Met Council caves, gives BNSF mile-long, 10-foot high, concrete Bryn Mawr Wall

By Michael Wilson

Hill and Lake residents, Cedar Lake Trail users, and Minneapolis City Hall awoke Tuesday morning to the stunning news that the Met Council, caving in to a demand from BNSF railroad, had agreed to build a one-mile-long, ten-foot-high, three-foot-thick cement wall to the north of Cedar Lake Park and Trail, from west of Target Field through the Bryn Mawr neighborhood, as part of the SWLRT project.

The Bryn Mawr Wall is part of a $58.6 million settlement with BNSF, Twin Cities & Western (TCW), and Canadian Pacific railroads, approved hurriedly Monday evening at a sparsely attended Met Council Transportation Committee meeting before the ink was even dry on letters of concern from Minneapolis Public Works Director Robin Hutcheson and City Council Transportation & Public Works Committee chair Kevin Reish.

The Met Council has been hamstrung by the lack of an agreement with the railroads, a requirement before the council can get a sign-off from the Surface Transportation Board, which will then allow them to apply to the Federal Transit Administration for a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) for $929 million in federal funds for the 14.5-mile SWLRT commuter line.

Without the FFGA, Southwest LRT is essentially dead, and as the longer negotiations with the railroads dragged on, the higher the cost of the project became. It's not hard to see who ended up in the driver's seat.

The railroads have made their power to shape the project abundantly clear. In January 2013 TCW announced bluntly that they would not accept relocation of freight out of the Kenilworth Corridor, a bedrock assumption for years in Hennepin County's planning for the line and in the County's steadfast promises to residents of our Hill and Lake neighborhoods. Co-location of freight trains carrying hazardous cargo next to electric trains in the Kenilworth Corridor became the new reality, and the project has been embattled ever since.

A mile-long, ten-foot-high, three-foot-thick concrete wall — a last-minute, dead-of-night concession to the railroads — a last-minute, dead-of-night concession to the railroads.

Among the indignities which the Met Council plans to visit upon parts of the Cedar Lake Trail during SWLRT construction are closures and obliteration of the magnificent stands of native grasses and wildflowers. And then there's the massive mile-long, ten-foot-high, landscape-scarring concrete Bryn Mawr Wall that Met Council and Hennepin County have promised to build for the railroad.

Enriching the Lives of Youth or the Owners?

By Sarah Janecek

Twenty-five years at the State Capitol taught me that anyone a developer is asking for public money for a private development project, it's time to follow the money.

Further, when a developer cites "significant community and government input and support" for that project without documenting anything remotely specific, that means follow the money with a magnifying glass.

The project in question is called “Peris Housing.” The John and Denise Graves Foundation is proposing a new four-story, 41-unit affordable housing unit for youth to be located at 1930 Hennepin Avenue, where the Bradstreet Neighborhood Crafthouse opened and closed in less than two years. The property is currently owned by Graves Hospitality, Inc., which was founded by Jim Graves. “Peris” is a Graves Foundation acronym for preparation, education, recreation, integration and separation. The proposed youth housing project would be the first of its kind.

According to the two-page handout the Graves Foundation is circulating, “Our beautiful 41 unit apartment complex will be staffed 24/7 with front desk security, case management, a fitness center and community spaces for partner agencies and groups for youth. 26 apartments are designed as affordable housing for youth. Housing First principles will be utilized for the 15 extended foster youth units in the program. Staff will be available to support extended foster youth in mental and physical health stability, educational goals, career development, money management and pathways toward self-sufficiency.” From a brief news story in another community newspaper, we know that the Peris project is currently applying for city and state funding. We don't know how much. That's money from you and me. We also know that the Graves Foundation will commit funding to maintain the program for at least 10 years. What happens after that? Does Graves Hospitality then step in and convert the 41 units to condos or rental housing? That's a heck of a deal for the Graves. All that public money financed the development of what's sure to be expensive private sector housing.

And, make no mistake, it's a lot of government money. Our money. The state tax break, if the project gets one. Are there Minneapolis City and Hennepin County grants involved in the initial construction? How about the ongoing costs? Will rents for the affordable youth be paid for by government programs or nonprofit programs that receive significant government support? Worth noting here is that the two nonprofits the Graves Foundation cites as “partners,” Connections to Independence and The Link, both receive the vast majority of their funding from government sources, Enriching the lives of youth or owners? pg 3
Fun For All Was the Flavor of the Month

The August 27th East Isles Ice Cream Social, held in the Joanne Levin Park, featured plenty of pleasures from live music to a petting zoo, which included a baby camel. Plus ice cream and treats! Young and old and in between, had a wonderful time.

