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By Jeanette Colby

If you care about the future of Minneapolis, you should care about the city's draft comprehensive plan called Minneapolis 2040. This plan touches every corner the city — neighborhoods, lakes, parks, streets ... your daily life. Many Hill & Lake Press readers would support most of the plan's lofty goals, but some action steps merit close attention.

“It is imperative that residents weigh in **now** while there is still time for changes to some of the most objectionable and questionable parts of this proposed plan that will affect the future of our city and neighborhoods,” says City Council Member Lisa Goodman. “Like many [Hill & Lake neighbors], I was taken aback by some of the ideas presented in the draft 2040 plan, some of which are completely inconsistent with current planning and zoning guidance and policy,” she noted. “The best way to be heard on this issue is to make your opinions known to those working on the draft.”

### Land use changes:

#### Development, Traffic, Transit?

In last month's Hill & Lake Press, Michael Wilson provided an overview of the many changes proposed. Some of the most impactful changes relate to Land Use and Built Forms and will lead to an overhaul of existing zoning ordinances. Examples in the Hill and Lake neighborhoods include:

- allowing new construction of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes on regular 40- or 50-foot lots anywhere in the city;
- allowing 10- to 30-story mixed-use buildings within the current Shoreland Overlay District in Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Calhoun;
- allowing 4-story mixed-use buildings in Kenwood and Lowry Hill where streets are thought to be a bus route (Franklin/Penn/21st Street).

The Minneapolis plan follows a national trend with a goal of creating more dense urban neighborhoods that prioritize walking, bicycling and transit over cars. And while it doesn't address the increased traffic congestion that results from denser housing, it does encourage development and deployment of new technologies that could improve mobility and reduce greenhouse gases, like autonomous vehicles, smart traffic signaling, and expanded electric vehicle usage.

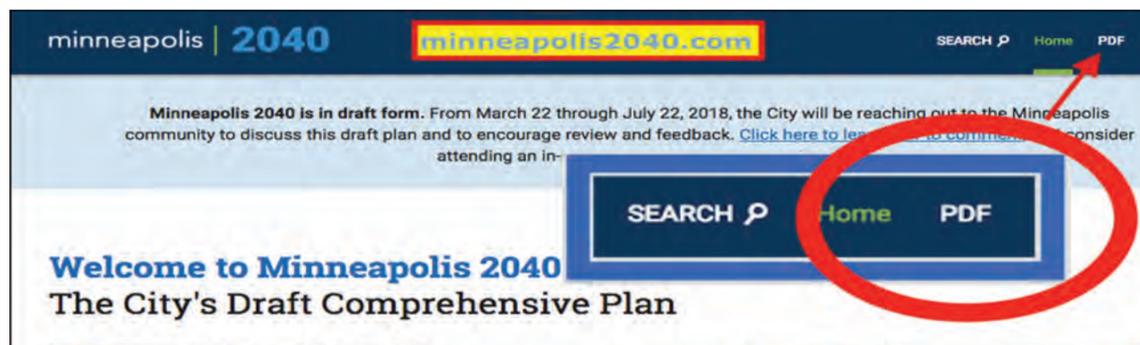
Unfortunately, while the city's plan aspires to a significant expansion of public transit, the Met Council's regional plan does not. In fact, Metro Transit is facing a \$100 million operating deficit in the next state legislative funding cycle. Minneapolis 2040's deliberate strategy to “disincentivize driving” fails to address the fact that many people who walk, bike or use transit still own cars and need this flexibility for their families to thrive.

Planners theorize that allowing multi-family buildings anywhere in the city will increase supply of housing and thus keep a lid on housing cost increases. The plan mostly leaves building decisions to the market (developers and investors) and does little to improve amenities and livability in neighborhoods that see less demand than the lakes area.

Planning Commissioner Nick Magrino expressed the problem succinctly in a 2016 MinnPost article by Peter Callaghan: “Developers ‘want to build where the amenities already are. They don't want to take a chance. Which make sense. It's their money.’” (*Growing pains: As*



In the draft Comp Plan, Franklin and Penn Avenues and 21st Street receive Corridor 4 designation as a "high frequency transit route" on a "narrower right of way" or "select streets with local transit service. The illustration (above) portrays the Corridor 4 description: "[b]uilding heights should be 1 to 4 stories. As the lot size increases in this district, allowable building bulk should also increase." (Illustration: City of Minneapolis. Caption: Michael Wilson.)



A PDF version of the draft Comp Plan can be accessed by clicking in the upper-right corner of the <Minneapolis2040.com> homepage. The PDF version doesn't accept comments, though. Make comments via the online version or by email at <2040@minneapolisismn.gov>. (Graphic and caption: Michael Wilson.)

*Minneapolis pushes for greater housing density, more neighborhoods push back*, MinnPost, 11/18/16). Planners acknowledge that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan promotes density of housing options, not affordable housing.

### A draft plan open to changes.

Many Hill and Lake neighbors have participated in “community engagement processes” and come away feeling that their time wasn't well spent. But Council Member Goodman says, “I have been assured by planning department staff that the current comprehensive plan is truly a draft and that changes will be made after the public comment period. Although every comment will not result in a change, a pattern of comments on similar issues will rise to the top and I am hopeful they will be addressed by staff prior to the final draft coming

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## The Hill Lake Press goes Everywhere!



Photo by Rod Johnson of Midwest Mountaineering  
David Rhude at Desolation Canyon on the Green River, Utah

## Lunch with Lisa Field Trip June 28, 2018

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July 17—A Leonard Bernstein Spectacular. This year, the amazing Maria Jette, Lisa Drew, Vern Sutton and James Bohn, with Sonja Thompson at the piano, will regale us with the Best of Bernstein!

July 24—Tony Ross, acclaimed leader of the Minnesota Orchestra's cello section, performs music of Bach, Britten and Brahms with pianist Mary Jo Gothmann.

### HAPPENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Neighborhood monthly meetings

CIDNA: 2nd Wednesday 6pm Jones-Harrison  
EIRA: 2nd Tuesday 7pm Grace Community Church

KIAA: July 9, 7pm Lake of the Isles Lutheran.

No meeting in August.

LHNA: 1st Tuesday 7pm Kenwood Rec Center

You are invited to volunteer in Thomas Lowry Park from 10am to 12 noon.

July 14, Aug.11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13  
Friends of Thomas Lowry Park supply gloves, small tools, and treats.

### Park Siding Park Gardening

Saturday, July 21

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Park Siding Park, 3113 W. 28th St.

Join CIDNA's volunteer gardening team. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season, so mark your calendar for the following Saturday mornings: August 18 and September 15. Details at [www.cidna.org](http://www.cidna.org)

### 4th Annual Walker Library Jewelry Sale wants your donations!



Photo by Dorothy Childers

If you need motivation to de-clutter your accessories collection, Friends of the Walker Library says your 'something old' can become 'something new' at their fabulous jewelry bazaar coming up Saturday, August 4, during the Uptown Art Fair. Everything welcome, even pieces needing minor repairs. Leave your donations at the Information Desk now. Proceeds provide special programs at the Walker. Seated, Left to right: Mary Sabatke, Maryann Weidt, Jeanne Scheiderer, Marcia Marshall, Betsy Thomas, and Bonnie Bond. Holding the poster: Jim Otto.

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## Meet your Neighbor, Shawn Smith

**Craig Wilson and Michael Wilson interview Shawn Smith about chairing KIAA, the controversial Minneapolis 2040 plan and just finishing Grandma's Marathon in Duluth.**

**Where did you grow up?** I'm originally from Rhode Island, and I graduated from Syracuse University in 1988.

**What brought you to the Twin Cities?** I first moved to the Twin Cities in 2001 and worked as a leader in Merchandising and Global Sourcing at Target. I left a few years ago to start a consulting agency, and my core work is business development with global manufacturers doing business with Target.

**Why the Hill Lake area?** I moved to Kenwood from St Louis Park in 2006 with my wife Lori, after we got married. We wanted to live near the Chain of Lakes and looked at various neighborhoods within walking distance. We picked Kenwood because we found the right house for us and liked the fact that it was tucked away in a quiet neighborhood between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** My interests are travel, both US and Internationally, cooking, gardening, and camping up north.

**What led you to get involved with the Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA)?** I started to attend KIAA meetings a couple of years after moving into the neighborhood because I started to hear a lot about Southwest Light Rail. I was interested in hearing about issues affecting the neighborhood and helping out. A few years later, since I was already attending most of the monthly meetings, I decided to run for Secretary in 2012. I was elected chair in 2017 and just re-elected for this year.

**How do you enjoy chairing KIAA?** I really enjoy KIAA and the Chair role; the thing that is great about our board is that we are non-partisan. We get to do some really great things for the Kenwood without having to worry about party politics. Being Chair has enabled me to meet and work with some great people with one goal in common: making Kenwood the best it can be.

**You did a sterling job as moderator of the four-neighborhood Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan information session on June 6. What did you do to prepare? How do you feel the session went?** Thank you! I had a great team to help plan and orchestrate it. I think the meeting went



Shawn and Lori Smith and Baci.

well; we intentionally structured it one half written questions and one half open microphone. That way, we ensured we covered a diversity of topics, but also gave the attendees time to directly address questions to the Director of Long Range Planning. To prepare, I set aside any of my personal feelings about the plan. The meeting wasn't about my opinions; it was about providing our constituents a forum to get more information about Minneapolis 2040 so they could provide informed feedback. And I think it was mission accomplished. I hope they have submitted their comments to the city website.

**How do you personally view the Comp Plan?** Like any plan, there are positives and negatives to it. My concern is not necessarily about the content, if it is implemented thoughtfully. We are already seeing market forces bring multiplexes and development where that development is a wanted commodity, such as what you see in Uptown. And it's focused, not random. My concern is that the plan, if approved, will allow for random big development in established neighborhoods, without concern for homeowners. People buy a home based on their personal criteria. They enter homeownership knowing it is their single

largest investment and hope that through building equity, they can cash that equity in someday. If the city changes the game via the plan and manipulates the housing stock in our neighborhoods, it is difficult to predict the effect on equity. The city planners, by their own admission, are not economists and did not engage any in the drafting of the plan, so they can't speak to the impact on property values. It's why many property owners are nervous and frustrated.

**You've been active with the Hill and Lake people working to get Southwest LRT done right. What are your thoughts on the project? What are its prospects?** The neighborhood is really mixed on this and I want to respect opinions on both sides of the issue. That said, if I was in charge of regional planning and had to spend \$2B, it would not be on a single 14.5-mile light rail line. We could fix dozens of issues like school budgets, repairing infrastructure, and the homeless situation with that money and have enough left over to give tax relief. And in Kenwood, we are sacrificing so much. The Kenilworth Corridor is a significant natural resource and urban forest, which will be altered forever. It's one of the few places in the city where you can still get an "up north" experience.

