighborhood papers after the HLP project is complete, Hathaway says. Unlike the defunct ECCO News, Wedge, and numerous other neighborhood papers, however, Hill & Lake Press still continues its robust coverage of the people, events, and issues of its four neighborhoods.

Egosurfing allowed.

When complete, the HLP collection will be text-searchable, meaning you can type any topic, place name, or person name — even your own! — into the search bar, and through the magic of OCR, or optical character recognition, every occurrence of your search term will be highlighted in yellow or neon orange. Pretty cool.

At an average of perhaps 18 pages over about 450 issues, the HLP Collection will comprise 8100 pages of sterling reportage — a far cry from the millions of pages spanning 150 years recently released online by the StarTribune and its predecessor newspapers. But HLP is our newspaper, bearing testimony to the extraordinary commitment of volunteer time, energy, and talent of its writers and editors over the past 41 years since 1976.

Stay tuned for more news on the project and the gala celebration we'll hold when it's complete.

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Saturday, July 22

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

July 22, Park Siding Gardening

July 27, 6pm East Isles Ice Cream Social

August 3, Evenings at the Bakken

AUGUST 4-6 54th ANNUAL UPTOWN ART

FAIR Minnesota's largest art fair will celebrate its 54th year in style with Barbie-inspired photography, charitable partners, world-renowned art, and more.

Aug. 12, 10am Thomas Lowry Park Gardening

August 19 SocialTour de Fat

October 26, Hennepin Lake wine tasting at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

Gardening Volunteers Wanted to Help with Thomas Lowry Park (From the LHNA Communications Committee)

At the Lowry Hill ice cream social, we heard there haven't been any volunteers to help with gardening upkeep at Thomas Lowry Park. :(

Anyone interested? Or know any Master Gardeners looking for community service hours?

Here's the details! Please spread the word and/or consider helping. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thomas Lowry Park, with its lovely trees, plantings and Seven Pools is our neighborhood treasure. We are looking for volunteers to help keep it beautiful!

Volunteer dates - we need you!

2nd Saturdays May through October: August 12th, 10am-12 noon; September 9th, 10am-12 noon; October 14th, 10am-12 noon.

Where: Meet at Thomas Lowry Park, 900 Douglas Ave South, corner of Colfax and Douglas.

What to bring: gardening gloves and your favorite gardening tools. Don't have tools? That's okay, come join us, you'll still be useful!

Thank you, Jean and Guy Johnson, for your generous contribution to Hill and Lake Press.

LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Thomas Lowry Park is the perfect setting for a summer ice cream social. It was formerly known as Seven Pools Park, named for the seven pools, each cascading from one pool into the next one below. Along with the ancient climbing tree, an ideal destination to enjoy a treat of ice cream donated by Sebastian Joe's. The event was successful as a large crowd including children, families, and pets enjoyed ice cream treats dispensed by LHNA board members.



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Lake Calhoun Beach, then and Now



Photo: Minnesota Reflections, MPRB Collection)

Lake Street Beach at Lake Calhoun from 1915 or so showing thousands of people using the beach.



Photo by Michael Wilson

Lake Street Beach at Lake Calhoun taken on Saturday with the temp in the 90s, showing a few score people using the beach.

Lake Calhoun beach, then as now, a great place to cool off on a hot day

By Michael Wilson

Whether at Lake Calhoun's Lake Street or Thomas Avenue beaches or at Cedar Lake's South Beach or East Beach, a dip in the cool waters is a great way to beat the heat on a hot Minnesota day. About 40 folks did just that at Lake Calhoun's Lake Street Beach on Saturday, July 15, when temps climbed into the muggy 90s.

A hundred years ago this same spot saw many hundreds of bathers and spectators, drawn in those pre-air-conditioning days by the diving platforms, the excitement of the crowds, and the Xanadu-like Calhoun Bathhouse, built in 1912 and still standing into the 1980s.

Your Legal Rights: Internet and Television Service Bait and Switch

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

Most people want the best rate they can get for internet or cable television or satellite television service. Some providers offer aggressive promotions that claim to save you money. But watch out, as these providers may try a "bait and switch" scheme that causes you not to receive the promised rate.

What Is a "Bait and Switch" Scheme and How Does It Work?

"Bait and switch" is a fraudulent sales tactic. Some internet and television providers use a version of "bait and switch" to get people to buy their services. These companies "bait" consumers by advertising promotional rates that promise to save consumers money. When consumers purchase the service, the companies then "switch" to a more expensive rate. The first-time consumers may learn of the "switch" is when they receive their bill from the new company.

Tips to Avoid Being a Victim of "Bait and Switch:"

Ask for all details about the promotion the company is actually offering. Before you buy, ask about the following and take good notes of the company's responses. Better yet, get it in writing. Ask the company to clearly disclose:

- All rules and exceptions. Some companies offer promotions that come with dozens of complex rules and exceptions. Ask the company if the quoted price requires you to agree to any additional terms, or if there are any exceptions that might cause you to not receive the promised rate.

- The total monthly price. Some quoted prices come with a series of additional fees that significantly increase the amount you will pay. In addition to confirming the base product price, be sure to ask about all additional fees the company will charge that will boost the price you will pay. Ask the company to tell you the total monthly price you will pay.

- The length of the promotion. Some low "teaser" rates are designed to get you to sign up but end after a short time. Ask the company how long the promised price will last.

- The rate after any promotion expires. Some companies give people initial "promotional" rates to get the customer in the door but increase their prices by large amounts after the promotion expires. Ask if a promo-



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Don Holzschuh, of Minneapolis, painting a majestic oak at the South end of Lake of the Isles. He paints on location and has exhibited in the United States and Europe. His work has been shown locally at Flanders and Opening Night. For more information and to see more of his work, go to donholzschuhartist.

tional rate applies, and if so, ask what rate you'll have to pay once the promotional rate expires.

- Early cancellation penalties. Some companies charge people cancellation penalties for ending service, even to consumers who do not sign a contract. Ask whether you may cancel the service at any time without penalty. If there is a penalty, ask how much it is and how long it applies.

Get the offer in writing. A reputable company should be willing to send you an email, letter, or text message putting its promises in writing. Be wary of companies that will not put their offers in writing. If the company tells you it will provide the information after you purchase the product, make sure that the company actually sends you this information.

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LETTER

Petition to rename Lake

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What comes next?

The process for naming or renaming bodies of water is addressed in Minnesota Statutes by Chapter 83A: State Geographic Features. Chapter 83A can be found at <revisor.mn.gov>. Type “83A” (without the quotes) in the “Retrieve by number” box on the left, under the picture of the Capitol.

After receiving the signed petitions from the Park Board during the week of August 7, the County Auditor’s office will verify that at least 15 of the signers are legal voters in Hennepin County. Once that determination has been made, the petition goes to the County Board, which must develop and pass an Order setting the time and date for a hearing on the petition. The hearing must be held at least 30 days after the date the Board passes the Order. Notice of the hearing must be published for at least three weeks in the county’s newspaper of record, Finance & Commerce.

As indicated above, according to County Auditor Mark Chapin, the various steps needed to schedule and hold a public hearing mean that the hearing on the name-change petition will probably not happen until late September or early October.

According to Statute, “At the hearing, legal voters of the county and municipalities may appear, by attorney or in person, and file an answer to the petition, stating in plain, concise language why the petition should not be granted in whole or in part, and in the answer, may ask the county board to give to the body of water a different name than the name requested in the original petition.”

After hearing public testimony, the commissioners will “make an order, by resolution, determining the name of the body of water described in the petition. The name determined by the board at the hearing is the legal name of the body of water.”

The board’s resolution along with all supporting documentation, including comments from the public by letter, email, or phone, will be forwarded to the DNR for review and approval. The DNR’s action is then forwarded to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for final review and approval.

Questions galore are being asked. Here are some answers.

What about the parkways?

As stated on the Park Board’s website, “The names of Calhoun Parkway, East Calhoun Parkway and West Calhoun Parkway will not change in the interest of public safety.” The petition addresses only the name of the body of water. Presumably unaffected also is the name Lake Calhoun Park.

What about businesses, apartment buildings, neighborhood associations, etc.?

Unaffected. Pete Boulay, DNR climatologist and Geographic Names staff, distinguishes between geographic features and civic features. State Statute addresses only the former.

Doesn’t the law require the word “lake”?

No. “I am not aware of a law such as this,” says Boulay. “It has been my policy to follow the Federal Guidelines (Principles, Policies, and Procedures, or PPP) when I can.” Boulay says that the DNR does look for some indication in the proposed name to indicate what kind of a feature it is — a mountain? grassland? body of water?