Photo by Dorothy Childers

Collage by Dorothy Childers, cutline by Joyce Murphy

The Bakken Trio in Kenwood

A melody in my heart and a song in the air

By Joyce Murphy

A wonderful time was had by one and all on Monday Morning August 14 at the Kenwood Rec Center when the Bakken Trio plus 1, came to play. For free no less.

This talented trio played compositions by Haydn, Dvorak, a young composer, whose name escapes me from the sixties, and Beethoven and Shostokovich.

This talented group also had a sense of humor as they donned costumes that were appropriate to the time when the music was composed. One costume included a green wig. Most fetching.

They also taught some music history as they told of Shostokovich who composed his music during the communist reign in Russia. Mr. Shostokovich included some derisive laughter sounds in amongst the notes and melody.

The audience included Minneapolis park board daycare children as well as oldsters like me.

The members of this talented trio were Stephanie Arada, violin; Nina" Tao-Ning Fan, cello, Korey Konkel, viola, and Pimarry Shin, cello.

A lovely way to start a week in August with a song in my heart and a melody in the air.

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According to the IRS Form 990s available online.

We know that Graves Hospitality will build the project. Who will own the property? Does Graves Hospitality give the property to the Graves Foundation? That would be a lovely charitable donation to write off against Graves Hospitality Inc. income and it would take the building off the property tax rolls for the Graves Foundation. Or does the Graves Foundation rent the property from Graves Hospitality? Rent, of course, that is heavily subsidized by taxpayers.

The Graves Foundation made a presentation to the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association last May. I sit on that board but this opinion piece is merely that, my opinion. It is not the opinion of the Board. To date, the Board has no opinion because many members of the board had so many questions the Graves Foundation people could not answer, promised to answer, and have not yet answered.

Rest assured, Lowry Hill neighbors. The Lowry Hill Board will be holding a public meeting this fall where we can all ask questions and offer our input. After that, we can all decide whether the project does, indeed, take the building off the property tax rolls for the Graves Foundation, but it’s Jim Graves who is talked to a few people. That’s not “support” in my opinion. It is not the opinion of the Board. To date, the Board has no opinion because many members of the board but this opinion piece is merely that, my opinion. It is not the opinion of the Board. To date, the Board has no opinion because many members of the board had so many questions the Graves Foundation people could not answer, promised to answer, and have not yet answered.

Residents on the 1900 block of Colfax have witnessed huge changes on their block in recent years, given the Burch Pharmacy conversion to the Burch Steak and Burch Bar, the addition of Lowry Hill Meats. Big changes on their block in recent years, given the Burch Pharmacy conversion to the Burch Steak and Burch Bar, the addition of Lowry Hill Meats. Big delivery trucks, garbage trucks and patrons looking for Happy Hour pretty much every hour the place is open? Non-existent. But that need to be serviced by more garbage trucks on Colfax? Can that overcrowded block really support the new garbage dumpsters will those 41 proposed units of housing, a liquor store, two restaurants and several months ago, the Star Tribune reported that the low traffic and on-street parking another 41 residential units will add that need to be serviced by more garbage trucks on Colfax? Can that overcrowded block really support the new housing? A liquor store, two restaurants and several months ago, the Star Tribune reported that the low traffic and on-street parking another 41 residential units will add that need to be serviced by more garbage trucks on Colfax? Can that overcrowded block really support the new housing?

As summer winds down, we still feel deservedly lazy, ready for a few more hot weekends around the lakes. And a chance to steal a few more of the remaining longer hours in summer reading before the September equinox. On the other hand, Fall lurks around the September bend, bearing all the obligations of normal life plus the racing pulse a hefty political season of mayoral, park board and governor’s races.

To use the remains summer light to good account, yet gird your loins for the battles of fall, I recommend two books: “Climate of Hope,” by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope, and “The Death and Life of the Great Lakes,” by Dan Egan, a finalist for the 1017 Pulitzer Prize. Neither is that fictional beach read that leads you into the colorful lives of others. Both are gripping, high-brow books that pop up are “Driving Demand. Maximizing Profits.” I’ve got no problem with either sentence. But the questions I raise here, and more questions that need to be answered. Otherwise, Lowry Hill residents have no way of knowing whether the Pets project is really about helping youth find affordable housing in a place where they can thrive — or helping the Graves with their personal estate planning.

