Anita Tabb departs for Florida with gratitude, best wishes from Hill and Lake neighborhoods

By Michael Wilson

City Council ordinance signing

“Historic” was the word used repeatedly on April 29, 2019, when City Council members and Park Board commissioners signed a joint ordinance providing a 20-year funding stream for much-needed neighborhood parks improvements. Hill and Lake residents can take great pride that this effort was spearheaded by our two remarkable superintendents, Anita Tabb and Lisa Goodman, along with Council President Barbara Johnson (right), Superintendent Jayne Miller, and Park Board President Liz Wielinski.


EARLY WINTER AND CANOES AT LAKE OF THE ISLES

Photo by Dorothy Childers

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Kenwood Student Council Takes on the Capitol

On October 24th, Kenwood Student Council members took a field trip to the Minnesota State Capitol. Thirteen students and nine adults drove to St. Paul after school to learn all about government and how to get involved.

The field trip was organized by Kenwood graduate, Piper D’Emanuele. “The whole point of this field trip was to get students, especially young girls, excited about government. Being a young woman interested in politics I see a huge problem with women not being represented and respected as we should be. I want to do everything in my power to change this trend.”

The trip started out with a tour of the newly refurbished Capitol building. Students and parents explored the Rotunda, Governor’s office, Senate Chamber, and ended in the House of Representatives’ Chamber. While there, the group met State Representative Frank Hornstein and worked with him to hold a mock debate on the House Floor. The students chose to debate the use of school uniforms in Minneapolis Public Schools. After the debate, Representative Hornstein said, “I think we have a lot of future leaders in this group.”

Piper hopes this field trip got young girls thinking about going into politics and young boys thinking about respecting women in leadership roles.

Hill & Lake Community Hosts Major International Event This Winter!

By Carla Pardue and Mike Bono

The Masters World Cup is an international ski championship and festival with athletes from all around the world. Over 1,000 athletes are expected to compete in this week-long event. The event is organized by age class: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, . . . 70-74, 75-79, . . .

This year’s event is focused at Theodore Wirth Park and takes place from January 19 - 26, with competitions nearly every day. The event is organized by age class: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, . . . 70-74, 75-79, . . .

Mike Erickson (CIDNA), Carla Pardue (East Isles) and Mike Bono (Kenwood) are leading an important international event this January. And no, it is not the Super Bowl!

Loppet Foundation is hosting the event and is busy constructing a 7.5 kilometer (4.5 mile) loop with machine-made snow - so even if Mother Nature does not cooperate the park will be ready for the competition.

Kenwood Student Council members took a field trip to the Minnesota State Capitol. Thirteen students and nine adults drove to St. Paul after school to learn all about government and how to get involved.
“These are some of the best skier in the world,” says Loppet Nordic Racing Head Coach (and CIDNA resident) Piotr Bednarski, who will himself be competing in the 50-54 age class. Bednarski, who is the current 50-54 year old national champion in cross-country skiing, expects to be humbled by the competition from abroad. “I’m going to be happy to just finish in the top ten in this competition. It is amazing how fast athletes in their 50s can go. I guess after the kids grow up people start really training.”

Former Kenwood resident Kate Ellis will also be competing. Kate competes in the 60-64 year old age class. Kate heads up a whole contingent of “Masters” skiers (skiers who are at least 30 years old). Kate is a specialist in the classical or traditional style of skiing and, like Piotr, expects the competition to be fierce.

“But at the end of the day we are all out competing to have fun. I expect to meet great people from all over the world - Norwegians and Swedes, Russians, Germans, Italians, Finns - that’s what makes it fun!”

The competition is headed up Loppet Foundation Events Director and CIDNA resident Mike Erickson. Mike organizes the volunteer crew, who really runs the competition. “It is the volunteers who bring the event to life,” says Erickson.

Kenwood’s Mike Bono is a veteran volunteer with the Loppet and the Event Director for the Masters World Cup. Mike directed the successful Junior Nationals event at Wirth Park in 2011 and is looking forward to an even bigger and better event this winter.