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names’ PPP states, “Geographic names typically include both specific and generic elements. The generic term (e.g., Creek, River, Cerro, Ridge, Mount, Lake, etc.) should be appropriate to the feature and consistent with terms already used and understood in the area in which the feature is located. If the proposed name does not include a generic term, or if the provided generic term appears to conflict with the type of geographic feature, the BGN staff will seek clarification.”

To view the entire PPP document, go to <geon-

I’ve read the Hill and Lakes Press since its first publication and have generally found it both informative and enjoyable to read. In the last year or so, however, there has been an editorial position, a bias, that I find greatly misguided. Michael Wilson’s article, “Dan Dailey comes home to rest in Cedar Lake Park”, is an example. I knew Dan and thought the article was a beautiful tribute to him until the totally unnecessary and frankly offensive sentence at the end of the article: “I wish he were with us today in the battle against SWLRT.” Michael does not know where Dan would have stood with regards to SWLRT. Dan was a principled person, a big thinker and always, in my experience, open-minded. He didn’t view his neighborhood more “important” than the greater community. He saw the value of the collective whole. While I have no way of knowing what Dan would have ultimately thought about SWLRT (no one does), I do know that he would have listened to and respected my opinion. I am a strong advocate for SWLRT. I think he would have wanted my reasons for the SWLRT to be known and considered. They are:

1) I have a personal love of trains and rail public transit. I admit that it is personal, though I know that I’m not alone in this passion. Mine comes in part because I’ve lived and travelled often to places where public rail lines are common: Geneva, Switzerland; Oslo, Norway; Grenoble, France; New York City. (I’ve lived in all of those cities.) I’ve also spent a lot of time in Boston and San Francisco. Cities with rail public

ames.usgs.gov/domestic/>. Click on “Principles, Policies, and Procedures” in the column on the left.

Does the County Board have to vote only ‘yes’ or ‘no’?

The DNR’s Boulay, who works with all 87 of Minnesota’s county boards on lake naming issues, stresses that by Statute legal voters of Hennepin County will be free to propose alternative names for the feature other than the one put forth by the petitioners. The commissioners have latitude to vote for the petitioners’ name, for an alternative, or for no change at all.

Isn’t this a ‘slippery slope’? Is ‘Calhoun Parkway’ next?

There’s no move to do so at present. A group wishing to do so would have to follow an entirely different process, starting with petitioning the City Engineer. It would be a heavy lift, especially if the residents who live on or near Calhoun Parkway opposed the change.

Jason Wittenberg, manager of the Land Use, Design and Preservation division in the city’s Community Planning and Economic Development department, says that the guidelines are not clear about the process for renaming a street that is under the jurisdiction of the Park Board. “My position,” Wittenberg says, “is that, yes, the City would follow the same process but we would also consult closely with Park Board staff, who may be interested in having a process of their own.”

Will Lake Harriet become Bde Unma?

It’s possible, although there does not appear to be any move afoot at present to do so. Calhoun and Harriet are the only two major bodies of water in the City of Lakes named for early 19-century white people with minimal connections to the lakes that bear their names. Harriet Lovejoy’s husband, Gen. Henry Leavenworth, was a prominent Indian fighter. He died in 1834 while leading an expedition against the Pawnee and Comanche.

A move to rename Lake Harriet would need to follow the same procedure as the current move to rename Lake Calhoun.

Is this a ‘done deal’?

Not at all, although the eagerness of some publications to call the lake Bde Maka Ska or to put Lake Calhoun in parentheses might lead you to think so. The lake’s legal name remains Lake Calhoun.

More information to come

Watch for your August Hill & Lake Press, published on August 18, for more information, including how to express your opinions on the proposed name change.

transportation are fun to live in. They are easy to navigate. (Can you imagine London, Moscow, New York or, even, Washington, D.C. without their subways?) Minneapolis needs trail commuter transit to maintain its vitality as a city, and to continue to be a fun place to live.

2) The alternative to LRT requires roads for cars and buses. Roads, in my opinion, are an astonishingly wasteful use of land (unless a narrow single lane through the countryside). Parking lots are even worse. Go to google earth and look at the satellite photos of Minneapolis and you will see the enormous scars caused by roads and freeways across our city. These roads and parking lots also are heat traps. Their impervious surfaces cause significant water drainage and pollution problems, and they tend to be devoid of most natural life. The waste is staggering. Rail, on the other hand, has a minimal impact. If you don’t agree with me, I suggest you visit Boston and take the commuter rail lines. They are fantastic with little consumption of land.

3) Next is the general issue of aesthetics. I find roads and parking lots to be, in general, quite ugly. In this country we have become accustomed to and numb to the ugliness of our urban landscapes. I don’t think any honest person would say that 394 is beautiful, or Hennepin Avenue, or Lake Street. The sea of parking lots all over our city, the massive multi-lane roadways, the vast areas given over to concrete where the only walking one can do is from one’s car to the entrance of the mall or store, where birds and wildlife are rare and always at risk - that has become the norm. To me it is unhealthy and an assault to my sense of aesthetics. I don’t know why so many have accepted this ugly environment, but I know it can be different. I’ve lived and worked where rail is a major means of transportation, where the footprint for transit is quite minimal and where commuter lines are actually beautiful. SWLRT has that potential. It at least moves us in that direction.

4) Noise is another big problem in our city. With the airport, freeways and other major automobile roadways, we are subjected to an almost non-stop roar of noise, and it is not a beautiful or healthy noise. It is disruptive, invasive and mind-numbing. Trains make noise, too, but they are not constant and they are much quieter than the roads. I lived by the main train line between Geneva and Lausanne in Switzerland. It was quieter than Hennepin Avenue, and it probably consumed a third of the land.

5) The social value of public transportation is enormous. When people are in their cars they are isolated and have no interaction with people who are different from them. I think that is very harmful to society and the human spirit. It leads to the close-mindedness associated with those who only talk to themselves or those who think like them. Public transportation, in contrast, puts people next to strangers, the rich next to the poor, blacks, whites, Latinos, Asians, LGBTQ ... the whole community sitting or standing side by side, and I think that is good for all of us. It can open our minds and increase our acceptance of the diversity of our community. SWLRT will do that. Some people will say that other routes or other forms of transit (e.g., buses) can do the same, but I have found that trains work significantly better than buses, and that the best trains are those that go through diverse communities. The commuter rail between Darien, Connecticut and Manhattan is a great example. It unites communities that are enormously different economically and ethnically, and makes them aware of each other.

So I think that SWLRT will be good for the Cedar-Isle neighborhood and the greater metropolitan area. It may not have a significant short-term impact on our collective carbon footprint, but its beneficial impacts in every other way will be worth our investment and far outweigh any of the negatives.

John Roth, CARAG

URBAN COYOTE

SUNDAYS IN THE PARK WITH JIM

By Jim Lenfestey

I recently attended the Stephan Sondheim musical, "Sundays in the Park with George" at the Guthrie, and highly recommend it. A star is born in the voice and poise of Erin Mackey, the lead actress who sings as effortlessly as if across your kitchen table, as beautifully as the dawn chorus of birds.

"George" is George Seurat, the obsessive artist who developed the technique of combining dots of a few primary colors – cyan, magenta, yellow, black – to create the optical impression of a full palette of colors, as the eye merges the dots, a technique later dubbed pointillism.

The play takes place in 1884 as George madly slaves over his massive masterpiece, "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." (The original painting hangs in the Art Institute in Chicago, well worth a visit).

On a Sunday afternoon this June, I hummed music from that play as I rode my bicycle around Lake of the Isles. Wild purple irises bloomed in the reeds along the shore. Elegant waterlilies blossomed over green lily pads. Ducks swam by with multiple children following in line. People sunned in the grass. Read books on benches. Lounged in hammocks alone or with another. Picnicked. Napped. Strolled, walked, jogged, ran, roller skated, biked. Or drove by and gawked at the composition of light.

The original Isle de la Grande Jatte is a large island in the river Seine near the gates of Paris. It was opened as a park by the Duke of Orleans, expanded by Napoleon III and Baron Haussmann, and famously discovered by impressionist painters in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Sondheim's musical, which premiered in 1984, is in the end a paean to art and its obsessions. It inspired me to write this paean to Lac des Isles, at the heart of our own artistic mecca, Paris de la Prairie.

Minneapolis' founding mothers and fathers did so much right, nothing more important than insisting the lakes of our city belong to the public. So today tens of thousands of people use them as if they were our own lakes and lawns and paths. We can picnic on the grass, like Manet's famous nudes, looking up frankly at each other, or don our bustles, like Seurat's women, and strut the shore. Or simply lie down in our jeans and tees on the grass like Bohemians to watch the clouds scud over.