Sarah Janecek has lived in Lowry Hill since 1989.
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degree of forewarning on those two issues.”

Note the language Wagenius uses: “…desire to plan for future improvements…”; “…would at some point provide a statement.”

Instead, City staff was told late last week that BNSF wanted the rail track for Northstar built right now, not at some future point. So Public Works staff scrambled late last week to develop draft technical specifications to describe what would be needed to protect those two city assets and to write a letter on Friday with those specifications to Met Council.

Then the other shoe dropped. No sooner had Hutcherson’s Friday letter been posted than staff learned Met Council had informed the City of BNSF’s twin demands at the same time instead of separately. Two bombshells in two days. Elected and appointed officials and a major city department “scrambling” to respond. And in the twinkling of an eye, by dinnertime on Monday, it was all a done deal. Newcomers to the project, the Met Council, who did not intervene to block the Met Council’s “lack of transparency” on the issue. If a massive concrete wall is needed along the Cedar Lake Trail because of the co-location of passenger rail adjacent to freight trains, especially high-hazard trains carrying oil, ethanol, and chlorine, will the railroads next demand a mile-long wall alongside the Kenvilworth Corridor? Could Met Council promise that no cement walls will be built in the Kenvilworth Corridor? They could. But we know what their promises are worth, especially when confronted by railroads who are fed up with dilly-dallying and demand blast-protection measures.

“At least we aren’t left wondering whether Minnesota is going to pay for it,” said an LRT Done Right member, who asked not to be named. “No amount is too much for these citizens and officials.”

Although talk about possible walls along the SWLRT route has been heard in the past, Minneapolis Public Works director Hutcherson felt it necessary to remind Metro Transit’s general manager Brian Lamb in his letter Monday that the Met Council’s development of the [Southwest] city project, city staff has consistently maintained the position that barriers walls would be a detriment to the project and to the community.”

Ruebeck explained, “The Met Council was unable to provide any specifics about the wall at the Monday meeting, including its exact location, other than what was already known: concrete, 10 feet high, three feet thick, one mile long. In fact, when Alexander was asked after the meeting whether any plans had been drawn up, he replied, “No.”

The City’s frustration is palpable in the questions Hutcherson wants Lamb to answer:

• What is the exact geographic location of the wall?
• What is the purpose of the wall?
• What other options have been considered?
• Who is requiring the wall?
• How much does it cost?
• How long will the wall be?
• How tall will the wall be?
• How thick will the wall be?
• What materials will be used to construct the wall?
• How will the community be engaged in further discussion and design of the proposed wall?
• How has the community been informed and engaged in decisions related to the addition of a wall to the SWLRT project? How would they be involved if the process moves forward?
• Have there been any engineering studies to justify the presence of the wall?
• How are the environmental impacts of the wall being analyzed?
• Will the wall have any impact on the Cedar Lake Trail?

BNSF and the other railroads are looking out for their safety, but who is looking out for the public’s safety? Not Met Council and SPO, who persist in their single-minded interest on co-location through the Kenvilworth Corridor. Not Gov. Dayton and his Minnesota Rail director Alene Tchouroumoff, now head of Met Council, who did not intervene to block the unusual railroad liability cap recently set at $3 million by state law in the event of a derailment for a train, either passenger or freight, traveling 40 mph could extend beyond 100 feet, which is problematic as the freight train tracks and the overhead catenary system used to operate the Met Council’s “lack of transparency” on the issue. The reality is, though, that this controversy is now over before it even got started. Hennepin County Regional Railways and the Hennepin County board were set to approve the deal with the railroads Tuesday afternoon and the Met Council was set to approve it on Wednesday.

It didn’t have to end up this way. If a massive concrete wall is needed along the Cedar Lake Trail? Who would actually use it.

Specifically, Ruebeck explains, the debris field in the event of a derailment for a train, either passenger or freight, traveling 40 mph could extend beyond 100 feet, which is problematic as the freight train tracks and the overhead catenary system used to operate the Met Council’s “lack of transparency” on the issue. The reality, of course, is that Lamb and the Southwest Project Office (SPO) can’t give City Hall answers to Hutcherson’s questions because they don’t have answers to their own.