**You're a Republican in a heavily DFL part of town. Has that led to good conversations with your Hill and Lake neighbors?** I was wondering if you'd ask me that. My life path has brought me to a place where I am a conservative. In KIAA, I was re-elected chair because people see that I care about Kenwood and I want to be engaged. Everything is so political now; I mostly keep my views to myself. Actually, I think I have a lot in common with many neighbors regardless of party: wanting a strong safe neighborhood, keeping property taxes in check and spent wisely, protecting our lakes, and having a city government that actually listens to all points of view, not just the ones they want to hear.

**What would you like Kenwood to be ten years from now?** I'd like it to be a place that keeps its spirit of everyone in the neighborhood caring about everyone in the neighborhood. What makes Kenwood work today is that neighbors know each other, and people live their lives in consideration of their impact on others. I hope it stays like that. And quiet. I hope it keeps its serenity and quiet.

**You completed Grandma's Marathon on June 16? How did it go? Will you be doing the Twin Cities Marathon (TCM) this fall?** I was a little slower than I wanted to be but still happy to finish in less than 4.5 hours. It was a great event and a fun after party. I will not be doing Twin Cities this fall; at 51 I only have one marathon in me each year. I've run Twin Cities four times, which is why I signed up to run my first Grandma's this year. But I'll stay involved with TCM by supporting them with my time and resources.

## Minneapolis is Not for Sale

A guest column by Carol Becker, President Minneapolis Board of Estimate and Taxation

The City of Minneapolis has released a draft of its long-range plan, the 2040 Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan. It lays out how the city will develop over the next 20 years.

It includes a wide range of policies, but the most important ones are those that lay out how physical space will change and how transportation will happen.

The proposed plan is a radical departure from previous comprehensive plans: The City has proposed upzoning the whole city. This would make it possible to bulldoze any single-family house and replace it with a fourplex.

It has also proposed allowing 15-to-20-story towers in most parts of the city. Uptown and around the lakes would become Manhattan, with tower after tower crammed in. None of this housing would be required to have parking.

The plan would trump small area plans created by neighborhoods.

All of these changes are aimed at reducing requirements for developers. This is part of a national pro-developer agenda called "YIMBY." Developers want fewer regulations so they can build whatever they want, wherever they want, to make the most profit — without regard to the community or its needs.

Plan advocates argue that if we build enough market-rate housing, somehow poor people will be better

off. The reality is that new construction costs are too high to create new affordable housing without government support — which isn't included in the plan. Advocates argue that by letting developers build wherever they want we will address historic racism in housing — without explaining how new market-rate housing will do that. They similarly argue that benefits from new market-rate housing will advance economic

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## "Hill and Lake Residents Speak"

Over 160 residents attended the June 6 Minneapolis 2040 Comp Plan Information Session, sponsored by the four Hill and Lake neighborhoods. Several of them offered their comments on the meeting and on the draft Comp Plan itself. (Compiled by Michael Wilson.)

### Canan Karatekin / Cedar-Isles-Dean

It was good to have a chance to hear about the 2040 plan. However, I was disappointed to hear the city planners say several times that they had no control over "market forces" and had no way to predict what the market would do. The impression I got from the meeting was that the developers of high-end homes would have free rein over the city by 2040. I hope there will be a mechanism by which we find out how feedback from the community has been incorporated into the plan. Thanks for the chance to give feedback.

### Sam and Barbara Murphy / Kenwood

Alert neighbors. The draft Minneapolis 2040 plan is a far-reaching change that will have a major, irrevocable impact on the lakes neighborhoods. Driving four-story apartment buildings up along Franklin Avenue and 21st Street through Lowry Hill and Kenwood will impact entire neighborhoods that are the envy of most cities. Look how the increased density along Lake Street into uptown has generated serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues, with no improvement in transportation, affordable housing or segregation. That is your future.

### Robert Hinck / Lowry Hill

The Minneapolis 2040 proposal extols the virtues and vibrancy of our city, and then states the intention to change it. Density merely for growth's sake is coerced, not an organic response. The desire to increase density, as suggested, will likely result in the same effect as the freeways dividing neighborhoods in the 1960s. This time it'll be the canyons of condos that dwarf and isolate businesses, homes and residents. Sometimes what is not built is as important as what is.

### Harriet Horwitz / East Isles

What is worth saving? In 1988, as developers proposed a 25-story apartment tower adjoining the Calhoun Beach Club, concerned citizens throughout the city let their council members know how vital our Chain of Lakes Regional Park is to the unique identity of Minneapolis. In response, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt the Shoreland Overlay District ordinance, conforming to DNR protections limiting building height within 1000 feet of lakes. Under Minneapolis 2040, however, those protections will be removed and buildings reaching 30 stories are possible. Currently, buildings with over 1200 units near Bde Mka Ska are min 1988 for limitations so that, genera-



Photo by Dorothy Childers

The June 6 Comp Plan Information meeting was led by Heather Worthington (left), the city's director of long-range planning, and Brian Schaffer (right), principal project coordinator. Shawn Smith (center), KIAA board chair, was the moderator.

tions from now, grandkids could still see the sky. Is that achievement now to be lost?

### Karen and Jerry Bergseth / Cedar-Isles-Dean

The strong anti-automobile bias in the plan is troubling. Commuting aside, most people will still need a car for independence and flexibility. Penalizing car owners by mandating minimal parking while increasing density in proposed new housing seems counter-productive. Auto industry sources predict 40-50% of new vehicles will be electric by 2040, and those will be facing a parking nightmare under this plan. We may be trying to solve a problem that will not exist beyond 2040.

### Linda Mack / Kenwood

Is allowing four-plexes in all neighborhoods the best way to make housing accessible to all? It seems likely that the least valuable properties would be the ones that would be re-developed—smaller houses in affordable neighborhoods—and therefore a housing stock that meets the need for affordable housing would actually be destroyed. Let's test out the economics of this proposal before a wholesale change that could have negative consequences.

### Cam Winton / Lowry Hill

I have three key concerns about the Minneapolis 2040 plan:

- It would threaten the safety of our neighborhood's children to allow four-story construction across the street from Kenwood Elementary – as the draft plan does. That many more people and their cars—in an area that's already congested every morning and afternoon—would increase the risk of a child being hit by a car.

- It would trample a community resource to allow any construction along Kenilworth Trail south of West 21st Street – as the draft plan does.

- It would demolish the fabric of already-dense neighborhoods to allow construction of four-story buildings the full length of Franklin Ave. and West 21st Street – as the draft plan does.

### Evan Boyd / East Isles

Moving people in the Minneapolis 2040 Plan: I have been a resident in the Uptown area for eight years and I worked in downtown Minneapolis for 27 years. In both areas several apartment, condominium, and corporate buildings have been built but I have seen no improvement in moving people in and out of downtown or Uptown. All future residences and businesses should have off-street parking. While I agree with bike lanes it seems regressive to make 26th and 28th one lane for cars when there is great Greenway biking close at hand. Should there be more one-way

streets with no parking, streets dedicated to bikes, buses, taxis, Uber, Lyft etc.? We do not have good mass transportation and often the streets are closed for events.

### Nancy and Jim Nikora / Cedar-Isles-Dean

Ms. Worthington stated the Plan 2040 recognizes the shortage of affordable housing and encourages density of existing and new development. Significant projects are slated for the Lake Street transit corridor, but their higher rents contradict the Plan's goals. We're told the city cannot control development projects, however the Hiawatha corridor has fully developed transit where more affordable housing could be encouraged with TIF funds. Our lakes, protected by Theodore Wirth and 1987's Shoreline Overlay, are the city's most valuable asset, and must not be walled off to profit a few.

### Brian Repko and Kristin Gaarder / Kenwood

Unfortunately, transit plans don't keep up with the density plans. People still need cars that require parking and traffic planning. Also, lack of affordable housing and altering the single-family neighborhoods are issues. We prefer density at intersections, not along full corridors. We are concerned that density near Bde Maka Ska has an environmental impact. For Kenwood, any corridor to SWLRT would be better as a bike corridor and not a Corridor 4 level.

### Michael Rothman / Cedar-Isles-Dean

At 245 pages the Minneapolis 2040 Plan is indeed utopian in scope. Racial equity is a wonderful priority. So is more density. I fear, however, that the plan is something of a Trojan horse insofar as the 30-story towers in CIDNA indicate a field day for developers who will, as always, let the market be their guide. Affordable housing will be the loser. Let there be low-rise and walkability. Save my Calhoun Village Punch Pizza, or else!

### John and Loni Healam / East Isles

We thought that the presenter on June 6, Heather Worthington, did an excellent job in outlining the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (not policy!), and in answering audience questions. We noticed the demographics of those attending this meeting: very few minorities and largely, like us, of the older generation. I would thus suggest (partially in jest!) that very individual residential real estate would be of more consideration than current housing and commercial properties and how they will change by 2040.

### Jeremy Nichols and Evelyn Turner / Kenwood

In addition to the concerns about, and obvious

### Comment NOW from page one

forward this fall."

Heather Worthington, the city's director of long range planning, assured Hill and Lake neighbors who attended an informational meeting on June 6th that comments will be read and taken into consideration, especially comments that provide concrete, detailed information that the planning team may have overlooked.

You can review the plan and submit comments on <minneapolis2040.com>. If you're a linear thinker, you can access a PDF of the entire plan by clicking in the top right-hand corner of the online homepage (see illustration accompanying this story) or by going to <minneapolis2040.com/pdf>. You can't make comments via the PDF version, but you can, and SHOULD, make comments at <minneapolis2040.com>. You can also comment via email at <2040@minneapolismn.gov>.

The comment period closes on July 22nd. Planners will then make revisions and present a final draft to the City Planning Commission and the City Council in the fall. Further input may be taken by City Council members at that time, but the best time to share concerns and ideas is *right now*.

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mistakes in, the land use designations, there is substantial policy overreach and an absence of consideration of how the implementation of the policies is to be funded. The plan is difficult to understand as it is full of technical terms and written in jargon. It promotes a particular ideological agenda. Written in an arrogant and patronizing tone, it denigrates those who haven't "gotten with the program," in particular "white people" (Goal 1) and automobile users.

The plan promotes overreaching regulation, which expands the city's police power. It has very little about basic municipal services: public safety, utilities and street maintenance. It implies city control of the Park Board and Metro Transit. It does not consider that the city is part of a region and that some issues could be better addressed in cooperation with other units of government. It does not consider the appropriate form of government for the city or city finances in general.

**Mike Sward / Cedar-Isles-Dean**

Over ice cream with my 12 year old godchild yesterday, backyards came up. "Are they important", I asked. "I know everyone can't have one," she replied. "I just can't imagine growing up without ours! We play there all the time. My moms like it because we're safe!"

I'm a Realtor, and her words echo the concern I hear most frequently from Buyers: "What assurances are there that multi-unit dwellings won't take over and ruin the neighborhood?" Most of us welcome diversity in all forms, from home-styles to life-styles. What rises to a valid, consistent concern is how to integrate a balance of growth that's reasonable and sustainable given our current infrastructure without losing the beauty of these magnificent-single family settings. An old yet wise saying reminds us not to "toss out the baby with the bath water!" Nurturing community must include mindfulness surrounding what has sustained itself and even flourished, as many search for single-family dwellings, protected by sensible zoning rules.