Minneapolis' independent park board has an election coming up, and city elections too. I will not use this space to endorse my favorite park Board candidates Jeanette Colby and Meg Forney, nor will I endorse my favorite city council candidate Lisa Goodman, even though I must note she was crucial to engineering the epic deal with the city council that saved the park board's budget for the next decade. Vote for who you want.

But as you wander, stroll, jog, or lounge along Lake of the isles on a Sunday this summer, keep in the back of your mind that our city's Isle de la Grande Jatte was not created by Dukes and Emperors and Barons, but by citizens, and it is citizens who must keep its colors vibrant into the next century and beyond.

It's Sunday. I think I'll wander down to Lac des Isles, admire the bustle, and sing.



SIX HEPHS OF SUMMER HAPPINESS FOR, AND FROM, PAULA POUNDSTONE'S "UNSCIENTIFIC SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS"

By Jim Lenfestey

When I was being interviewed on KFAI radio in June, I listened in to the previous interview with the comedienne Paula Poundstone, whom I hope all readers know from NPR'S "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and much more, about her newest book, "The Totally Unscientific Study of The Search for Human Happiness." This is not the book, nor kind of book, I normally read had I not heard her hilarious intro on the radio, but because of that I immediately ordered a copy from Birchbark Books. I just finished reading it this morning and could not wait to tell HLP land all about it. It is not only a hilarious read, but a semi-serious self-help book for those for whom the pursuit of happiness, guaranteed in the preamble to the Declaration of Independence (or is it the Constitution, or The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper album?), is an uphill run if not a marathon.

For here is her trick. Not only will you convulse into tears of laughter on every page (getting good exercise), often more than once, but Poundstone's "totally unscientific" experiments are poignant and moving on nearly every page as well, as she copes with her love and exasperation with her three children, her OCD, her

somewhat insane love of cats and dogs, her impecuniousness. Meanwhile, she quite formally though indeed "unscientifically" sets out to search for happiness, which she quantifies into "heps" of happiness and a "balou" of happiness (six heps) gained from experiments such as a hiking in the mountains with her physically impaired daughter (and bears!), trying to organize her dysfunctional house, taking taiquando classes, renting a Lamborghini for a day, hugging every stranger she sees, etc., all in the context of the exasperation, anguish and heps mostly coming from real life.

You will love her constant humor, but also her compassion and real wisdom. We are all searching for happiness, even we who get to live in Paris de la Prairie near lovely Lac des Isles, with only Democrats fighting it out for supremacy, and only ourselves standing in the way. Read this book and laugh your way to where real summer happiness lies.

PS. Garrison Keillor loved it too, blurbing: "The bravest and best improv comic of our time and now done the impossible and created a Work of Literature that has the wild, hairy spirit of performance about it. The whole family comes in for the price of one ticket and there's not a bad seat in the house."

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Barbara Hanson and Lisa Goodman
See story and more photos on page 8.

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CELLO*ici* recital delights audience; three more to come

By Michael Wilson

The Art Gallery at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church was filled on Tuesday, July 18, with 350 professional cellists, student cellists, amateur cellists, and lovers of the cello repertoire — a discerning audience, to say the least. And the eminent cellist Tanya Remenikova with pianist Ivan Konev gave them a program that, as reviewers say, did not disappoint.

The July 18 recital and three more to come are part of the Northfield-based International Cello Institute, a three-week intensive camp for aspiring young cellists that runs from July 15 to August 5. The recital series, christened CELLO*ici* by Institute co-directors Anna Clift and Laura Sewell, is in its first year. Folks are always welcome at ICI events in Northfield, Clift and Sewell explain, but they wanted to give Institute faculty a wider audience in the Twin Cities as well.

Remenikova, a much-admired professor and chamber music coach on the faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Music since 1976, was a pupil of Mstislav Rostropovich at the Moscow Conservatory. She and the Ukrainian-born, Moscow-trained Konev performed works by Shostakovich and Stravinsky, composers with whom they have a particular affinity, and the Cello Sonata in F Major by the 17-year-old Richard Strauss, one of his most frequently performed works. Konev is a member of the piano faculty at UW-River Falls and the St. Paul Conservatory of Music.

Classical MPR's Melissa Ousley, an ICI board member, provided commentary throughout the program.

Ainomäe and Lovelace on Tuesday, July 25

The second CELLO*ici* concert on Tuesday, July 25, brings us the first public recital by Silver Ainomäe, the exciting Estonian-born, Finnish-trained cellist who won appointment last fall to the Minnesota Orchestra's associate principal chair, a position previously held by Janet Horvath. Ainomäe will be joined by Timothy Lovelace, a widely-travelled performer (six continents!) who currently heads the Collaborative Piano program at the University of Minnesota. The recital begins at 7:30 at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church.

Hill & Lake Press readers may know both Lovelace and Konev as pianists with the Isles Ensemble.

Ainomäe and Lovelace will present an eclectic program including Beethoven (Sonata in C Major, op. 102, No. 1), Debussy (Sonata in D Minor), Arvo Pärt (Fratres), Schumann (Funf Stucke im Volkston, op. 102), and Astor Piazzolla's tour de force, Le Grand Tango for Cello and Piano.

ICI faculty members Emmanuel Feldman and pianist Mary Jo Gothmann present the third CELLO*ici* recital on Monday, July 31, at 7:30 at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. Called one of the most innovative and expressive cellists of his generation, Feldman is known for his intense and soulful playing that explores a broad range of repertoire and styles. He is currently on the cello faculty at New England Conservatory and on both the cello and chamber music faculty at Tufts. Twin Cities-based Gothmann, a MacPhail faculty member, enjoys a varied career as a chamber musician, soloist, opera coach, and organist.

Feldman's and Gothmann's program will include Barber's Sonata for Violoncello and Piano, op. 6; the Waltz and Celebration from Copland's Billy the Kid; and George Walker's Sonata for Cello and Piano. The program opens and closes with Gershwin: Two Pieces from Porgy and Bess and Three Preludes, both of which Feldman arranged or adapted.

Since ICI is all about nurturing the next generation of talented cellists, the fourth CELLO*ici* features two emerging young artists who have already come onto the national music scene, cellist Cicely Parnas and pianist Peter John. In a recital jointly sponsored by the Schubert Club on Thursday, August 3, at 7:30 in Landmark Center's Courtroom 317, Parnas and John will present Ravel's Violin Sonata No. 1 (arranged by Parnas for cello), Kabalevsky's Cello Sonata op. 71, Rachmaninoff's "Vocalise" for Cello and Piano, and Brahms's Sonata No. 1 in E Minor, op. 38.

Admission for all concerts is \$20 (seniors \$15); cash

CIDNA votes not to oppose Brickstone project

By Bob Corrick



At its regularly scheduled board meeting on July 12, the CIDNA board of directors voted not to oppose the 8-story 200-unit apartment project proposed at 3100 West Lake Street by 3100 MSP, LLC, an affiliate of Brickstone Partners.

CIDNA's position on the project is subject to four conditions:

The Project will be constructed and staged entirely on the site (or off-site away from the adjacent street and sidewalk), so that no lane-closures are expected to occur, other than for emergencies, right-of-way work required by the City to improve curb and gutter and other facilities, utility improvements, and staging mistakes (the latter of which will be quickly corrected).

3100 MSP will seek to minimize disruption and damage from construction for the community and all adjacent neighbors, including where possible, use of drilled pier earth retention systems (vs. a driven pile system), layback excavation system to minimize use of earth retention, and location of storm water retention to minimize excavation.

3100 MSP will respect CIDNA's resolutions dated

May 2, 2005 and January 17, 2006 (attached) which address traffic and safety issues in the neighborhood regarding the exit ramp to Dean Parkway from Lake Calhoun City Flats, including conversion of the alley to one-way, and closure from midnight to 7 a.m. and during dangerous icy winter conditions.

If necessary 3100 MSP would minimize dust from demolition with extra water from fire hoses. (The Ministers Life Building on the site will be demolished to make way for the new apartment building.)

CIDNA confirmed its rationale for not opposing the basic design of the project:

Height and setback, while not ideal, would reasonably respect the neighbors and the intent of the Shoreland Overlay ordinance.

The height precedents of Lakes Residences and Edgewater on Lake Calhoun within the Shoreland Overlay District would be reasonably respected.

The Project would offer attractive design with glass, materials, articulation and clean contemporary lines.

There would be reasonable setback from Lake Street to address the interface with adjacent buildings including a respectful pedestrian environment.