Minnesota House Rep. Frank Hortenstein expressed his concerns about the wall to the Star-Tribune’s Janet Moore: “This is a fairly major addition to the project, we need to have a lot more information,” he said, criticizing the Met Council’s “lack of transparency” on the issue.

City Council Transportation & Public Works Committee chair Reich wrote to Met Council Transportation Committee chair Rodriguez on Monday to say, “We are concerned about the lack of transparency around this process. We learned about some important issues late last week and the agenda for [Monday’s] meeting was not posted until late Friday afternoon. Late
Thousands of Gypsy Moths Invade Lowry Hill Neighborhood Residents can help contain infestation

By Sommerfeld, Allen (MDA)

Since the initial report of gypsy moth in the Lowry Hill Neighborhood in June, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has been assessing the scope of the infestation.

The MDA has placed two different styles of monitoring traps throughout the neighborhood. The goal is to determine how far the insect has traveled from the concentrated population center. At this time, the traps have captured over 2,000 moths from the area. This is more than the 2016 statewide total of 1,620 moths.

Survey traps will remain in place until the male moth flight season has ended, and will be removed by early September. It is likely the moth number will climb.

The survey monitoring traps will give the MDA valuable information to assist in a management proposal for the site.

Why the concern?

Gypsy moth is one of our nation's most damaging urban and forest insects. In the U.S., the insect defoliates over 880,000 acres annually, stripping trees of their leaves and leaving them stressed. The insects also litter the ground with leaf fragments and insect frass (droppings).

Little is known about how this insect moved in to the Lowry Hill Neighborhood, but it is very likely humans unknowingly brought them here from an already infested region of the U.S.

Currently, gypsy moth is established from central Wisconsin all the way to the East Coast. The insects can hitch a ride on any outdoor item, including trailers, bird houses, outdoor lawn furniture, moving containers, or firewood. When outdoor items are moved, gypsy moths can move with them.

Thanks to a vigilant neighbor reporting the caterpillars, the MDA was able to find them before significant damage could occur and management efforts to eradicate them are still feasible.

Emergency quarantine implemented

After positively identifying gypsy moth within the Lowry Hill Neighborhood, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture placed an emergency quarantine on the area in hopes of containing this isolated gypsy moth population until management efforts to eradicate the insect could take place in the spring of 2018.

The quarantine restricts the movement from the area of all woody debris, such as branches, firewood and bark chips, and gypsy moth in all life stages. The quarantined area covers approximately a 67 acre area within the Lowry Hill Neighborhood.

The quarantined area extends from Mt. Curve Avenue on the north to Franklin Avenue West on the south, and Irving Avenue South on the west to Dupont Avenue South on the east.

Proper handling of woody debris key to containment

This is one of the worst infestations Minnesota has ever seen. One single gypsy moth egg mass can contain up to 1,000 hungry caterpillars. It would only take one egg mass moving out of the quarantine to infest a new area of Minnesota.

There are several options for residents that need to prune trees or shrubs (woody material) in the quarantined area.

Keep all of the material on your property until the quarantine is lifted in late spring/early summer 2018. Dispose of the woody debris in a recreational fire.

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Please follow Minneapolis guidelines for recreational fires.

Hire a tree care professional that has a compliance agreement with the MDA. The compliance agreement ensures that material is disposed of properly and does not have the potential to spread gypsy moth to new areas of the city or state. Currently, there is one company that has a compliance agreement with the MDA to operate in the Lowry Hill Quarantine: Rainbow Tree Care. More companies will be added to the MDA website when more compliance agreements are signed. DO NOT hire tree care professionals that do not have a compliance agreement. If they transport woody debris from the quarantine they may face significant penalties. For a list of approved companies visit www.mda.state.mn.us/gypsymoth.

ONLY leaves and grass clippings can be placed on the curb for city yard waste collection. Please refer to the city’s website or 311 for information.

More vigilant residents wanted

As mentioned, residents in the quarantine should not move any woody debris from the area unless they have a contract with a tree care company that has a compliance agreement with MDA. The department works with these companies to assure the woody debris being removed from the site is properly treated and disposed.

If you see a tree care company working or soliciting work within the quarantine area that is not listed on the MDA website, report it.

Look for and report any gypsy moth egg masses you find. Egg masses can be laid on trees or any outdoor household item. The female is simply looking for a sheltered location in which to lay her egg mass, it does not need to be on a tree or shrub. Inspect any outdoor items for egg masses – a fuzzy, brown blob the size of a quarter – you plan to move out of the quarantined area.