**Mark Addicks / Lowry Hill**

I had three reactions to our neighborhood meeting. There is a lack of agreement about whether this plan is meant to address affordable housing—which we all care about—or density. The Mayor says the 2040 Plan will lead to more affordable housing; the Plan's author says it absolutely does not. Clarity on this point is critical. If the Plan is just for density, then we should be discussing the best way to address density.

Second, the 2040 Plan assumes that property values remain strong. I am not sure that single-family homes—especially in our neighborhood—will retain their values when next to four story residential buildings. So property taxes could be negatively affected in the future.

Third, the 2040 Plan has ZERO design requirements for all this development. I fear the individual character and design features of our neighborhoods will be replaced by a boring sameness, much like we are seeing in the current development boom. Think of our Hennepin Avenue today: it is an ugly amalgam of poorly conceived strip centers and random retail outlets with ZERO character and ZERO unifying design elements, all because no one from city government was paying attention. You could be in any poorly-planned city in the United States. I fear that this will be the actual legacy of the 2040 Plan from Mayor Frey and Council President Bender.

**Nancy and Jack Sousa / Cedar-Isles-Dean**

As a couple who downsized and moved from a very dense neighborhood in Boston to the CIDNA neighborhood of Minneapolis eight years ago, we are now hoping to age in place. We can't do that without help from the city. The 2040 plan might have good intentions in making the city livable for everyone, but I don't see any substantive plans for pedestrian safety and improvements in public transit near my neighborhood. As we age, we will become one of those people



### LAKEWOOD: COYOTE TURNS TO GRAVE THOUGHTS

By James P. Lenfestey

What do McKnight, Pillsbury, Glueck, Ueland, Dunwoody, Loring, Lowry, Blaisdell, Woo, Humphrey, Wellstone and Lenfestey have in common? We all own real estate in Lakewood Cemetery. Captains Of industry, pioneering suffragettes, an abundance Of Elks, doctors, lawyers, soldiers, restaurateurs, firefighters, journalists, clowns and marathon dancers inhabit the rolling park-like grounds on the shores of Bde Mka Ska, maybe someday also home to the Urban Coyote Column. Read on.

Ahh, Lakewood, the city's most glorious sculpture park, filled with obelisks, Greek temples, a pyramid, romantic statues 20 feet tall (Pillsbury), 15 feet tall (Glueck) ten feet tall (Brown), more obelisks, modest sculpted lambs and humble logs and granite slabs, the Sit family arch and the Wellstone family boulder overlooking the lake, a repository of regional history open to all, a parking place for the body so the soul can wander without prejudice or worry about historical amnesia.

The city's founding mothers and fathers did so much right, Lakewood a prime example. At a time when religious and racial prejudice and private ownership were the rule, Lakewood, founded in 1871 by abolitionist Louis King, is nonprofit, non-denominational, non-racial. Imagined when our city was just four years old with only 13,000 residents, the founding board planned for a horizon that anticipated the rainbow of all of us, and well beyond.

Today's enlightened board of directors at Lakewood celebrates not only Memorial Day but Earth Day and many other events open to the public. And its beautiful setting of more than 250 acres allows glorious weddings as well as peaceful funerals, particularly in its historic Byzantine chapel whose spectacular interior mosaics shimmer with light reflected from 10 million hand-laid tiles.

Speaking of funerals, according to "Haven in the Heart of the City: The History of Lakewood Cemetery," businessman Woo Ye Sing set a highwater mark in 1925. His service began at Westminster Church near downtown, marched with a Chinese band past his house to gather his soul, then on to Lakewood, followed by an effusive Chinese dinner and gifts.

Of course, one can be quietly interred at Lakewood without granite or bronze or fanfare, in one of the many memorial parks and crypts. And these days giant memorials and funerals are out of fashion, like knickers and roadsters and Chinese bands.

Nor for me. I admire the exuberant vision of the founders and Mr. Woo. Why not add another startling sculpture to Lakewood's sculpture garden, this one dedicated to the memory of the city's robust neighborhoods and community journalists who tells their stories? Why not a 20-foot-tall column with a howling coyote on top – the Urban Coyote Column! That's not unreasonable, is it kids?

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A photo of a marker (Glueck Family) at Lakewood Cemetery

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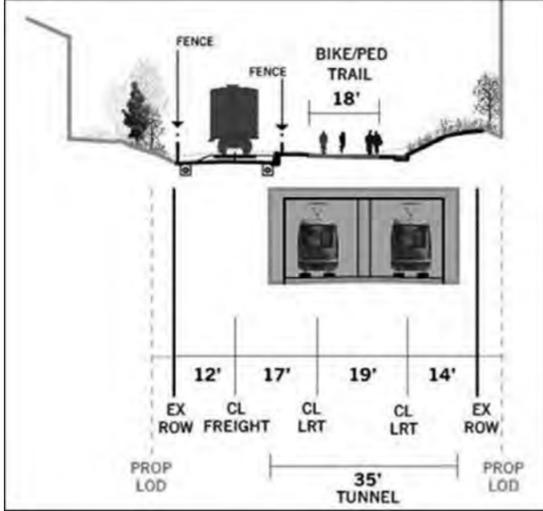
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## Hennepin board gives SWLRT additional \$204 million; Calhoun Isles vibration damage issue remains unsettled

By Michael Wilson

The Hennepin County board voted to give Southwest LRT another \$204,000,000 at a special meeting on May 31, pushing the total cost of the project -- for the moment -- past \$2 billion. But Commissioner Mike Opat was having none of it.

"I've supported the SW light rail project. I support it at the existing budget," said Opat, who represents



SWLRT plans call for tunnel excavation 24 inches from condo tower footings and mere feet from 14,500-ton freight trains often carrying ethanol on the other side of a 62-foot-wide right-of-way. (Illustration: SW

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justice, without explaining how. They claim without proof that new market-rate housing will somehow fight climate change.

Who is harmed? Families with children under the age of 18 make up 40 percent of the city's population. This plan would bulldoze single-family homes, where 80 percent of Minneapolis's 3- and 4-bedroom units exist, and replace them with micro apartments, studios and one-bedroom apartments — housing that families with children cannot use.

This plan would build housing without parking — units that would be inaccessible to families with children, the elderly and the disabled.

This plan would demolish lower-value homes, which have traditionally served as the most important investments families can make to build wealth.

Up-zoning the city increases property values, making it more unaffordable overall. No one wins except developers.

What could we be doing? Minneapolis grew by 40,000 people in the last 20 years primarily by concentrating new development in downtown, around the University of Minnesota and in high-frequency transit nodes. This strategy created the Downtown Neighborhood, with over 35,000 people. It meant that students could finally live near the University. New apartments and condos sprouted throughout the city in neighborhoods that previously were only single-family homes.

Twenty years ago, this was, appropriately, called "Smart Growth."

The city is forecast to grow another 50,000 in the next 20 years. We can either continue what has been successful — concentrating development in existing walkable environments and at transit nodes — or we can let developers run roughshod over our city, demolishing what is best about us.

People who are concerned about this should submit comments to the 2040 Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan at

<https://minneapolis2040.com/how-to-comment/> and also by contacting their council member by calling 311.

Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and several smaller adjacent suburbs. "[But] the problem with this project, and why I'm not going to support the budget increase today, is I think the project is just plain poorly managed. ... [A]fter a decade of planning, this is just too big. This increase -- 200 million dollars solely on the county -- is too big."

Commissioner Jeff Johnson was even more blunt. "Everyone knows I have opposed this project, even when the price tag was much lower," Johnson said. "I just think the cost vs the benefit of this is terrible. It's just terrible. And since then we've incurred what, a 60 percent, 65 percent increase, depending on the numbers you look at. We've doubled the cost, and everyone up here knows this is going to climb even higher. We are not done yet. This is not going to be a \$2 billion project. It's going to be more than that."

### Hennepin must cover all cost increases alone.

We can't know, of course, what opinions the other five commissioners are expressing behind closed doors. But on May 31, only Commissioners Debbie Goettel and Marion Greene asked a few informational questions. Even Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Southwest's champion for almost three decades, appeared to those in attendance rather subdued. In the end, by a 5-2 vote, the board approved this latest \$204 million cash infusion for the beleaguered SWLRT project.

What particularly irritated Opat was that, with the 50 percent federal contribution capped at \$928.8 million, Hennepin County is now on the hook for the full amount of this and all future budget increases. "These costs should have been anticipated and included before this went to final engineering, and before the federal share was locked down, before we are exposed to all the increases," he said.

The Republican-controlled legislature backed out of completing its ten percent share of local funding in 2016. The 2017 Transportation bill prohibited the Met Council from spending proceeds of its general obligation bonds to finance any new LRT lines. The bill also allowed the state to continue paying 50 percent of net operating costs for the existing Blue and Green lines but prohibited any state contribution to net operating costs for Southwest.

And faced with dissension from Anoka County and a decision by Dakota County to withdraw from the five-member Counties Transit Improvement Board, CTIB disbanded last September. CTIB had been slated to pay about 28 percent of Southwest's costs through its quarter-cent regional sales tax, which it was required by law to spend solely on transit projects.

### Sales tax can fund road projects too.

Acting under a different provision of the 2008 law that authorized CTIB, the Hennepin County board then levied a half-cent sales tax which went into effect on October 1, 2017. Although it's often called a "transit tax," implying that it's to be spent only on transit projects -- Southwest and Bottineau come to mind -- it is in fact a **transportation tax**. Hennepin is free to spend the half-cent sales tax proceeds on road and bridge projects as well as far less expensive transit projects like arterial and highway BRT lines.

(Many people have asked why Hennepin didn't hold a referendum about imposing the half-cent sales tax. The answer is: they didn't have to. The counties got that pesky requirement in the 2008 law removed in 2013.)

People in Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Calhoun already often feel trapped in their homes during parts of the day due to the intolerable traffic congestion on West Lake Street and Excelsior Blvd. -- and it's only going to get worse with the massive new towers west of Whole Foods now working their way through the city's planning process and then with the 30-story high-rises that the city's draft Comp Plan wants to allow at Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons.

West Lake and Excelsior are both county highways, but there's apparently no money and thus no plans for a major rebuild. Except there could be. By law, the half-cent sales tax can be used for all transportation projects, not just Southwest LRT.

SWLRT, if built, would provide a convenient ride for many Hill and Lake residents boarding at the West Lake or 21st Street stations to the four sports stadiums between here and downtown St. Paul. But in a city intent on densification, the "Southwest" in SWLRT promises service only to the people in Hennepin's southwest suburbs, not to the tens of thousands of people in southwest and south Minneapolis who would use it if its route through the city went where masses of people actually live.

### More cost increases appear inevitable.

So is the \$204 million budget bump approved by five of the seven Hennepin County commissioners on May 31 the end of the increases? Hardly. Costs of materials used in construction, including diesel fuel, are soaring. Payroll costs will have to climb in a labor market that is enjoying record low levels of unemployment. Go to [finance-commerce.com](http://finance-commerce.com) to read a sobering assessment of the situation, "Price volatility may continue for Southwest light rail" (May 16, 2018).