The emergency generator would be located away from the neighbors on the northeast ground corner.

The 8th-floor roof would be clear with no overruns except the elevator, and the swimming pool attractively located on the 7th-floor roof.

Other than the elevator overrun, there are no significant roof structures.

The board or directors submitted eight requests to Brickstone and the City:

The City should explore prohibition of U-turns for easterly traffic on West Lake Street at Dean Parkway, and instead encourage U-turns at the quieter intersection of West Lake Street and Thomas Avenue South.

A small appropriately designed retaining wall should be constructed on the Project's east property line to preserve trees and other landscaping on Lakeshore Arms apartments.

The three mature trees on the southwest corner of the site should be preserved in addition to other trees near the western boundary of the site.

Existing environmental artwork on the site (the "Green Chairs" and the "Fish Mobile") should be moved to the south side of Excelsior Boulevard on the front lawn of the Executive Center. Thanks to Stuart Ackerberg for moving his art to its new location.

If possible, louvers on the Magic Paks should be permanently set to point to the side away from nearby neighbors.

Eliminate the bump out at the beginning of the left turn lane from West Lake Street to Dean Parkway.

The left-turn lane from the west on Lake Street into the existing westerly curb cut should be eliminated.

CIDNA invites 3100 MSP to host a grand opening of the cornerstone box placed in the Ministers Life Building when construction commenced in 1953.

The developer expects to appear before the Planning Commission in mid August for final approval of the project. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

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



Photo and caption: Michael Wilson.

Cellist Tanya Remenikova and pianist Ivan Konev (rear) played Richard Strauss' Cello Sonata in D Minor on July 18 in the Art Gallery at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, the first of four recitals in the CELLO*ici* series, a part of the International Cello Institute now underway in Northfield.

or checks only. Students and children are free. Go to <celloanamericanexperience.com> for more information on ICI and events in Northfield, including student recitals, workshops, and master classes by Anthony Ross, Silver Ainomäe, and others.

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OPEN HOUSE AT 1300 MOUNY CURVE AVENUE

by Trilby Busch



1300 Mount Curve Avenue

Exterior drawing by Richard Mueller

Healy Project president Anders Christensen with Lisa MacDonald
Photo by Trilby Busch

On the afternoon of Sunday, July 9th, supporters of the Healy Project were offered the wonderful opportunity to see the interior of the mansion at 1300 Mount Curve Avenue on Lowry Hill. Bob Levine and Gloria Finlay generously opened their 9,000-plus square-foot home as a fundraiser for the Healy Project's ongoing research for a publication on the life and works of T.P. Healy.

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this magnificent Renaissance Revival mansion was built by T.P. Healy in 1904. Celebrated architect William Channing Whitney designed the house for Charles Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Washburn-Crosby Company. Architectural historian Larry Millet has aptly

called the house a "modern palace." During the 1960s and '70s it was the home of art dealer Gordon Locksley, a national figure in the Gay Rights movement. Bob Levine acquired the house in 1982 and has over years done extensive restoration and updating work on the residence, adding a swimming pool and other modern features.

Over one hundred guests toured the house, yet no room was ever crowded. Healy homeowners, as well as owners of homes by other master builders, Healy family members, Lowry Hill residents, and old house lovers roamed through four levels of the mansion, viewing the Minneapolis skyline from the penthouse balcony and descending to the basement level.

Ezra Gray of the Healy Project made a slide show of

the history of the house from its construction in the early 20th century to the present day. During the Gordon Locksley era, wild parties with figures from the art world such as Andy Warhol and German performance artist Christo were thrown. At one party Christo (who is famous for wrapping buildings) wrapped two artists' models in clear plastic and placed them on the dining room table.

Needless to say, the Healy Project event was much tamer, but still a lot of fun. Seeing the extraordinary interior was a special treat, a glimpse into the lifestyle of a bygone era in a 113-year-old house that has beautifully adapted to contemporary life.

A link to the blog: <http://healyproject.org/open-house-at-1300-mount-curve-avenue/>



Lisa is dedicated to excellent constituent services, committed to responding to requests within 24 hours. To see one way she communicates with her constituents, just check out the neighborhood meeting minutes in this paper.

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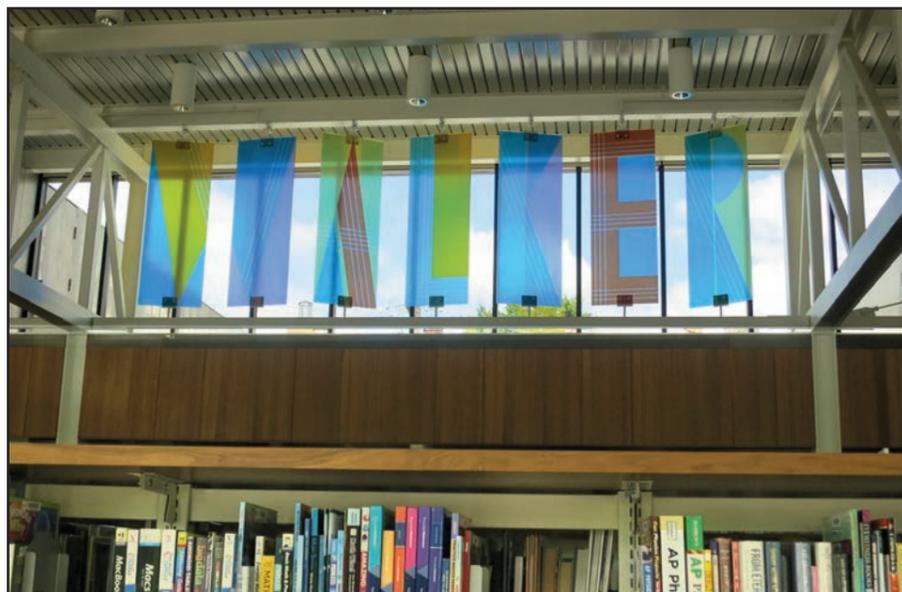
- Established an historic agreement with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to fund and maintain neighborhood parks citywide, investing over 200 million dollars without a major tax increase with a focus on areas of greatest need.
- Founded the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, providing gap funding to people at 30-50% of the metro-wide median income to help find a home.
- Pushed the city to invest in environmental infrastructure, such as constructing green roofs on the Target Center, Central Library, and City Hall, and the largest solar array in the upper Midwest at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

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CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Monica Smith

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 12, 2017

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Rich Heichert, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Board member Barbara Lunde called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa takes a break in July and August and will resume on Wednesday, September 27.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1. Register your event for free by July 18 at minneapolismn.gov/nno/nno_register.

Sister Cities Day is Sunday, July 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Nicollet Island Pavilion. Celebrate all 12 of the Minneapolis Sister Cities at this free and family-friendly event.

X Games will be held at US Bank Stadium July 13-16. Watch for road closures.

Reminder that trees need one inch of water every week during the summer.

Announcements

The next Park Siding Park Gardening day is Saturday, July 22, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the park. All are welcome.

Land Use Committee, Bob Corrick

The Land Use Committee has been working for several months with Brickstone for a development at 3100 W Lake St (3100 MSP). The project team gave an update on the plans for the 8-story, 200-unit apartment building. The project includes two levels of below grade parking for 185 parking stalls, with an additional 100 stalls in the adjacent property (Calhoun Flats).

Bob Corrick presented a detailed resolution drafted by the Land Use Committee stating that CIDNA does not oppose the project with four conditions summarized here:

3100 MSP will:

1. construct and stage the project entirely on the site
2. seek to minimize disruption and damage from construction for the community and all adjacent neighbors
3. respect CIDNA's resolutions dated May 2, 2005 and January 15, 2006 which address traffic and safety issues regarding the exit ramp to Dean Parkway from Lake Calhoun City Flats, including conversion of the alley to one-way
4. minimize dust from demolition

The CIDNA Board voted to accept the resolution presented by the Land Use Committee not to oppose the project.

The complete resolution can be found with the minutes from the July 12, 2017 CIDNA Board meeting at cidna.org/minutesagendas. For more background information on this project, go to the Land Use Committee's website cidnalanduse.wordpress.com.

The project will go before the City Planning Commission on August 14, 2017.

NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith

The committee continues to work with the Park Board on revisions to Cedar Lake South Beach plans to address budget issues.

The CIDNA Board approved the NRP Committee's plan modification recommendation to move \$2,157 from the NRP Phase II housing strategy to the Cedar Lake South Beach strategy to make funds available to pay the fee to the Minneapolis Parks Foundation for handling the anonymous donation.