If you have a suspected egg mass, take a picture and email it to arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or call 888-545-MOTH.

Next steps include management proposal

Once all of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture monitoring survey traps are removed from the field, the statewide Gypsy Moth Program Advisory Committee will review the data and propose a management plan for the site. This committee is comprised of officials from the MDA, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Forest Service, and University of Minnesota.

Once the proposal is developed, the MDA will host public meetings to share the proposal with residents and get citizen feedback. It is likely the meetings will be hosted this fall and winter.

Residents can find more on gypsy moth on the MDA website at www.mda.state.mn.us/gypsymoth.

Contact the MDA any time at arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us or 888-545-MOTH.

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Mrs. Neriman Avsare, a long-time resident of Kenwood Isles, and now residing at Eden Care Center in Edina, recently celebrated her 99th Birthday. Friends and family, residents and staff members joined her for a wonderful party. Her daughter, Zehra Keye, is a long-time East Isles resident.

Photo by Dorothy Childers
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 9, 2017
The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Interim Chair Rich Heichert, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Kline, Christopher Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Vern Vander Weide, and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith
Interim Chair Rich Heichert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7
The Planning Commission public hearing for 3100 MSP, LLC (Brickstone project) has been delayed. The new date for the hearing is Monday, September 18, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Lunch with Lisa will resume on Wednesday, September 27, noon at University of St. Thomas. The topic is Peavey Plaza. The topic for the October 25 meeting will be the Super Bowl Host Committee.

A public hearing was held on August 9 for the nomination of Medata Arrradondo as Police Chief. The City Council will vote on the nomination on August 18.

The City Council voted to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco (including menthol) to tobacco shops and liquor stores.

call to report traffic signs/signals that are obscured by vegetation.

Announcements
The next Park Siding Park Gardening day is Wednesday, August 13, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the park. All are welcome to participate.

Trail construction is underway on the northeast corner of Lake Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska. Watch for trail detours and bicycle dismount zones. The boat launch will be closed from August 21–September 8.

Treasurer’s Report, Roger Kline
The Treasurer’s Report for fiscal year ending May 31 was presented.

CIDNA Neighborhood Yard Sale
Jones-Harrison is hosting a Rummage Sale September 25th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

CIDNA is considering sponsoring a neighborhood-wide sale. The request for funds will be presented to the NRP Committee, then sent to the CIDNA Board for electronic vote.

Fall Festival
The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Park Siding Park.

The CIDNA Board approved a total budget of $2,281 for CIDNA expenses for the festival.

Online Fundraiser
The fundraiser to support Uptown area neighborhood associations pooling funds to support the CIDNA Board. The board will take up the nomination at the September meeting.

Air Quality Study, Monica Smith
The Minneapolis Health Department (MDH) is working on an upcoming air quality study in conjunction with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The study will provide one air-monitoring site in each zip code in Minneapolis. Pollutants will be monitored for two years. MDH is requesting input from residents on placement of the monitors.

The CIDNA Board suggests a location of Lake St/Excelsior Blvd and requests that diesel particulates be added to the list of pollutants being monitored and wants to ensure that the monitoring equipment is effective at detecting pollutants.

Candidate Forum, Mike Wilson
Four neighborhoods are organizing a Ward 7 City Council Candidate Forum in late September.

CIDNA Committee
The board discussed its standing and ad hoc committee and the bylaws as they related to the board.

The discussion will continue next month.

New business
A new resident is interested in filling a vacancy on the CIDNA Board. The board will take up the nomination at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting
The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Mike Wilson will serve as Interim Chair.

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

Lakewood Cemetery September 16, 5-9pm
Honor a deceased loved one by decorating a floating lantern in their memory.

Everyone is welcome at this popular event.
sand upon the waters

By Tom H. Cook

Remember when an almost unpardonable sin for a politician was changing their mind on an issue? We call it flip-flopping, connoting a previously stated position because of additional information, poll data, party/peer pressure, or atmospheric change. It was possible to evolve and have a paradigm shift, though you were sure to be scorned for at least two news cycles as a hypocritical opportunist, or at least wishy-washy. Either way, implied was a lack of leadership and fitness to be “on the bridge” making the tough decisions in time of crisis. Mitt Romney was a prime casualty in 2008 and 2012, savaged for his fluidity by fellow Republican John McCain and a chorus of Democrats. An enterprising shoe company even marketed a rubber beach sandal bearing his name.