And then there's the potential budget-buster looming at the "pinch point" in the Kenilworth Corridor, where project planners insist they can push sheet piles down 60 feet to excavate a tunnel 24 inches from the footings of the Calhoun Isles condominium towers on one side and a few feet on the other side from TC&W freight trains weighing upwards of 14,500 tons and often carrying highly flammable ethanol -- all within a 62-foot-wide right-of-way. (See the pinch point cross-section illustration accompanying this article.)

A vibration study of the towers was not part of the October 2012 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) because everyone still trusted Hennepin County's longstanding promise to reroute the freight trains which were "temporarily" using the Kenilworth Corridor in order to make room for SWLRT. Co-location of freight and LRT became the new reality in January 2013, however, and an LRT tunnel became the chosen way to "thread the needle" through the pinch point.

SW Project Office staff looked into the possible effects of short-term construction and long-term operational vibration impacts on the century-old grain silos for the Final EIS, released in May 2016, and concluded there would essentially be none.

### Met Council opposed additional vibration study.

Based on their experience with damage caused by vibrations from construction of the Trammell-Crow (Tryg's site) apartments 180 feet away, the Calhoun Isles d Sen. Scott Dibble, to include a provision in the 2017 Transportation bill requiring the council to "develop and implement a project-ready plan to prevent vibration impacts" to Calhoun Isles using the results of a "vibration susceptibility study."

Finally, in early April, the Met Council got around to conducting a transfer mobility study done (at their insistence) by their own people. Civil engineers from the Itasca Consulting Group, retained by the Calhoun Isles board, were allowed to observe. The first set of preliminary SWLRT concluded on page 15



The Calhoun Isles condominium towers were built as grain silos in 1915 and 1928 and were converted to housing in the early 1980s. Photo: Joe Quigley, Minneapolis Public Schools.

## CELLO*ici* returns to neighborhood with three concerts in July

By Michael Wilson

After playing to enthusiastic audiences last summer, CELLO*ici* returns to our neighborhood in July with three concerts featuring three of the country's best cellists.

An outgrowth of the International Cello Institute, an intensive three-week program for aspiring young cellists held at St. Olaf College, CELLO*ici* brings faculty members to Minneapolis so we can enjoy some of the wonderful music-making going on in Northfield.

All three concerts take place in July at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, right next to our Hill and Lake neighborhood. Concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Melissa Ousley, Classical MPR host and International Cello Institute board member, will provide commentary at all three concerts.

### Concerts on July 17 and 21.

The first concert on Tuesday, July 17, features Mark Kasower, principal cellist of the acclaimed Cleveland Orchestra, and his recital partner (and wife) Jee-Won Oh. Kasower grew up in Eau Claire and performed many times as a student in the Twin Cities. He has the distinction of being the youngest person ever to have performed on Schubert Club's Music in the Park Series when he appeared, along with his sister and father, as a nine-year-old prodigy. Oh has performed across the United States and in Europe, Asia, and South America as a soloist and chamber musician.

The second concert on Saturday, July 21, features Astrid Schween, cellist of the renowned Juilliard Quartet, and pianist Mary Jo Gothmann. Schween is currently a faculty member at the Juilliard School and the cellist in the Juilliard String Quartet. Prior to joining the Juilliard, Schween was the Lark Quartet's cellist for 25 years, succeeding Laura Sewell, founding cellist of the Lark. Gothmann has been a staff accompanist with VocalEssence, Minnesota Opera, Santa Fe Opera, and the Metropolitan Opera. She performs with the SPCO and Minnesota Orchestra.

The third concert is on Tuesday, July 31. Read your July Hill & Lake Press for more information.

Laura Sewell directs the International Cello Institute's Junior Division -- and is of course one of the

cellists of the Isles Ensemble, which performs four times a year at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, in the heart of our Hill and Lake neighborhood.

**Bach, Barber, Bridge, Debussy and Franck.**

"We're excited to be bringing Mark and Jee-Won to the Twin Cities because they are well-known as a duo and, as husband and wife, play so beautifully and effortlessly together," Sewell says. "Their program is quite unusual and will be a treat. Mark has arranged a Bach violin sonata for cello (BWV 1005)

which should be delightful. They are playing two lush, romantic cello sonatas: the Samuel Barber Sonata, Op. 6, and the Frank Bridge Sonata."

Sewell is enthusiastic about the Schween/Gothmann concert as well. "Astrid is the consummate chamber musician," Sewell says. "She is one of the world's leading string quartet cellists and she approaches everything she plays with great integrity and a lot of thought. Mary Jo is well known to Twin Cities audiences as one of our most sought-after local pianists. Both women are true music collaborators."

Schween and Gothmann will be playing the delightful cello sonata of Claude Debussy, Sewell says, and the famous sonata by Cesar Franck (usually played by vio-

linists but transcribed for cello by Franck himself). Schween will perform the unaccompanied sonata for cello by composer and cellist Gaspar Cassadó, which Sewell promises is "full of Spanish passion and virtuosity!"

Concert tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance on ICI's website (<internationalcelloinstitute.com>). Individual tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Tickets for the three-concert series are \$65 for adults and \$40 for seniors. Students are free. It's refreshing that the CELLO*ici* venue can please everyone -- easily accessible for transit users, bikers, and walkers, with plenty of free parking for those who drive.



Mark Kasower July 17



Jae-Won Oh July 17



Astrid Schween July 21



Mary Jo Gothmann July 21

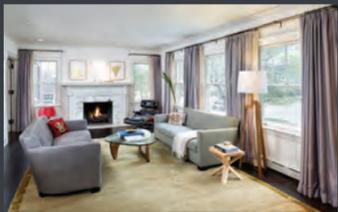
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**DFLers endorse for congressional district 5 seat**

Former HLP area representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher choose not to attend special endorsing convention. By Gary Cohen, foreign correspondent

I was hoping to be able to report on some local flavor at this convention from the perspective of how Margaret Anderson Kelliher, who formerly represented HLP land in the state legislature from 1999 through 2011, fared at the June 17 convention. However, as reported in the Star Tribune and other media sources, Kelliher declined to attend the convention. She noted that "the convention was hastily set up and was being held on Father's Day". Another candidate, Jamal Abdulahi, also chose not to attend the endorsing convention.

However, since it is a rare event when a congressional seat opens up, we thought it would still be helpful to report on the event. By way of some brief history, only three people have held the congressional district five seat since 1963. They are Don Fraser, Martin Sabo and Keith Ellison. Ellison was elected the last time the seat opened in 2006 when Martin Sabo retired. Sabo had served since 1978. (Extra credit if you know it was Walter Judd who served prior to Fraser in that seat!!)

Congressional district five is a heavily DFL leaning district. The district includes all of Minneapolis, as well as first ring western and southern suburbs including Robbinsdale, New Hope, Golden Valley, St Louis Park, Hopkins and Richfield. No republican has held the seat since the 1962 election of Don Fraser. The seat opened this year due to the fact that Keith Ellison, the current incumbent, filed to run for attorney general, thus opening up his congressional seat. Under party rules, a special endorsing convention was selected as a method to endorse a candidate for the newly opened seat.

So, what did happen at the convention on a warm Father's Day Sunday? If you have attended your precinct caucus and been elected a delegate, you are familiar with how delegates get elected to conventions to endorse candidates. The congressional district five

Park Siding Park Gardeners



Photo by Dorothy Childers

Join the CIDNA volunteer gardening team to tend the gardens in Park Siding Park. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season, so mark your calendar for 9-11 a.m. the following Saturday mornings: July 21, August 18 and September 15.

From left: Carol Shorrock, Rosanne Halloran, Monica Smith and Sherry Brooks

convention delegates were those who attended their senate district and state convention earlier this year. If you have never attended a precinct caucus, it all will seem like so much inside politics to you. But, the major political parties in Minnesota have used this caucus/convention process for many years. The first major change to this process in decades will come in 2020 when Minnesota holds a presidential primary.

Three candidates came forward to seek endorsement at the June 17 convention held at Clara Barton School in south Minneapolis. They were Frank Drake, state representative Ilhan Omar and state senator Patricia Torres Ray. Nominated candidates each had five minutes to speak to the convention and then a 15 minute question and answer session was held. During the question and answer session, all three candidates

indicated they would run in the August 14 primary regardless of the outcome of the convention. Following the question and answer session, the first ballot for endorsement was held. 187 votes were cast in the first ballot at the convention. 113 votes were required to endorse. Endorsement requires a 60% affirmative vote. First ballot results were 29 (14.9%) for no endorsement, 59 (30.3%) for Torres Ray and 107 (54.8%) for Omar. By convention rules, Drake was dropped as he received the lowest vote total of the three candidates on the first ballot. The remaining candidates, Torres Ray and Omar, moved on to a second ballot.

Prior to the second ballot, both candidates spoke to the convention again. They both noted how exciting it

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# Penny Bette Jacobs

By Laurie Savran



There are stars whose radiance is visible on earth though they have long been extinct.

There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world even though they are no longer among the living.... By Hannah Senesh

Penny Bette Jacobs slipped away on May 24th but her radiant spirit will always be at Cedar Lake. In summers she loved to swim across the lake, bike around the lake, canoe on the lake, roller blade and walk every day year-round. In winters she went ice skating, cross country skiing and downhill skiing in Aspen. A Ralph Waldo Emerson poem states, "Scatter Joy." There are sparks of Penny's joyful spirit scattered all over Cedar Lake, all over Minneapolis and all over the world. When she was younger her parents and sister Jeanne's experience was probably "scatter joy" as Penny was always outside playing until way after dark and no one knew where she was.

Penny was a teacher, and her students were the recipients of her brilliance. She is remembered for organizing protest marches with her classroom involving environmental issues and more recently to end gun violence and to stop screwing the middle class, the title of one of her 6 or so books she wrote on a typewriter. Later, she loved to play duets with her musical friends and regularly hosted music nights attended not only by friends and family but by children she had encouraged to play. Her creativity was evident at her slide shows of her many trips around the world (usually quickly flashing a nude slide), ending in dessert and everyone admiring her cuckoo clocks, wind-up toys and frog collection (She was called frog and her friend Carolyn Bell was Toad). Penny survived serious health issues and often remarked that "the beast" had come when she was ill. On her birthday we were required to read poems or perform up in her bedroom by the piano followed by her favorite food from Christos which definitely spread joy. She also loved Wakame and both restaurants sent her meals when she was too ill to go out which helped tame the beast.

I was lucky enough to become her friend over 20 years ago. She immediately called me Laurie the Magnificent and I was to call her Penny the Great. Great she was as testified by all of her family, friends, former students and neighbors when I posted her pictures on Facebook. When we went to plays, movies, orchestra concerts and Art In Bloom every year, she would make new friends and would soon have them for dinner. She would remark that they tasted delicious. Always enthusiastic, one of her favorite words was "wunderbar". On New Year's Eve this year we went to the Minnesota Orchestra together and danced

at midnight and drank champagne. It was wunderbar. Just a few months ago, even though the beast was visiting, I picked her up and took her to the Loppet Luminary. We held onto each other that magical night as we walked onto Lake of the Isles and admired the lights and the candles and the people skiing. Most of all, Penny scattered joy (and sometimes joy), to her husband, Sol and their children, Robin, Leslie, Paul and Robert, and granddaughters whom she lovingly called the gargoyles.