The CIDNA Board approved the NRP Committee's recommendation to request that the Park Board allocate an additional \$25,201 in Park Dedication Fees to the Cedar Lake South Beach project.

The committee is planning the first event in a speaker series. The speaker will be teacher, artist and playwright Ifrah Mansour. The event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Ideas for future programs are welcome; contact info@cidna.org.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) is organizing the data from the Future of Neighborhoods meetings in the spring. A report is expected in August.

NCR has scheduled a series of Learning Labs on a variety of topics. For more information and to register, go to minneapolismn.gov/ncr.

The NRP Committee is not meeting in July. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 22, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

Transportation Committee, Barbara Lunde

Legal filings continue in the Lakes and Parks Alliance lawsuit regarding Southwest LRT. A trial date is set for September 17, 2017.

The Met Council is proposing to: condemn some property for Southwest LRT execute an operations and maintenance agreement between Met Council and Twin Cities & Western Railroad

Renaming of Lake Calhoun

The Park Board initiated a petition to change the name of the Lake Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska.

The West Calhoun Neighborhood Council will send a survey to their residents about preferred name for Lake Calhoun.

The CIDNA Board will discuss the issue further at the August meeting.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

The Greenway Glow is Saturday, July 29, 7:00 pm – Midnight. The event is a fundraiser for the Midtown Greenway Coalition and features an art festival, 5K run and 10K bike ride. Details at midtowngreenway.org.

Tour de Fat is Saturday, August 19.

The Midtown Greenway Coalition is working on continuing the Greenway across the Mississippi River and into St. Paul.

Officer Elections

Robert Thompson, Neighborhood Support Manager from NCR, attended the meeting to discuss the role of board officers and board members.

The CIDNA Board voted to have interim board chairs for the next few months: Rich Heichert will serve from July 12-August 9, Mike Wilson will serve from August 10-September 13 and Amanda Vallone will serve from September 14-October 11.

The board approved the election of Rosanne Halloran as Secretary and Roger Klimek as Treasurer (with the understanding that Roger is unavailable to attend most board meetings).

New business

Amanda Vallone will share information about a proposed garage sale event at next month's meeting.

The CIDNA Board does not have comments on the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District's 2017 Watershed Management Plan.

Pirates and Mermaids Family Beach party at East Cedar Lake Beach on Saturday, July 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 9, 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.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Diana Schleisman, Administrator

Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting Jun 13, 2017

Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Brad Ash (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Peter Mason, Steve Havig, Mike Erlandson, Amy Sanborn, John Grochala, Andrew Degerstrom, Julia Curran

Board members absent: Bruce Larson (President), Debbie Gold (Secretary)

Guest: Carla Pardue (BOD Alternate and various committees), Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), David Bryan (Zoning Chair), Harvey Ettinger (various committees), Sophie Hantzes (EIRA resident), Alan Van Dellen (Attorney representing EIRA resident Chris Horthy), Ginna Portman Amis (EIRA Resident)

Staff: Diana Schleisman

EIRA Vice President Brad Ash called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with a quorum.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Goodman, City Councilmember, spoke about her upcoming field trips, spaces available:

Walgreens has requested a 24-hour permit to operate the drive thru. It is unknown if it will be bike and pedestrian friendly [store – corrected after meeting]. They have addressed other issues including the door and are correcting bright lighting with shields. Kowalski's is expanding into the Walgreen's former space.

Variations have been requested for 2505 & 2514 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy. The Zoning committee is aware.

The plastic bags ordinance was overturned. Other ways to discourage the use of plastic bags are being considered. Not only are they bad for the environment but they also get caught in and jam recycling equipment.

Household Hazardous Waste collections are scheduled for 6/23-24, 7/28-29, 8/11-12, & 8/18-19 at various locations throughout Minneapolis. Please call 348-3777 for more information.

Open Streets on Lyndale Av S was held on Jun 4th and was a success. Nicollet Av S Open Streets will be Sep 24th.

Open Forum

Welcome Board packets were distributed to new BOD members who were present.

Conflict of Interest policies need to be updated every two years and were requested from each BOD member.

A request was made to reinstate the Parks Committee. Although former Parks Committee members were invited to join the NRP Committee, some do not have the time and energy for that role and would prefer to work on parks specifically. It was stated that the committee has met and emailed correspondence including a project list in October 2016. It was brought up that dissolving the committee without specific correspondence to the members was unfair.

BOD members discussed that there did not appear to be regular meetings, for which advance notice to invite residents as well as minutes were not provided. Invitations were made by the BOD for the committee to present findings but there was a lack of presence at BOD meetings. There was also concern that EIRA representation was made without BOD consent, and that some communications were hostile.

A goal was identified to find solutions to issues without confrontation. Some support for reinstating the committee was expressed, so long as a proposal was created on how to not overlap duties with NRP and ensuring compliance with EIRA committee guidelines including representation and communication.

As two members of the Executive Committee were absent, it was determined to table the topic until a future BOD meeting. Former Parks Committee members were encouraged to submit a proposal to the Administrator who will share it with the Executive Committee to discuss options. It was suggested that the Executive Committee review all committees and consider creating working groups, preferably before the next BOD meeting if schedules permit.

A project to build a home in a vacant lot at 2863 E

EIRA continued on page 12

KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION

By Jack Levi

July 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 7/10/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Directors - Elect present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Mike Bono, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Kyle Leier, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Absent: Mark Brown.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Sept 27 is Lunch with Lisa. One of the topics will be the “50% design regarding Peavey Plaza”

The Penn/Oliver reconstruction project continues; the Penn Ave S setback has been approved. You can go to the Penn Oliver website for more information. Hard finish will be before 8/25/17, before school starts

The home on 2431 W22nd St is a potential tear-down: No news yet regarding this property

Aug 1, 2017 is National Night Out: Permit application is by July 18th to avoid \$100 fee.

Kmart on Lake St: The City is thinking about alternative locations for Kmart. The City owns the land and building and the lease expires in 2050. Kmart’s demands are currently not acceptable to the City, so there is a deadlock for now on negotiations.

Regarding the 35W reconstruction: Starting in August, Interstate 35W will be under construction between I-94 in downtown Minneapolis and 46th Street. Bridges across 35W will be repaired or reconstructed.

East Cedar Lake event – Amanda Vallone

The Pirate Mermaid event is on July 15 1-3pm. Need help with pirate booty and lemonade; Jeanette has offered to help.

There will be a photo area for families to take pictures

Has KIAA done a neighborhood walking tour? Amanda thinks it would be a good idea. She will propose something.

East Cedar Lake Beach – Matt Spies

The family event that took place in June resulted in commotion at the beach. The police presence diminished after that. Then, another day following this commotion, there was a fight at the beach, followed by confrontation between the beachgoers and the police. Following these events, KIAA met with the police; Matt sent a memo to the KIAA Board regarding this meeting with the police 2 weeks ago.

There was a discussion regarding encampments at Hidden Beach (as well as around South Minneapolis).

Ron wants to go over photos for ideas regarding paths for walking around the Hidden Beach area, as well as other parts of Cedar Lake. KIAA would like to hear his ideas and then form a committee to steer ideas into reality.

South Cedar Beach will be re-designed as a result of

a private donation.

612 Sauna Society – John Peterson

This organization makes saunas available by bringing the sauna to the public. It is a mobile sauna 20X8 ft. John was referred to the park board to obtain a permit.

The company is now a coop and they are trying to expand. They currently have 141 members.

John would like to do an event in August 2017 at Hidden Beach.

Jeanette raised the issue that beach goers should be invited to make reservations, not just Kenwood residents. In general, the KIAA board that this would support the KIAA objective for positive programming at the beach.

The Motion for sauna operation at Hidden Beach by Will was approved by all.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

Matt gave a KIAA financial report covering current account balances and monthly financial activity.

2017 Neighborhood Priority Plan– Mike Bono

The following was approved by the KIAA Board today:

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) is participating in the Community Participation Program (CPP) for Minneapolis neighborhood organizations. CPP is a city program designed to give residents and property owners the power to improve or maintain their own neighborhoods and direct city resources to fit their needs.

The goal of Neighborhood Priority Plans is to identify major initiatives for the neighborhood organization, and to communicate neighborhood priorities to the City and other jurisdictional partners. Neighborhood Priority Plans must be developed and adopted through a thorough neighborhood participation process. The plan identifies preliminary neighborhood priorities (as identified by the neighborhood) and potential partners.

Proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan

Based on the result of the neighborhood survey, KIAA proposes to use its Community Participation Program funds allocated to the Neighborhood Priority Plan as listed below:

- 1) Support community outreach and consulting services related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit.
- 2) Provide funding for landscaping around Lake of the Isles and for spreading awareness about preserving Cedar Lake Park.
- 3) Provide funding for increased crime prevention and safety activities.
- 4) Support the Kenwood Recreation Center, Kenwood School, and local businesses with funding for programming activities.
- 5) Continue to fund a resource to assist KIAA with its communication efforts.

Specifically, the proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan would include but no be limited to:

Supporting cooperative efforts with surrounding neighborhoods and organizations to minimize negative

impacts on the Kenilworth trail as a result of the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit.

Provide funding to identify ideas for mitigation near the proposed 21st Street Station, including visual, noise, and safety issues related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit, or otherwise addressing issues related to the impact of the SWLRT on the neighborhood.

Continuing annual support of additional police patrols at East Cedar Lake Beach and other crime prevention activities such as increased police patrols in the alleys.

Contracting for part-time help to continue the monthly e-newsletter, and other communication efforts including developments regarding LRT.

Providing funding for educational programming and social activities with Kenwood School

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on September 11, 2017, 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

The Bakken Museum, 3537 Zenith Avenue South Minneapolis, invites you to steep yourself in the Science of Brewing at Evenings@TheBakken from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3rd. This 21+ event explores the science, technology, engineering, and math that goes into making your favorite beverages with experts from local breweries, craft kombucha and switchel-makers, cold press coffee brewers and more to be announced.

Brewery partners Bauhaus Brew Labs, Fair State Brewing Cooperative, Boom Island Brewing Company, and Tin Whiskers Brewing Company will be on hand to share the tricks of their trade and explore the science that inspires them. Learn how to pick the best equipment for the job, what goes into choosing a brewing style, the importance of yeast, and more from passionate Minnesota brewers.

Tickets are \$15 for General Admission, or \$20 for Admission and a Tasting Pass Punch Card to use at each booth and sample the brews presented by each vendor. Tasting Passes will be available the day of the event for \$5, limit one pass per customer.

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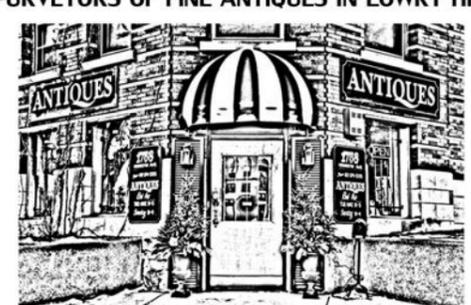


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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

By Diana Schleisman, Administrator

Lake of the Isles Pkwy needs variances for slope and setback. Residents raised concerns about the new home obstructing views of the lake. In addition, the prospective new homeowner would prefer a separate driveway over a shared driveway. The existing neighbor desires a separate driveway as well due to treacherous conditions when icy.

Reports

Zoning Committee

Due to a resident request raised in Open Forum related to 2863 East Lake of the Isles Parkway, it was asked for the Zoning report to precede discussion on the subject as it was considered at a previous meeting on May 16th. At that meeting, neighbors on both sides of the property expressed concern about the variances and how it may affect their properties including views of the lake.

In addition, a shared driveway was not found to be favored by the residents who would share it, citing treacherous conditions when icy. However, the driveway land is owned by the Park Board, and another curb cut is not desirable due to pedestrian safety, traffic, and environmental impact.

A discussion among zoning members ensued, but there was no quorum and opposing views were expressed. An on-site visit was scheduled and zoning members visited the property in question. As there was still no quorum or consensus, no action either way was recommended to the EIRA BOD.

A Board of Adjustments meeting is Thu 6/22, and the architect will present the renderings then, so there was no time to table the issue for another meeting.

It was requested for the EIRA BOD to respectfully consider submitting a letter stating the driveway [in consideration] is hazardous. Another request was for the BOD to oppose the setback variance for the new home to be no further forward than the previous structure, so it would not obstruct lake views and set precedent for other properties. The BOD would discuss the requests at the end of the committee reports.

President's Report

At the request of Amy Sanborn, current Chair of the Social Committee I am appointing Carla Pardue as Co-Chair. This is a transition, as Amy would like to phase out as Chair of This Committee.

We treated the large elm located in the Levin/Triangle Park for Dutch elm disease. The funds have been previously budgeted. We have Harvey Ettinger to thank for taking the lead and getting this accomplished.

We have Judy Enenstein to thank for working the People for Parks (POP) to clear up a misunderstanding of the ownership of "The Mall" that was keeping the POP from finalizing their donation of \$3,000 help purchase a chess table for The Mall.

Please give some thought to who might be willing to become the new Chair of the Green Team. Betsy Allis has resigned. We want to continue the work of this Committee and need to recruit new leadership.

Diana will be researching how we may reinstate our 501(c)3 designation so donations will again be tax deductible.

We should thank Diana for her work to organize a fundraiser with The Potbelly Sandwich Shop at 28th and Hennepin. \$205 was raised.

A fundraising letter has been developed and will soon be mailed to all households in the East Isles neighborhood. Amy Sanborn and Carla Pardue deserve a thank you for getting this organized and making sure I got the letter written.

-Bruce Larson

Green Team

EIRA Super Sale is Sat Sep 9th. Details will be included with the annual mailing coming up in July. The cost to participate will be \$10. Amy and Carla are coordinating the event with help from others, as the Green Team does not currently have a Chairperson. Anyone interested in helping should contact info@eastisles.org.

Social Committee

The Ice Cream Social will be Thursday July 27th, 6-9pm. Details will be sent with the annual mailing. Attractions include ice cream, of course, as well as a petting zoo, inflatables, and more.

EIRA was asked to help with the pop booth again at the Uptown Art Fair this August. EIRA raised approximately \$400 previously. Please contact info@eastisles.org to volunteer.

The Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting will be held at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Thu Oct 26th. Several Southwest neighborhoods are contributing to planning the event in absence of the former organizer. Lake & Irving restaurant agreed to be a sponsor, which is greatly needed and appreciated.

Transportation Committee/Midtown Greenway Coalition

Stop signs at Irving and James may be removed to reinforce right of way to bicyclists and pedestrians. Other plans were provided via a 5 page pdf at:

<http://www.hennepin.us/stories/-/media/hennepin-us/residents/transportation/midtown-community-works/midtown-connections.pdf>

Greenway Glow is scheduled for this summer. A 10-mile bike ride or 5k walk/run are options for participating, teams can raise money for the cause. It is a unique event with a lot of glow sticks, art, music, and more.

NRP Committee

There was a good meeting last month, which included new members.

The donation to the Bridge is moving forward. The EIRA donation will be used towards the roof and gutters instead of landscaping. Other neighborhood organizations are also contributing towards a joint effort.

A large Elm tree has been treated for Dutch Elm disease. Funds were already allocated for this so no plan modifications were needed.

Benches are installed on the Mall. The newer, more comfortable benches are a nice attraction. It was great to have this project completed. Plantings along the Mall will happen this summer. The chess tables for the mall area have gained momentum, thanks to efforts which have reinstated financial support from People for Parks.

Mark Addicks deployed moveable benches for EIRA. An agreement to rent or buy the benches is in process. Benches in other areas have experienced a low degree of vandalism. Neighbors seem to be protective of them.

Plans for a new warming house on Lake of the Isles are unlikely to move forward. A more likely scenario is renovation of the current structure. It is unclear that the warming house is open to the public. Signs stating "Welcome to all" were suggested.

As always, brainstorming of ideas on ways to improve EIRA are appreciated.

Upcoming meeting dates are posted on the website, and included in the newsletter:

2017: July 24, September 25, November 27

2018: January 22, March 26,

7pm-8:15pm at Grace Church

Staff Report

A request was made to all Committee Chairs to provide lists of their committee members. Otherwise the staff report was shortened due to lack of time and any issues that needed BOD approval other than actions below.

AG Report

The Attorney General Annual Report for 2015 was completed and sent to BOD members for review, and copies were available on hand. It was motioned to approve the submission and approved unanimously. The 2016 report is due in July with an extension available if needed.

CPP Plan Document

The CPP Annual Report for 2016 was completed and sent to BOD members for review, and copies were available on hand. Changes were suggested including addition of door knocking, outreach to under-represented renters, and annual mailing details. It was motioned to approve the submission with specified changes and approved unanimously. The report will be submitted to the city.

BOD Discussion on Residents' Requests

Six members of the Zoning Committee were present. As they were previously unable to decide on an action, no recommendation was made to the EIRA BOD. The BOD discussed concerns about hearing only some of the points of view as the prospective homeowner was not present at the BOD meeting. In addition, this issue becoming a legal matter created apprehension for

involvement. As a result, no motions were made to support or oppose the requests asked earlier.