Recent journalists, pundits and politicians seem to have tried this of the term flip-flop. Without a trace of irony, they have abandoned it and begun to describe candidate vacillation as “pivoting.” The pivot appears less derisive and is semantically nuanced to take advantage of an office seeker’s flexibility and lack of bother—some core beliefs and principles.

I am no longer a flip-flopper or indevise, forgetful, and disorganized. I am merely pivoting. My pivoting is more personal and possibly a function of age. I start for one room in our modest home and realize there is an item in the room I just left that I could take along and save myself a trip later. Cunningly, I decide to double back for it. Just as quickly I realize I may still need it and it is best left where it is. (We are talking about a sweat shirt here, not the nucleic code.) Still, I have pivoted four times: bring it, leave it, etc. If I plan to go out later, hence the need for a sweat shirt, what else do I need? I am driving JoAnne (the editor) crazy. She is tired of the term flip-flop. I am driving JoAnne (the editor) crazy. She is tired of the term flip-flop.

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To the Editor:

There are many reasons for NOT changing the name of Lake Calhoun. One reason is that the Park Board cannot change the Calhoun name on all of the many buildings surrounding the lake and visitors to the area will/would be confused by the incongruity between the name of the lake and the buildings around it.

There are 200 years of history attached to Lake Calhoun and that history is attached to the existing name and accessed using the Calhoun name. I feel strongly about retaining the Calhoun name. 

Arlene Fried
Minneapolis

To the Editor:

Human language requires that we name things. Ancient Hebrew tradition assigned to God the role of creating the animals, and to humans the role of naming those animals. And so it is with the lake. Calhoun, it is fair to say, has become a kind of home for all of Minneapolis. It is the lake that we all know, yet few of us know its history as a lake, integrated into the surrounding area, which is offensive (as in stereotypical sports names such as the “Redskins.”) Such is not the case with efforts to rename the South Star track to increase their freight capacity.

It is appropriate to retain the lake’s Native American past through plaques, public artwork, festivals, recreation of earlier structures, even by renaming a section of parkland. But the name “Calhoun” no longer honors its own history as a lake, integrated into the surrounding area.

Rodge Adams, CIDNA

To the Editor:

Perhaps this is just too simple a solution to the naming problem.

Why not put on the signs BOTH the name given in their language, and also, the name in English. And for the Native American name, how about translating it into English, too. . . their names have more information in them that’s hidden from us, so to speak, since we can’t translate it. . . for I would like to know that and I think others would too . . .

FYI. I live in Forest Lake now, but grew up in So. Mpls and spent many many of my days as a kid riding around and swimming in all those lakes.

Joe Moriaty

To the Editor:

SWLRT planning has lacked transparency from the beginning. The early failing of our leaders to negotiate the terms of SWLRT or give up the project. The Met Council announced new railroad agreements without warning. Odds are that approval will come within two days. They illustrate, yet again, that the railroads determine everything about this project.

These agreements add public costs to the project that benefit the railroad companies. We are investing in more North Star track to increase their freight capacity. The public (that’s us) accept the liability, giving railroads an excuse to skimp on safety. And in a city where we already have too many barriers between neighbors, they are adding a mile-long, 10-foot-high, concrete wall.

Many of you have told me you love living in the middle of the city, you love how easy it is to get to downtown, to work, to theaters and grocery stores. And you know we need frequent, reliable transit that gives us real choices for how to get around. But failing to negotiate with the railroads early in the process means that getting SWLRT done now requires huge compromises that can be pushed through only if they are negotiated behind closed doors and voted on before anyone knows what’s been agreed to.

It’s easy to take the symbolic vote against unpopular things. But symbolic votes have not moved us towards a solution that works for Ward 7; they haven’t delivered an outcome that provides safe, reliable transit in the middle of the city; you love how easy it is to get to downtown, to work, to theaters and grocery stores.

Rhonda Kuehl, East Isles

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Let us Know Where we Are
By Jean Deartick

As you can read in this issue, there is plenty of controversy in our neighborhoods. SWLRT issues continue to around us. Development issues also abound. In Lowry Hill we wonder about the gypsy moths. I haven’t seen any, but perhaps I need to take a closer look outside. Much of the summer has been noisy as sidewalk repair continues. Sidewalks in front of my house were ripped up and placed in a dumpster at 7:30 am, to make certain everyone was awake from the loud noise. I haven’t seen any, but perhaps I need to take a closer look outside.

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