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### Development Near METRO Stations: Support development and public realm improvements near existing and planned METRO stations that result in walkable districts for living, working, shopping, and recreating.



The system of existing and planned METRO Light Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit lines in our region presents substantial opportunities to develop new housing, employment, and commercial goods in services in a manner that allows people to conduct daily activities without using a car. This concept is often called Transit-Oriented Development. In Minneapolis, the existing development pattern is supportive of transit, and residents and workers are served by an extensive system of buses and trains. Collectively, the policies of this plan support Transit-Oriented Development, and ongoing improvements to the transit system, in all parts of the city. METRO stations, however, provide a level of amenity and service a step above the rest of the system. And in many cases, areas near existing and proposed METRO stations require special attention to achieve their full potential.

The METRO Blue Line, Blue Line extension, and Green Line extension run in highway and freight rail rights-of-way for much of their extent. This results in a unique set of weaknesses, strengths, and constraints related to the physical environment of each station. And every station area has a need for improvements in connectivity and place-making. With strategic investments, METRO station areas can become high-quality, walkable districts for living, working, shopping, and recreating for people of all ages and incomes. In this way, they have the capacity for meeting the needs of our growing city.

#### ACTION STEPS

The City will seek to accomplish the following action steps to support development and public realm improvements near existing and planned METRO stations that result in walkable districts for living, working, shopping, and recreating.

- Allow and encourage a dense mix of housing, employment, and commercial goods and services near METRO stations.
- Develop affordable housing near METRO stations.
- Require a minimum level of development near METRO stations to ensure that land is used efficiently near major transit investments.
- Ensure that METRO stations are accessible via sidewalks and bicycle facilities.
- Identify and implement strategic investments to increase connectivity and support development.
- Break up large blocks into small, walkable blocks.
- Orient buildings to the sidewalk.
- Line main pedestrian routes leading to METRO stations with active uses on the ground floor of buildings.
- Incorporate plazas and open spaces into development and station design.
- Minimize the impact of automobiles near METRO stations by tucking parking behind and under buildings, by sharing parking among area uses, by prohibiting the establishment of auto-oriented uses, and by prohibiting the establishment of park-and-ride facilities.

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**Thursday, July 19**

Beginning at 4:30 p.m.  
Cedar Lake South Beach  
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Ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. Festivities continue at the beach throughout the evening.

Music and activities - bring your picnic and join in the fun!

For more information about the beach renovation, google <Park Board South Beach>.

South Beach renovation and improvements have been sponsored and funded in part by the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association as a service to the community.



**Volunteers needed!**  
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## LOWRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

By Michael Cockson, President and Acting Secretary

### Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2018 First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Minneapolis, MN 55403

Board Members Present: Michael Cockson (acting Chair and Secretary), Toni D'Eramo, Krishna Dorney, Bob Hinck, Jennifer Breitinger, Jimmy Fogel, Lee Switzenberg, and Justin Baylor

Others: Lisa Goodman (City of Minneapolis City Council); Jono Cowgill (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board)

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Approval of Minutes: Toni D'Eramo moved and Justin Baylor seconded that the minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion passed. Toni D'Eramo moved and Lee Switzenberg seconded that the minutes of the May 15, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**Community Announcements: Toni D'Eramo** reported on Council Member Lisa Goodman's report: Annual Fieldtrip, Thursday, June 28, 2018 (12:00-1:00) to Animal Care & Control at 212 17th Ave. N, Minneapolis, 55411.

### City Staff continues to take comments on draft Comprehensive Plan

#### Hazardous Waste Events

Friday-Saturday (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

June 22-23 at Pillsbury Elementary School  
2250 Garfield Street NE

July 27-28 at Jenny Lind Elementary School

5025 Bryant Ave. N.

August 10-11 at Anthony Middle School

5757 Irving Ave. S.

August 17-18 at South High School

3131 19th Ave. S.

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612-348-3777 or [environment@hennepin.us](mailto:environment@hennepin.us)

### Open Street 2018 - Free events bringing community and local businesses together

Sunday, June 10 (11:00-5:00): Lyndale (22nd to 54th Street)

Sunday, July 22 (11:00-5:00): Lake + Minnehaha

Sunday, August 5 (10:00-10:00): Northeast

Sunday, August 26 (11:00-5:00): Franklin (Portland to 28th Ave)

Saturday, September 15 (11:00-5:00): West Broadway (Lyndale to Penn)

Sunday, September 23 (11:00-5:00): Nicollet (Lake Street to 46th Street)

Sunday, September 30 (11:00-5:00): U of M

Web Page: [www.openstreetsmpls.org](http://www.openstreetsmpls.org)

### Treasurer's Report: Toni D'Eramo reported

LHNA is in good shape. Bank balance showing \$34,662. 2017 taxes filed and CPP filed and reimbursed for 2017.

Discussion on whether to change board meetings from the first Tuesday of each month to the first Monday. After discussion, Bob Hinck moved and Krishna Dorney seconded a motion to keep the meet-

ings on the first Tuesday of each month. The motion passed.

**Officer elections.** The following names were advanced for officer positions: Michael Cockson as President, Bob Hinck for Vice President, and Toni D'Eramo for Treasurer. The board voted to appoint Michael Cockson, Bob Hinck, and Tony D'Eramo for their respective positions. Jennifer Breitinger nominated and Krishna Dorney seconded Sam Ellingson for the position of Secretary. The board voted to appoint Sam Ellingson to the position, with the understanding that Sam Ellingson may choose not to serve.

**Committee chair appointments.** Toni D'Eramo moved and Jennifer Breitinger seconded that Bob Hinck act as chair of the Environment Committee. The motion passed. Tony D'Eramo moved and Bob Hinck seconded that Krishna Dorney be chair of the Historical Committee. The motion passed. Toni D'Eramo moved and Jennifer Breitinger seconded that Justin Baylor be appointed co-chair of the Events Committee. The motion passed. Bob Hinck moved and Jennifer Breitinger seconded that Lee Switzenberg be appointed co-chair of Crime and Safety Committee. The motion passed. The board recognized that Michael Cockson and Clint Conner were co-chairs of the Zoning and Planning Committee; and that Tony D'Eramo was chair of the Communications Committee.

### Committee Reports:

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## EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Respectfully Submitted by: Debbie Gold, Secretary EIRA Board of Director

### East Isles Residents' Association (EIRA) Minutes from the EIRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) Meeting June 12, 2018 Grace Trinity Community Church

Board members present: Brad Ash (President), Amy Sanborn (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Peter Mason, Julia Curran, John Grochala, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Ellen van Iwaarden

Board members absent: Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Joe Gibbons

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Council member), Andrew Degerstrom, Kathy Waite (Minneapolis Police Inspector)

### Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash, EIRA President

### Guest Speaker, Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

City staff continues to take comments on Minneapolis 2040 Draft Comprehensive Plan. Minneapolis 2040 is a draft plan of interdependent policies, topics, action steps and maps intended to drive a citywide conversation about how Minneapolis will grow and change over the next two decades. The goal is to provide a road map so existing disparities do not deepen. Minneapolis can be a city that works for everyone who lives here. The draft policies are organized under 14 goals the city council adopted in 2017. Comments from residents will be collected through July 22, 2018. Comments can be made at: [www.minneapolis2040.com](http://www.minneapolis2040.com)

trip to Animal Care & Control for a tour on Thursday, June 28th. It is across from Lundstrum Center for Arts, aif you plan to attend, 612-673-2207.

And

"Homeless Encampment on The Mall

There are about 44 homeless encampments around the city and the one on The Mall is a small one. Homeless services have been there, trying to clean it up. Unless the homeless people living there are doing something illegal, it is not a police issue. If anyone sees illegal activity there, please call 911."

Other things going on around the city

Hennepin County household hazardous waste events throughout the city

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lectionevents or by calling 612-348-3777

### Open Street 2018

Free events throughout the city that bring community and local businesses together. More information at: [www.openstreetmpls.org](http://www.openstreetmpls.org)

Opportunity to join neighborhood 2020 work groups

Get involved in Neighborhoods 2020 policy development related to funding, program guidelines and governance of the Minneapolis neighborhood organization system.

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ner/2020>

Commons 2018 Summer Session Event includes movies, musical performances, fitness classes, book club and a weekly evening Mill City Farmers Market, [www.commonsmpls.com/activities](http://www.commonsmpls.com/activities)

Summer Walking Tours showcase Minneapolis history Offered by Preserve Minneapolis featuring 27 tours. Tours start @ \$10 per person. Tickets are available through Eventbrite. <https://www.preserveminneapolis.org/summer-walking-tours>

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Guest Speaker, Kathy Waite (Minneapolis Police Inspector) came to discuss recent shooting of 3 people at The Lotus Restaurant in Uptown last Friday night. Two of the victims were transported to the hospital by EMS and the third transported himself. Open investigation, but potentially related to identified gang activity at this location. Julie Casey, in charge of business licensing for the City of Minneapolis has been working with police department due to noise complaints and unruly crowds at the location. The owner of Lotus is fully cooperating with police and the neighborhood to become a better neighbor and avoid future problems. Some possible solutions were discussed such as additional lighting, possible fencing and additional security coverage at owner's expense. Some of these have already been implemented. Inspector Waite reminded neighbors to call 311 and 911 to make police aware of any suspicious activity. She reiterated that police DO NOT follow nextdoor.com and residents should not mistake it as a venue that informs

law enforcement.

### Committee Reports

#### President's Report

• Minnesota Watershed asked to attend EIRA Board meeting, President, Brad Ash suggested they host a table at the upcoming Farmers Market instead to reach more people.

• Annual mailing is planned for July before Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 31st. Michael Gold has agreed to chair the event this year. In appreciation of their sponsorship of the Farmers Market, the board agreed to consider Minuteman Press in Uptown for printing of the summer mailing.

• Shelly Itman has agreed to chair the Super Sale event this year and has advertising requested space in the mailer. Steve Havig has signs that can be used from last year.

• Brad attended the 2040 Comp planning session at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 6th, 2018. Approximately 150 people from surrounding neighborhoods attended. Heather Worthington answered many questions and insisted several times that residents file their comments online.

Neighborhood associations have also been asked to encourage individual over group opinions. We believe it is our duty to promote communication and access to do so rather than take a position as a small representation of a large neighborhood. All residents are encouraged to voice their opinion and comment on the city website <http://www.minneapolis2040.com> before the cut off date of July 22, 2018.

#### Treasurer's Report

Brad, Amy and Diana met to go over books and CPP plan specifics, as Amy transitions to treasurer.