Vice President Brad Ash adjourned the meeting.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Jul 11, 2017 @ Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

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East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting

Jul 11, 2017 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Bruce Larson (President), Brad Ash (Vice-President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Mike Erlandson, Amy Sanborn, John Grochala, Andrew Degerstrom,

Board members absent: Steve Havig, Peter Mason, Julia Curran

Guest: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), Emma Dunn (Intern with Lisa, PoliSci major at UMN)

Staff: Diana Schleisman

EIRA President Bruce Larson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with a quorum.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Goodman, City Councilmember

There is no update on the shootings on 31st & Humboldt, which is in the 10th Ward.

Lunch with Lisa is taking a summer hiatus. The next date is Wednesday, September 27, 2017 (12:00-1:00) at Opus Hall; room 202. Possible discussion: Peavey Plaza Update.

2400 Fremont: It was brought to EIRA attention that neighbors did not want the planters. The planters are dilapidated and no one has volunteered to care for them. As such, the city will remove them.

2863 East Lake of the Isles Pkwy: June 22, Board of Adjustment APPROVED application to develop within 40 feet of a steep slope for a new single-family dwelling (Lars Peterssen, representing owners).

2514 Lake Place/2505 East Lake of the Isles Parkway: An application was submitted for a minor subdivision including a variance to allow a parcel with more than 5 sides. Staff informed them they had to share the driveway with the potential new home on the vacant lot. They chose to withdraw from City Planning Agenda.

National Night Out is Tuesday Aug 1st. Call 311 to register and apply to close street for free by July 18.

Sister Cities Day: Sunday, July 16 (1:00-5:00) at the Nicollet Island Pavilion. Celebrate all 12 of the Minneapolis Sister Cities at this free, family-friendly event that features multicultural entertainment, children's activities, ice cream and refreshments.

X Games Makes Minneapolis Debut: Thursday, July 13 – Sunday, July 16 at US Bank Stadium with additional events taking place at the stadium's plazas, The Commons, and Mall of America.

City Council Greenlights Purchase of Kmart Land: Moving ahead with the purchase of the land gives the City certainty that at some point in the future, Nicollet Ave will reopen. The City and Kmart have not been able to reach an agreement to relocate Kmart to a new store location onsite.

Open Forum (N/A due to mention of planters in Lisa's update)

Reports

President's Report

Bruce Larson is planning on moving out of East Isles in August. He offered to stay on as President for the time being and help with the transition. In the meantime, he created a suggested plan for EIRA, based upon an Executive Committee meeting on July 6th.

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Overview

East Isles has gone through a rather tumultuous time in the last couple of years. Staff turnover and the confusion that this has brought meant that much of the time was spent on immediate task with little discussion of any long-term goals or efforts to raise the visibility of the organization in the neighborhood. All the members of the Board and its volunteers need to be commended on what was accomplished.

Now, having stabilized our staffing, financial system, taken more control of our website and caught up on our reporting requirements we can spend some time looking to the future.

The following is a suggested course of action to provide some direction for future activities. Hopefully this will help address such issues as why neighborhood residents would want to be involved, what does it do for the neighborhood, what neighborhood concerns it should address, and how it should address these concerns. I believe we need to find answers to questions of where we want to go before we decide on how to get there.

Suggested Action Steps.

Determine what the community interest and concerns are

Review past efforts to identify community priorities, concerns and interests

Design and conduct a survey of the community

Determine what activities are required by our organi-

zational documents and City requirements

Identify community interests

Board review of results of the research and survey

Make decisions to prioritize issues

III. Establish groups with a mission statement to take action to address these priority issues. Each will develop objectives, a strategy to address its assigned issue, action steps to implement strategy, and report either monthly or bi-monthly to the Board

Action Steps and Timing:

Actions at July meeting:

Establish Work Group A to review previous priority efforts and activities required by organizational documents and City obligations

Establish Work Group B to design a survey to be distributed to EIRA residents

July to August:

Work Group A undertake research

Work Group B draft a survey and identify method of distribution

August meeting: Work groups report to the Board

Work Group A: Research Findings

Work Group B: Draft design of survey and method for distribution

August to September:

Work Group A: Refine research

Work Group B: Implement Survey and September meeting

Work groups report to the Board

Board establish priorities and form action committees to implement priorities

September to October

Action committees draft mission statements, objectives and action plans

V. October meeting:

a. Review action committee draft mission, objectives and plans

b. Determine overlap of actions, where committees need to coordinate efforts.

c. Direct committees to refine and finalize plans

VI. November meeting:

a. Adopt action plans and start implementation

Discussion regarding the proposed plan ensued. It was noted that information had been gathered previously through prior surveys, annual meetings, and BOD retreats. However, it is unclear where some of that information is and what, if anything, had been done. John, Bruce, & Brad will review the former 2010 survey results which are

available. Diana has requested information on surveys from other neighborhoods. As timing is not critical, it was determined to first present past findings and actions before creating a new survey and plan. Ideally, priorities would come from resident input rather than BOD dictation.

Treasurer's Report

With administrative help, the accounting and data have been getting cleaned up. The 1st quarter financials were shared. Although it shows EIRA in the red, it is mainly due to the lack of reimbursement requests from the city as well as expenses incurred for staff, operating, and events. This is expected to improve considering city reimbursement requests currently in progress, and the recent mailing requesting individual contributions.

Transportation Committee/Midtown Greenway Coalition (Chair was not present, no meeting to report.)

Zoning Committee (Chair and Co-Chair were not present, no meeting to report.)

NRP Committee

The meeting originally planned for July 10th was rescheduled for July 24th.

Mark Addicks will begin plantings on The Mall soon, it is unclear if it will be done before the Uptown Art Fair.

Mark is creating a contract/invoice with EIRA for the moveable benches. The project has been successful in EIRA as well as other neighborhoods. It was noted that

it is interesting to see different places being made in various locations. Benches in other areas have experienced a low degree of vandalism as neighbors seem to be protective of them.

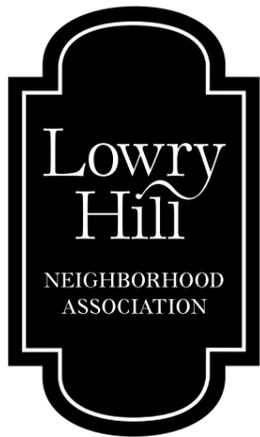
Anita Tab with the Park Board mentioned to the NRP Chair, Mike, in an unplanned passing that there have been vandalism issues with permanent park benches, including graffiti and damage. They are being repaired and replaced as needed.

Mike was invited to meet with Jeremy at the Park Board to discuss possible projects that EIRA can potentially help fund.

Osman Cleaners is the last cleaner in the city that uses harsh chemicals. The city has \$90,000 in funding to help transition to green cleaning. An additional \$5,000 was approved by Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association (LHENA). Another \$5,000 was asked of EIRA. Concerns were brought up about the contributions of the business. It appears they must get \$100,000 to secure financing but it was unclear how much exactly they would contribute. The timing of the request was questioned, and it was stated that an answer had to be given soon. A motion was brought up to allocate \$5,000 and it passed noting one objection due to a request for more information.

Social Committee

The next Social Committee meeting will be at the EIRA to page 14



The Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association would like to thank the residents of Lowry Hill

for attending this year's annual meeting and for your generous support of LHNA.

Stay up to date with our monthly email newsletter. Sign up at lowryhillneighborhood.org.

Gardening Volunteers Wanted To Help With Thomas Lowry Park

August 12th, September 9th, October 14th

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Meet at Thomas Lowry Park.



LHNA Board Meetings

July & August: Summer hiatus, no meetings

Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Rec Center. All residents are welcome.

Save The Date For The LHNA Neighborhood Super Sale

On Saturday, September 9th, the LHNA Environment Committee and East Isles Green Team are teaming up for a double neighborhood garage sale. Register and have your yard sale on the list. Participants' unsold items can be picked up by a charity truck after the sale. More details coming soon.

Remember To Leave a Light On.

Keep front and back porch lights on all night long. Lock card and bikes. This is the season of bikes being stolen. Lock your bikes and record the serial numbers, take pictures of them and have them registered with the city.



Questions or concerns about the neighborhood? Contact us at lhna@lowryhillneighborhood.org

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LETTERS

Letter to the Editor:

Light Rail

Amid crumbling roads and bridges with one boondoggle stadium after another, now comes the boondoggle light rail poised to slash between Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake in one of the most beautiful park systems in America.