#### NRP

The EIRA Board gave required 21-day notice on June 1, 2018 on [eastisles.org](http://eastisles.org) of its proposal to modify the NRP Plan. The board will put this to a vote on June 22nd:

The EIRA Board has already shown support of the East Isles Farmers Market and approved the proposed budget. In order to accommodate funding for such a project, a Plan Modification to EIRA Phase 2 NRP strategy is necessary. This NRP strategy aligns

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with the goals of sustainability. The plan modification is necessary to move dollars into this account to fund supplies, materials, and staff time for the market. Specifically, the proposed plan modification would shift \$7,000.00 of funds:

From – 2.1.1 Affordable Housing Loan Program  
To – 6.1.2 Sustainability

The Affordable Housing Loan Program has generated over \$125,000 in program income from loan repayments, so we believe some these funds can be invested in another project with a public benefit – the East Isles Farmers Market.

**CHAIR: Mike Erlandson**

**ADMINISTRATOR: Diana Schleisman  
Social**

Brad Ash is holding a meeting next week on June 19th at 7PM at Dunn Brothers on Hennepin to encourage new interest in and volunteers for EIRA events, which has been promoted via email, Nextdoor and Facebook.

- Annual wine tasting event is being planned with the other neighborhoods for October. Amy Sanborn attended first meeting but two people are needed from each neighborhood in order to participate. Ellen van Iwaarden agreed to help with event.

- Some discussion occurred around whether or not EIRA would participate in the Uptown Art Fair Pop Booth this year and/or whether or not enough volunteers were interested in participating and whether it yielded enough benefit for the neighborhood based on amount of participation needed.

- Ice Cream Social is scheduled on Tuesday, July 31st with a rain date of Wednesday, August 1st. Volunteers are needed for set up, scooping and take down. Contact chair, Michael Gold at: michael@jazz-impact.com with any questions or to volunteer.

### Farmers Market

Debbie Gold reported that all systems are go for opening day at the East Isles Farmers Market on June 28th from 4-8 p.m. In attendance for our inaugural market will be Mayor, Jacob Frey, Parks Board Commissioner, Meg Forney, Parks Representative Jono Cowgill, Council Member Lisa Goodman, Senator Scott Dibble, and Representative Marion Greene. Join us for our seed planting ceremony at 5PM. Live music and food trucks every week. Plan to come and shop! Support local. For more information about the farmer's market or to volunteer, visit our new website: <http://www.eastislesfarmersmarket.com> or contact: director@eastislesfarmersmarket.com

### Zoning

Andrew Degerstrom, former EIRA president, was appointed chair of the Zoning Committee by President, Brad Ash.

### Action Items

The EIRA administrator contract has ended. The board discussed renewal. In the end, there was not enough support to renew and a search for a new administrator will begin in the coming month.

### Adjourn

President Brad Ash adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The next EIRA meeting will be at 7 pm on July 10th, 2018 @ Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th St.

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

### Minutes for the East Isles Residents Association (EIRA) Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, 5/8/18 7:00 p.m. Grace Trinity Community Church, 1430 W 28th Street

Board members present: Brad Ash, Mike Erlandson, Debbie Gold, Amy Sanborn, Julia Curran, Steve Havig, John Morrow, Ellen Van Iwaarden

Board members absent: Peter Mason, Joe Gibbons, John Grochala

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember), EIRA Residents: Michael Gold, Jessie Walsh, Harvey Ettinger

Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash

**Guest Speaker: Lisa Goodman, City Council Member**

- Lunch with Lisa is May 23rd in Opus Hall rm 202. Scott Dibble & Frank Hornstein will talk about the legislative wrap up.

- The Lunch with Lisa field trip in June will be touring the Minneapolis Animal Care Control Shelter.

- A variance was approved for 2815 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy to increase its maximum height from 28 to 34 ft.

- Hennepin Av will be undergoing a 3-day bus pilot May 15-17. Metro transit will temporarily eliminate parking for 4 hours on each side corresponding to rush hours to test bus rapid transit and collect data points. Implementation of potential changes on a long-term basis will occur in 2022.

- Street sweeping has started, it is two weeks behind. Residents can find the schedule on the city website. An issue with tow trucks following behind sweepers leaves (I'll take this out I just wanted to write that). If this is in progress please take a picture and send it to Lisa Goodman's office. It is a problem to have leaves and trash getting into drains.

- Yard waste collection has begun. Instead of buying lawn bags, residents can now use their own provided alternative container. Upon request, Hennepin County will provide yellow stickers that state the contents are leaves and yard waste.

- The city is still doing cold patches on potholes. It's important to call in holes on sidewalks and in streets. Residents are eyes and ears, call 311.

- Ordinance 4D passed. It was designed to avoid extreme tax increases for multi-unit property owners that provide Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH). 50% of people rent in Minneapolis. Increased taxes hurt a large portion of the population. This year is a test pilot. 22 properties signed up for 200 units of affordable housing. Contact Lisa Goodman's office for more information.

- Lisa will attend the East Isles Farmers Market opening Thursday, June 28th.

**Guest Speaker: Minneapolis Park & Rec: Adam Arvidson, Director of Strategic Planning**

- The Southwest Service Area Master Plan includes areas W of 35W and South of 394, not including regional parks.

- The Park Board will use the summer to get input on parks, engaging residents at festivals and events. A representative will be attending the East Isles Farmers Market.

- The information collected will be used to work on initial designs inspired by the feedback. The designs are slated to be shared with the public in early 2019.

- The Community Advisory Committee is almost seated. The first meeting will be May 22nd at MLK Park. All CAC meetings are open to the public for opportunities to comment.

- The Park Board has never before had a comprehensive plan. There is an influx of funding coming: the Neighborhood Parks Program (NPP). There will be funds to make improvements over the next 20 years in the way the community wants to see.

- Aspects of consideration are convenience, utilization, safety, and more.

- Some parks may have minor changes, other might have extensive overhauls if they are not working

for the public.

- One successful example is a community that elected to replace an unused wading pool with a coveted climbing wall.

- Having this Master Plan will help the Park Board fund projects as well as seek outside support.

- Park dedication fees will continue to increase and those can help fund future projects as well.

- The goal is to learn what the community desires, and what the vision is for parks. The plan is to try to fund projects over time.

- Triangle park in East Isles lost an elm tree.

Although the core of the park is unlikely to change, it may be possible to enhance what is already there.

Shade was suggested.

- Any ideas - even sidewalk gaps and restroom suggestions - can be shared.

### Committee Reports:

- President's Report

- Earth Day is Sat May 12th 9:30-noon at W 27th St & Lake of the Isles Pkwy. MN Lottery has asked to participate. It coincides with their commitment to help the environment. They will pass out t-shirts, bags, and gloves. After the cleanup, volunteers are invited to enjoy coffee and a treat at Barbette courtesy of Kim Bartmann.

- Nominations for electors to determine Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) Commissioners in District 6 are due Thursday, May 11th. No one has shown interest so East Isles does not have a recommendation yet and might not.

- The EIRA annual meeting great success, with nearly 100 residents in attendance and elected officials speaking. Many commented positively on the postcard mailing, so it might be good to do again. The mailer total was \$900 and event space at Isles Bun with food was \$800. Many new volunteers showed interest in helping with the Farmers Market.

- Since the annual meeting was not an official BOD meeting there was a gap on voting issues. Possible solutions suggested were meeting an hour beforehand, scheduling an additional meeting, or involving more electronic means. The Market Manager hire was approved over email.

- **NRP Committee**

- The March meeting was cancelled. A new meeting date will be determined.

- EIRA has a significant allocation of funds and has worked to spend in the neighborhood on projects such as benches on mall, moveable wooden benches in the area, the warming house refresh, and more.

- With the elections in November it changed the dynamic of the Park Board, such as who is working on what projects. The chess tables are still in process, follow up is needed.

- For NRP to be an effective committee, more residents should be recruited, especially non--BOD members.

- Outreach & Nominations Committee

- Three more BOD members were voted in to fill in all open positions.

- The future of communications is being examined to get more new people involved in EIRA. The focus is shifting to help with specific projects rather than chairing committees although both roles are needed.

- SocialCommittee- Social Chair Amy Sanborn resigned. No one has yet expressed interest in becoming a new Social Chair. As such, volunteers are being sought to help out with individual events.

## CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BY MONICA SMITH

### CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 13, 2018

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Interim Chair Taylor Pentelovitch, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Rich Heichert, Linda Close, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Mary Harlow, Julia Hazen, Barbara Lunde, Mary Pattock, James Reid, and Vern Vander Weide. Coordinator: Monica Smith

Interim Chair Taylor Pentelovitch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

Lunch with Lisa Field Trip is Thursday, June 28, noon at Minneapolis Animal Care and Control, 212 17th Ave N. Reservations are required; RSVP to 612-673-2207.

The city approved the variance request for 2740 Chowen Ave S.

An application has been submitted for a variance request for 2701 Dean Parkway (see below for details).

Minneapolis 2040: the city is taking feedback on the draft plan through July 22. Council Member Goodman encouraged all to comment on the plan using the online tool at minneapolis2040.com.

Hennepin County is organizing household hazardous waste collection events throughout the summer. Go to hennepin.us/collectionevents.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 25, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 317, for Doran Calhoun's appeal of the Public Works Director's decision denying Doran's request for full participation in off-site stormwater management (Payment in Lieu) for 3200-3270 Lake Street.

#### Announcements

The next gardening day is Saturday, June 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Park Siding Park.

Variance Request, 2701 Dean Parkway, Lars Peterssen, Peterssen/Keller Architecture

Billy Weisman, 2701 Dean Parkway, is seeking a

front yard setback variance to add an upper level sun-room to be built on top of an existing main level space. An auxiliary dwelling unit will be added on to the back of the home but does not require any variances.

The Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing for the variance at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21 at City Hall, Room 317.

The CIDNA Board approved a motion to not oppose the variance as presented.

#### Southwest Service Area Master Plan, Colleen O'Dell, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

The Park Board is creating master plans for all neighborhood parks in the city and is currently focusing on the parks in southwest Minneapolis (including Park Siding Park and four triangles in Cedar-Isles-Dean). The Park Board will include the so-called Dean Green in a future master plan for Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles. Barbara Lunde asked for the median on Sunset Blvd to be included in the planning process; O'Dell will look into it.

The planning process will take 12-18 months and will focus on outdoor amenities (not recreation center buildings). Two concepts will be presented for each park for feedback, then one preferred design will be selected.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for the project is Monday, June 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Armatage Park.

The project website is minneapolisparcs.org/sw.

#### Election of Officers

The CIDNA Board elected its officers. Chair: Rich Heichert (six-month term), Vice Chair: Mary Pattock, Secretary: Rosanne Halloran, and Treasurer: Taylor Pentelovitch.

#### NRP/PPP Report, Monica Smith

Cedar Lake South Beach:

The project is on budget and on schedule to open by the July 4th holiday. CIDNA had previously set aside \$20,000 as a contingency fund for the project; those funds are not needed. The NRP Committee will recom-

mend that the board redirect those funds to other purposes at the July board meeting.

The reopening celebration is being planned for Thursday, July 19 beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony and continuing into the evening.

The committee continues to pursue the addition of canoe racks.

CIDNA received a letter from the City outlining the progress on meeting the goals of spending down NRP funds. The NRP Committee will draft a response that will be presented at the next board meeting. The board will also be asked to reallocate NRP funds to align with spending needs.