Michael Barrett

Vincent Ave S, Minneapolis (AKA Subsidy City)

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for your willingness to make room in the Hill and Lakes Press this past year on so many occasions for articles about concerts. Mike Wilson was so terrific about getting the word out about the Isles Ensemble, and of course in the June edition he wrote a very large article about the new CELLO*ici* summer recital series that I am co-presenting. That kind of coverage made all the difference this year for our attendance numbers at Isles Ensemble concerts - and I am hoping it will have a similar effect for the cello recital series!

Thanks again! Laura Sewell

To the Editor

I just read an article by CIDNA neighbor Bob Corrick in the June issue of the Hill and Lake Press about a developer who wants to build a 200-unit eight story apartment building on the old Ackerberg office building site. This building is located kitty corner from the northwest corner of Lake Calhoun or Lake Bde Maka Ska. The article stated the many problems that are involved in building at this site. One of the main problems is the fact that West Lake Street has about 35,000 cars per day using this street to get into the city. At certain times of day, the street becomes a parking lot for the cars that use this street.

This building will be torn down and the developer will start from scratch to build this new building. This will also involve closing lanes in order to build on this well-traveled street. The article in the HLP also listed just one of the problems connected with this building being the delivery of building materials to the project site in this location and involving large trucks needed to deliver supplies to the project.

Once the building is built there is the issue of having so many people come into the already overcrowded neighborhood that a project like this will create along West Lake Street.

EVERYBODY CANNOT LIVE NEAR A LAKE, but developers like to fool people into thinking they can because that is where the developer can get a profitable return on the invested money for the developer. And so, it is that this is how whoever calls the shots makes their decision. He/she never minds all the problems for the people who will eventually live in this building.

The developers/owners can also charge higher prices and rents for the apartments or condos that they have built. These days living by a lake is a misfortune for the folks who already live by a lake. These people are hounded by developers to give up their land to developers to use as the developer's cash cow.

Where are the present-day zoning committee members who are responsible for protecting the zoning laws in place and enforcing these laws? They hand out zoning variances like Kleenex and let themselves be walked all over by developers. These laws were put in place to protect the land as they and were written long ago by wise zoning committee members. There is also the problem of so many people living in a small area for sewers and their usage. What happens when hundreds of people flush their toilets and take their showers in the mornings at the same time? "Oh we don't pay no never mind to that," says the developer/owner. I Joyce Murphy am not a civil engineer who has to solve problems like this so I do not know all the gory details about this issue, but I would bet it will be a problem.

There are also myriad traffic issues that were recounted in the article. It sounded to me like once a tenant enters his or her apartment they cannot leave because the way to get you and your car out of there is problematic at best. Maybe door to door bus service should be provided with these

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HILL LAKE PRESS Selected Real Estate Sales June 2017											
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1724 Dupont S	489,900	0	128	\$449,000	C	3/3	2,350	405,500	6,295	###	
1766 James S #1	549,000	0	140	520,000	C	3/3	2,950	465,000	6,864	###	
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EIRA concluded

Chair's home on Thursday July 20th, 1:30pm. If anyone is interested in attending please contact the administrator at info@eastisles.org for the address.

The Ice Cream Social will be Thu July 27th, 6-9pm. Attractions include Ice cream, a petting zoo, inflatables, and connecting with neighbors. EIRA will have a table with a donation box. BOD members were asked to sign up for brief shifts for the table as well as set up, scooping, and clean up. It is EIRA's largest event and run mainly with volunteers. Rules and regulations regarding campaigning were discussed. While candidates may come to the event, it must be as an attendee only with no distribution or display of campaigning materials.

EIRA is helping with the pop booth again at the Uptown Art Fair in August. A few shifts to volunteer are still open so please contact info@eastisles.org with any interest.

Lake & Irving restaurant is a sponsor for The Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in October. Great Clips is not participating this year. Additional sponsors of \$2,000 are being sought. Wells Fargo, and Lakes Area Realty were suggestions and will be followed through by the Social Chair.

As was brought up in an NRP meeting earlier this year, an event on The Mall for renter involvement resurfaced. Nothing has been planned yet but ideas for activities and timing of events are encouraged.

Green Team/Super Sale

There are currently no members of the Green Team. However, the Super Sale is still being organized by volunteers. The date is September 9th. LHENA has shown interest in having a sale the same date which could draw more shoppers to the area. Although there are volunteers currently working on the sale, more volunteers are need-

ed so please contact info@eastisles.org with any interest.

Staff Report

The Attorney General (AG) report and CPP report were submitted. A timely extension was granted for the next AG report due for 2016 data. While the new due date is in November, an earlier submission is the goal.

A reimbursement request was successfully submitted to the city for fall 2016 expenses. Winter 2016 will be sent next, followed by 2017 requests.

The 2017 staff budget is under for 2017, allowing approximately 50-60 hours of additional time that can be used to support special initiatives as directed.

BOD Discussion Meet the Candidates

Basir, owner of Amore Victoria, offered to host an event, Meet the Ward 7 City Council Candidates. LHENA was also asked to participate. An alternative could be to Meet Mayoral Candidates. Concerns are that EIRA must take care not to endorse any political candidates, and that any costs would have to come from unrestricted funding. Benefits could be raising the profile of EIRA and providing a forum for neighbors to connect. As Amore is not in East Isles, it was discussed to possibly look into another venue, although that could discourage Basir's involvement. President Bruce Larson adjourned the meeting. The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on Aug 8th, 2017 @ Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

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Blind

By Madeleine Lowry

"That's impossible," was our first response when our dog sitter, Sheila, suggested the possibility of vision loss in our dog last spring. Until we brought her home and watched her walk into a door. Apparently the week at Sheila's house was enough to dim the mental map of our floor plan that she'd been relying on. We researched her symptoms online and the vet confirmed the diagnosis, progressive retinal atrophy, a genetic disease common to several dog breeds. There is no treatment.

In retrospect this explained the rabbits in our yard. Our dachshund, a self-respecting small mammal huntress, had taken great delight in keeping our yard rabbit-free for years. More recently though, she'd started to tolerate them. We'd remarked on it, thinking that she'd become Buddhist. In fact it had been that other thing that starts with a "b"— blindness.

Being the owner of a dachshund means making apologies for your dog. Dachshunds aren't into people, kids or other dogs the way, say, retrievers are, thus the litany of apologies: "I'm sorry, our dog barks at strangers." (And also people we know. And even sometimes family members.) "I'm sorry, our dog isn't very friendly with other dogs." "I'm sorry, our dog is stubborn."

Now we have additional apologies to make. "I'm sorry, our dog can't see," we say on walks when an expectant dog and their owner want to socialize.

Blindness has made her even more allergic to exercise than before. We used to joke that she had two speeds: one in the direction away from her food bowl (slow) and one towards it (faster). Her pace is now so slow in both directions that it feels like we're taking her for a drag. She seems to need the tension in the leash to help her understand where to go. We can now add to the refrain of apologies: "We're sorry if it looks like we're molesting this dog, but believe us, she has a few more gears she could engage if she was less apathetic. And less blind."

I thought a doggy harness would allow us to lead her with a modicum more dignity and less trauma to her neck. We tried several designs with no luck. She would have none of it and refused to budge one fraction of an inch. Did I mention that dachshunds are stubborn?

Still, we continue to take her for drags around Lake of the Isles each evening. Even blind dogs need their exercise. I've considered having t-shirts printed up that say, "Seeing Eye Human," by way of explanation. Though the message might be clearer if I made a little sign to hang around her neck, "Hi, I'm blind." I suspect our proud pooch would probably refuse to walk any kind of sign. And really, when you consider the stature of a dachshund, it would have to be a very small sign.

"Do you think it's possible to get little Ray Charles sunglasses for a dog?" my husband asked me, after receiving the evil eye from some doggy do-gooder. Maybe so.

I think I'll order a small white cane to go with them.

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units.

What then is my answer to these questions and problems that I and the article have recounted? One solution is don't tear down this old building. Let it stand! It seems to be a perfectly usable building now as an office building. Why not just refurbish the old building inside with small apartments in the place where offices are now located? Make these spaces into low income apartments for the less wealthy. This is already an area where many low income, homeless people congregate out on the street anyway so give them a home. Oh right. I forgot there is no profit in making a development like that!

The developers need to get their brains out of their wallets and start thinking about the basic human need of providing shelter because at the end of the day building shelters is what development is about.

Will I be listened to or is this article a futile gesture? I do not know the answer. I do know that there are enough high rent hi-rise apartments in this location already. Perhaps now it is time for low income, low rent folks to live here too. So put on your thinking caps you folks with the power to do this and get it done.

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