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica. Linda Close and Stacia Goodman will join the committee; others are also welcomed.

#### Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC)

NCEC is a citywide commission that advises the Mayor and City Council on a wide range of community engagement issues and develops guidelines for the neighborhood funding program. There is an open seat on the commission for the district that represents 10 neighborhoods in SW Minneapolis (including CIDNA). Applications are being accepted until July 13. Contact ncr@minneapolismn.gov for more information.

#### SWLRT Committee, Mike Wilson

The Hennepin County Board approved an additional \$204 million for Southwest LRT. The federal government's commitment to the project is capped at \$928.8 million, leaving the County responsible for any additional cost increases.

The project is facing two lawsuits.

Met Council's vibration study has taken place. The preliminary findings indicate that the Calhoun Isles tower is a Category IV building (more sensitive to vibration than previously classified).

#### Minneapolis 2040, Mary Harlow

The draft of the comprehensive plan (Minneapolis2040.com) is open for public comment through July 22.

CIDNA partnered with KIAA, Lowry Hill and East Isles to host an informational forum on June 6.

CIDNA's ad hoc committee has had two meetings and is working on raising awareness about the plan to encourage residents to comment on the plan and get involved with drafting feedback. The committee has begun work on five topic areas, including environment, economics and recognizing the work of neighborhood organizations. Volunteers are needed to help, contact info@cidna.org to get involved.

The CIDNA Board approved the following expenditures:

- Up to \$750 for a mailing;
- \$50 to St. Paul's for hosting the informational forum;
- \$155 to reimburse Claire Ruebeck for 2040 display board printing expenses.

#### CIDNA Events

The Summer Solstice Party is Thursday, June 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Park Siding Park.

#### Hennepin Lake Neighborhood Wine Tasting

CIDNA committed to participating in the annual event to be held on Thursday, October 11. CIDNA will provide a volunteer to serve on the planning committee, provide volunteers for the day/evening of the event and will sell tickets to benefit the neighborhood. Revenue from door sales will be shared by all participating neighborhoods.

#### New Business

Senator Dibble has asked to present at an upcoming board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 11 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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- The Ice Cream Social, usually held in July, is in jeopardy of being cancelled. It takes about 60 volunteer hours in planning time. Rather than giving up on the event, it was presented as a challenge to the BOD to pull it off. EIRA resident Michael Gold stepped up to help coordinate. However, he will need more volunteers if the event is to be successful. Otherwise it's possible it may not be as large as it has been before. Grace Nursery School may be a good resource for help, and they may be contacted for volunteer support and ideas.

- Wine tasting planning has begun. Last year EIRA raised close to \$2500. It takes about 50 hours of planning time. If EIRA is to participate again more volunteers will be needed.

- The Super Sale in early September will be coordinated by Shelly Itman. She has helped before and will also need more volunteers.

- With so many volunteer hours needed, it was suggested to create position descriptions including duties, tasks, and time commitment required.

- It was recommended for the next June BOD meeting to be replaced with a community gathering. The focus would be a casual approach to recruiting more volunteers to plan 2018 events and projects. A call to action was lacking at the annual meeting and this might help. Goals and expectations should be outlined.

#### • Zoning & Land Use Committee (N/A)

#### • Transportation Committee (N/A)

#### • Treasurer's Report

- Cash flow is tight due to advances that still need to be repaid to the city, even though progress is being made.

- Unrestricted funds tie over cash flow. The Farmers Market vendor fees and sponsorships help.

Officer elections: Each of the following BOD members were nominated and accepted in the positions listed. All motions were made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- President: Brad Ash

- Vice President: Mike Erlandson

- Treasurer: Amy Sanborn

- Secretary: Debbie Gold

#### Action Items:

• 2017 CPP annual report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

• Farmers Market motions below were made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote:

The EIRA BOD authorizes the creation of the East Isles Farmer's Market (EIFM). The EIFM Director will be appointed by the EIRA President and membership of the EIFM will be the EIFM Director, EIRA President and EIRA Vice President. As necessary, the Director can appoint others to serve as members of the EIFM. The Director will have the authority to make executive decisions (consulting with the President and Vice President as necessary) to operate the market including but not limited to: managing the Market Manager, working with representatives from the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park Board, making expenditures within the EIFM budget, collecting funds from and negotiating with vendors and setting and adjusting market fees. An EIFM budget will be presented to the EIRA Board of Directors on an annual basis and regular updates will be shared at EIRA BOD meetings. Any funds from EIRA used to support the EIFM will be approved by the EIRA BOD. The EIFM is an entity of the EIRA and all applicable EIRA bylaws, insurance, fiduciary responsibilities and related rules or coverages apply to the EIFM as if it were the EIRA.

The EIRA ratifies the EIFM's budget and related budget authority for 2018 as part of the EIFM effort.

With the above motions approved, EIRA President Brad Ash officially appointed Debbie Gold as the EIFM Director. She has spent the past several months making it a reality. She accepted the appointment. The appointment was ratified unanimously by voice vote.

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**KENWOOD ISLES AREA ASSOCIATION**

BY SHAWN SMITH, CHAIR

**June 2018 KIAA Meeting Minutes**

**KIAA Board met June 4, 2018, at Kenwood Rec Center. Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.**

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Carl Goldstein, Jeanette Colby, Jack Levi, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Mark Brown, and Will Stensrud. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, 2 neighbors, and guest speakers (see below). Absent: Kyle Leier

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add a Treasurer Report and Budget Update

**New Board Member**

Shawn introduced neighbor Amy Noble, who has expressed interest in joining the board. After introductions, Amy was voted to join the board unanimously!

**City Council Update –CM Lisa Goodman**

The next Lunch with Lisa is Thursday, June 28th,

from 12 – 1PM at Minneapolis Animal Control, 212 17th Ave North. Please RSVP, 40 spots are available for the tour. No lunch will be offered. There will be a break in July and August, Lunch with Lisa will resume in September.

Household Hazardous Waste events are scheduled for around the city. The nearest locations are Anthony Middle School on August 10-11, South High School on August 17-18, and Pillsbury Elementary on June 22-23.

Open Street Minneapolis Events: Lyndale, June 10th, 11AM – 5PM, 22nd St W to 54th St W; Lake and Minnehaha, July 22nd, 11AM – 5PM, East Lake Street from Elliot Avenue to Minnehaha Avenue

I35 Project, sign up for updates on progress and closures at [www.dot.state.mn.us](http://www.dot.state.mn.us)

Irene Hixon Whitney Bridge continues to be closed due to the wooden decking being replaced and may remain closed until August 2018

Minneapolis 2040 Plan: public input is impera-

tive, both individuals and neighborhood associations should respond. For more information, please attend the meeting being held on 6/6/18 at St Paul's Episcopal church at 7PM, co-sponsored by KIAA, Cedars-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association, East Isles Resident Association, and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association.

**Zoning Proposal – 2008 Kenwood Parkway, Jon Schwartz and Bob Ganser**

ADU Project to convert existing 3 stall garage into living unit; Project will add 400 square feet and raise the height of the building

Zoning conflict on north side of property due to not meeting required setback; per homeowner, neighbors to both the north and south sides of the property are in support of the construction project and have provided letters of support to the homeowner

Matt made the motion to not object to this ADU

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was to have two female immigrants vying for this endorsement. They also encouraged their supporters to remain and to continue to vote. And, they again both noted they would be continuing to the August primary.

The second ballot yielded an endorsement. 180 votes were cast on the second ballot. Final vote totals were no endorsement 13 (7.2%), Torres Ray 44 (24.4%) and Omar 123 (68.3%).

So, the DFL candidates on the August 14 ballot will be Abdulahi, Drake, Kelliher, Omar and Torres Ray. State senator Bobby Joe Champion is also on the ballot, but he has indicated he has suspended his campaign.

And, lest you think this is all about DFL'ers, there are three republicans running for this seat. They are Jennifer Zielinski, Christopher Chamberlain and Bob Carney. The republican candidate for this seat will also be selected in the August 14 primary. The top candidate in each party's primary will face off in the November 6 general election.

Absentee voting for the August 14 primary begins on June 29. If you are not currently registered to vote, you must do so by July 24 to be eligible to vote in the August 14 primary. If you are not registered to vote by that date, you may also register to vote on election day. You can find information out about voter registration at the Minnesota secretary of state's website at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>. You can find more information on absentee voting at the following site <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

You can expect lots of campaign activities in your neighborhood between now and the primary as almost all statewide offices have primary election contests this year.

**Don't miss the  
Lowry Hill  
Ice Cream  
Social!**

**Tuesday July 17th at  
Thomas Lowry Park (Colfax & Douglas)  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Sponsored by the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association**

**Mingle with your neighbors and  
enjoy ice cream or a root beer float.**

**A special thank you to our local Sebastian Joe's & The Lowry.**



**Sunday June 24th - Lake of the Isles Walking Tour - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Learn about Lake of the Isles historic homes, the people who designed, built and lived in them. **Meet at the bridge at the southeast corner of Lake of the Isles. Rain or shine. \$10/person or \$25/family suggested donation.** Donations support Alliance Housing's mission for sustainable, affordable housing. LHNA will match donations for each ticket sold. Email [info@alliancehousinginc.org](mailto:info@alliancehousinginc.org) or [benolk3@gmail.com](mailto:benolk3@gmail.com) to sign up.



**Thomas Lowry Park Gardening Volunteers Needed**

Dates: July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, and October 13th  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Details: Meet at Thomas Lowry Park.

**LHNA Board Meetings JULY & AUGUST:**

Summer hiatus, no meetings. See you in September!

**To learn more about LHNA, visit us at [lowryhillneighborhood.org](http://lowryhillneighborhood.org)**

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### Open Forum: Farmers Market

There are approximately 20 vendors planned for each week. Food trucks are coming along. So far there are 4 sponsors, 2 at the Harvest level of \$2000 each, and two at \$500. The goal is to break even. The new website will be launched June 1st. Elected Officials will be invited to the grand opening Thu, June 28th.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana Schleisman, Administrator.

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as it is one way to grow density in our neighborhood while keeping the character of the neighborhood intact. However, the no objection statement will be pending the receipt of the letters from the neighboring property owners showing support for the ADU. Jeanette seconded the motion.

### Guest Speaker – Jennifer Neale, Crime Specialist, Summer Safety

Block leaders are still needed on some blocks in Kenwood

YTD, 8 reported crime incidences in Kenwood; 2 burglaries and 6 thefts/larcenies; report all crime to 911, 311, or online; crime reports directly affect the areas patrolled by MPD

### Summer Safety Prevention Tips

Keep your doors locked, even if working in the yard or taking a short walk around the block

Put all yard items (ladders, bikes, golf clubs, yard equipment, etc.) away when not in use; secure and lock high value items in your locked garage

Always store your bike out of sight, in a secure location, and record the serial number

When you go on vacation, use timers to turn on lights in your house to give the appearance that someone is always home

Roll up car windows, remove all valuables, and lock your car every time you exit – even in your own driveway

Install motion lights in front and backyards.

### Election of KIAA Officers 2018 – 2019

Chair - Shawn Smith

Vice Chair – Jeanette Colby

Treasurer – Matt Spies

Secretary – Amy Noble

Motion made by Jeremy to nominate officers, seconded by Matt. All present voted in favor of nominated officers.

### Minneapolis 2040 Information Meeting and KIAA Draft Response

A Minneapolis 2040 Presentation by Heather Worthington, Director of Long Range Planning, City of Minneapolis, June 6th, 7PM, St Paul's Episcopal church. Co-sponsored by KIAA, Cedars-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association, East Isles Resident Association, and Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association.

Three Key Areas that KIAA would like to see addressed/changed for the 2040 Plan

Maintain green space and park-like atmosphere along the Kenilworth Trail in accordance with the MOU

Transportation corridor along Franklin to 21st St to Sheridan is currently planned as Corridor 4 and believe it should be changed to Corridor 2

Kenwood Parkway is designated as a historic district and would like to maintain the historic character-

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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
1912 Dupont S #10	\$145,000	\$0	3	\$135,000	C	1/1	754	\$126,000	\$1,893	1960
48 Groveland Terr #B204	164,900	5000	21	162,500	C	1/1	655	129,530	1,761	1966
52 Groveland Terr #A101	169,900	5,010	36	167,000	C	1/1	744	150,500	2,217	1966
1770 Bryant S #101	175,000	0	22	175,000	C	1/1	930	141,500	2,310	1968
2606 Humboldt S #4	209,900	0	15	205,000	C	2/1	760	166,590	2,540	1912
2885 Knox S #403	260,000	0	28	254,400	C	1/1	900	131,165	1,780	1979
3145 Dean Court #801	268,000	6000	11	269,900	C	2/2	1,100	244,500	3,261	1983
2407 Girard S #2	319,900	0	82	288,981	C	2/1	1,480	311,500	4,817	1913
3151 Dean Crt #B105	375,000	10,000	63	375,000	C	2/2	1,553	255,955	3,707	1983
3141 Dean Crt #308	422,000	0	170	422,200	C	2/3	1,880	368,785	4,544	1983
1716 Irving S	430,000	0	17	430,000	C	3/2	1,620	428,000	6,265	1923
2904 Chowen S	595,000	0	213	565,000	H	4/2	2,650	457,500	6,842	1927
2015 Irving S	700,000	5,000	68	615,000	H	5/3	2,366	694,000	11,055	1910
1516 W 24th St	720,000	0	153	720,000	H	3/3	3,200	536,000	7,643	1900
1612 W 25th St	815,000	0	NA	825,000	H	4/3	2,396	612,000	8,757	1903
2201 Humboldt S	995,000	0	46	887,000	H	4/3	4,013	847,000	13,867	1908
1809 James S	#####	0	61	995,000	H	5/5	5,276	1,592,000	28,158	1909
1120 Mount Curve	#####	0	572	#####	H	4/6	6,085	2,025,000	35,475	1923
1600 Mount Curve	#####	0	NA	#####	H	6/9	10,328	2,125,000	37,902	1905
Sources: Harvey Ettinger Steve Havig		cume	Condo	C						
			Home	H						
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istics of the entire Kenwood neighborhood

Shawn, Evelyn, and Angie will form a small working group to continue to draft a proposed response from KIAA to the 2040 planners

KIAA will seek input from Kenwood residents possibly via Survey Monkey or a poll on the Next Door app

### Financial Report – Matt Spies

2018-2019 proposed budget will be discussed and voted on by board at the July 2018 meeting; Matt emailed budget to board for review

Received \$625 in donations after the annual gathering

Dennis Fazio continues to be an asset and in the new budget will see increased expenses for accounting and financial operations. There is sufficient funding.

### New Business

East Cedar Lake Beach update: Summer Kickoff scheduled for June 9th with activities and food

July meeting will be changed to the second Monday in July due to the July 4th Holiday; the meeting will be July 9th, 7PM, at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

2040 Presentation: St. Paul's Church has waived all room rental and custodial fees; Jeanette made the motion to donate \$100 for use of the space and to cover set up and clean up, Mark seconded the motion.

Jeanette gave a "shout out" to the Kenwood Elementary 5th graders on their oriole feeders at Cedar Lake

Jeanette thanked the Breck students who volun-

teered their time to assist in clearing buckthorn from the banks of Cedar Lake Park

### Action Between Meetings - All

Shawn, Evelyn, and Angie will continue to work on a draft proposal in response to the Minneapolis 2040 plan. KIAA will seek input from the neighborhood via survey/poll.

The July meeting is moved to July 9th. At this meeting KIAA will vote to allocate \$1000 from administrative CPP funds to the Kenwood School Priority.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 9:00 PM.

**Updates:** Please visit our website at kenwoodminneapolis.org. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us via our website.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on July 9th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. There will be no meeting in August. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident, including renters to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

## Where we are Now!

By Jean Deatruck

Last month I put out a plea for contributions for Hill and Lake Press. Mary and Barry Lazarus and Joyce and Ron Murphy responded with generous contributions. We are grateful. Because we operate on a break-even basis, contributions make a huge difference. There is often a lag between billing and payments so having a few dollars in the bank makes us more comfortable. We don't want to raise rates so that we discourage advertisers. We have many long-term advertisers and occasional new advertisers. Please patronize our advertising contributors and encourage others to join us as supporters.

My apologies. Our June issue is being delivered Tuesday rather than last Friday. I had a complete wipe-out of my computer. All my files and apps were gone and I didn't get my restored computer back until Thursday. I hope the virus doesn't find me again soon. This is the first time we have published late.

Thank you for your understanding.

### LHNA from page 10

**Environment:** Lowry Hill has the largest gypsy moth infestation ever seen in the state of Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has completed its spraying of the neighborhood and will announce when it deems the treatments complete and successful.

**Zoning and Planning: Nothing to report.**

**Crime and Safety:** Lee Switzenberg stated that there was nothing to report other than a general sense of increased thefts in the neighborhood.

**Events:**

**Annual Meeting** – The feedback regarding the annual meeting was positive.

**Walking tour** - Toni D'Eramo moved and Krishna seconded a motion to donate \$500 to the Alliance for Housing to help sponsor a walking tour on June 24, 2018 from 2-4 pm. The motion passed.

**Ice Cream Social** – Jennifer Breitinger, Justin Baylor, Jimmy Fogel, and Tom Hubbert will work to get the necessary elements to host the event. An artist reached out to the board to provide face painting for the event. Jimmy Fogel moved and Jennifer Breitinger seconded a motion to spend \$120 on face painting. The motion passed. Toni D'Eramo moved and Lee Switzenberg seconded to pay up to \$550 if the musicians from last year could perform at the event. The motion passed.

**Garage Sale** – The Events Committee will work with East Isles Neighborhood Association to help organize Lowry Hill's participation in the garage sale.

**Neighborhood Priorities:** Nothing to report.

**Historical:** The committee will continue to research conservation districts.

**Communications:** Hill & Lake Press Ad to include information regarding the ice cream social, walking tour, and invitation to residents to help clear brush from Spring Lake Park.

**Minneapolis Park Board District 4**

Commissioner Jono Cowgill attended the meeting to discuss the transition of duties from Anita Tabb. Mr. Cowgill identified priorities of responsiveness, seeking a new superintendent, moving forward on the Water Works project, and developing successful partnerships

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## Remote

By Madeleine Lowry

"So, how do you like working from home?" my friend Kim, the mother of a toddler, asked recently. "Well, there are pros and cons to remote work," I found myself saying slowly, considering.

Many, many pros and a few cons, as it turns out.

But, let me back up by a year. The very progressive small tech company I work for has allowed for telecommuting since before I started. It was instituted as a set schedule: two days from home (Tues, Thurs) and three days in the office. Everyone adhered to the same schedule. And it worked very well.

Until one day last spring when Lex, one of the senior developers, asked if we could work from home all the time. "I find that I'm much more productive," he rationalized. We had a rare ad hoc all-company meeting to discuss this. I remember coming home from the office that day and telling my husband, "I think we're going to be fully distributed by this summer."

I had mixed feelings about this prospect. As the project manager I have responsibility for keeping everyone productive, balancing workloads and making sure we hit deadlines. I'd noticed that on the days we were remote it was just a little bit more difficult to keep tabs on what people were doing.

As a mother of three, I also wondered what kind of boundaries I'd be able to set with my children when they had school holidays.

My colleagues had other reservations. The accommodations of our comfortable office would have to be replicated at home. Ergonomic chairs, monitors and equipment would have to be relocated. Home Wi-Fi service would have to be upgraded. We'd have to adjust our work culture to our never-in-the-same-space new reality.

Our transition was complete in a few months. Granted, we were already several steps ahead of non-distributed companies because we had incorporated

inary results were released on May 30 and indicated that construction vibration impacts would likely place the

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

### SWLRT from page 6

several tools that enabled online collaboration during our partially-remote phase, like Zoom videoconference and Slack for internal chat. Also, being a tech company, our work was inherently digital.

And now I can say that I really love it! Although my kids and husband don't always understand that I'm intently working, even though I'm sitting comfortably right in front of them. And they must imagine that my workday includes copious time for household chores, as they usually run off to work or school leaving behind a sinkful of dirty dishes and a messy kitchen as a parting gift. These are drawbacks I'm willing to live with, however.

Summer is more challenging especially with a pre-teen on the brink of boredom hanging around the house making requests. "Feed me," he mouths over my laptop while I hold a client meeting by videoconference, smiling at the camera while judiciously hitting the mute button as he makes suggestions, "Eggs and bacon," he whispers, pointing to his wide-open mouth.

The real benefits include not having to commute, though I still drop off and pick up at camp, and travel to client meetings and appointments. I don't have to pack my lunch and can cook a hot midday meal. I can walk the dog or start a load of laundry or wash dishes during breaks. When kids are sick or on school holiday, I'm around to cover. I can also schedule home repairs and contractors more easily.

During the workday, I can perch in different places in my house depending on where the sun is, or even work from my front porch in fine weather. When I finish work, I'm instantly home! No lost time for commuting!

In this season of construction and road closures in every direction, being able to stay off the roads during peak road rage is a big, big bonus. At times like this, I think of Lex and his request to work from home and end up a mental note of thanks.

towers at significant risk for damage.

At the May 31 Hennepin County board meeting Commissioner Debbie Goettel asked Jim Alexander, SWLRT project director, about the Calhoun Isles vibration issue. "We recently just looked at that again at the request of the Calhoun Isles folks," Alexander replied soothingly. "We identified there is mitigation needed."

Mary Pattock, one of three Cedar-Isles-Dean residents who spoke at the May 31 meeting, said, "I'm frankly stunned at Mr. Alexander's description of the results of that study. The study was released yesterday. It confirmed the residents' claim and found that Southwest LRT would damage the buildings and would make the West Tower, quote, uninhabitable. It would create dangerous situations that would truly be life-threatening." Project staff have acknowledged previously that construction at the pinch point going exactly as planned is a make-or-break issue. There is zero margin for error. A person close to the situation is now pushing back against the results of their own study, conducted by their own people. Stay tuned.

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