In a yellow hard-hat scaled the ancient power pole* as for that power pole in the back yard, prior to our house connection. If interested in helping, email Carla at carlapar@mac.com.

By James P. Lenfestey

In November, the water pressure at 1833 Girard dropped in half. The copper pipe we had replaced to the street only two years prior had again mysteriously failed.

City workers arrived and dug up the street to locate the leak, a burly woman at the helm of the backhoe, silent as the foreman was jabbery. Then Inner-City plumbers, certified to work on underground plumbing, efficiently replaced the pipe for the second time, and filled the hole. Their friendly workers cheerfully provided us a chunk of failed pipe to show Xcel. The copper was brittle, with two fingertip-sized holes in it, eroded by stray electricity voltage, reverse electroplating. “Never seen that before,” said the guys.

Dodd Demas, Penn Ave Electric, our god of electricity, set out to find the source of the stray voltage, probably an improper neutral. Not in our house, he learned.

Dodd called in Xcel. The next day an Xcel worker in a yellow hard-hat scaled the ancient power pole* behind the house, and determined power was clean to events at the host hotel downtown. “What I love about this role is that we get to tell people about all the things that we love about Minneapolis. It’s just easy to do and fun!” Carla is looking for volunteers to help staff the house connection.

So Dodd called in Xcel’s “stray voltage guy,” the expert in the field of mad electrical voltage. He was deer hunting all week, a legal and understandable absence, but the next week he waved his magic wand all around our house, following where our underground cable enters the house. Not the problem.

Dodd then wired up our house, testing it this way and that, and determined it is not the source. As of this writing, the source remains unknown, possibly a street-light line in the street, but that’s a guess. No one really knows. Lost electricity somehow finds our copper pipe to carry it home, says Dodd, A well-read man, he find this conundrum Shakespearian.

Here a detail you may already know from Susan’s funny Facebook posts of the weeks-long dig. The stray voltage expert mostly works in rural areas because dairy cows won’t enter a barn in its presence. Susan asked, then why not just bring a cow to Girard Ave. and follow it around?

So if you see a milk cow wandering neighborhood streets, don’t worry. It is working for Xcel, the true stray voltage expert on the job.

“as for that power pole in the back yard, prior to our emergency our neighbor had been told by Xcel for 3 months that no one could climb it, it is too old. Nothing like stray voltage, or a call from Dodd, to send our house skittering.

Race Headquarters. Volunteers are right in the action and all will receive a World Masters memento and a big thanks from the community. If interested in helping, email Carla at carlapar@mac.com.
In their own words...

Friends, neighbors, and colleagues speak about Lowry Hill resident and Park Board president Anita Tabb as she ends her remarkable 14-year stay in Minneapolis. (Compiled by Michael Wilson.)

JACKIE TABB/ Anita’s and Rob’s younger daughter
A city that was once completely foreign is now a place I can truly call home. At first, the January move was difficult and everything was unfamiliar. However, over several months and years, our family grew attached to the neighborhood and the culture. Living so close to Lake of the Isles, it was apparent how important these outdoor spaces were to the city. Winter or summer, rain or shine, people take in the natural beauty! When my mom became a part of the Park Board, we had no idea what it meant to the community. She spent long hours and late nights collaborating, researching and proposing new ideas for our parks. It has been an incredible 14 years and I’m proud to know my mom was a part making our neighborhood a beautiful community.

LISA GOODMAN/ Ward 7 City Council member
I have loved working with Anita over the past eight years because she is so smart and dedicated to making the parks work well for everyone. In our many meetings and negotiations in 2016 over the neighborhood parks funding ordinance she never lost sight of the critical need for funding and the impact this could have on taxpayers if not done right.

Mostly however, Anita’s commitment to serving her constituents, solving their problems, answering their contacts, and helping them deal with park issues was unmatched among commissioners. Politics at this level is all about working with people, and Anita’s skills and dedication to our neighborhoods and neighbors will be truly missed. I’ll also miss her pink and green capri pants, her preppy outfits, and parties at her home so often open to the whole community, including my dog Sadie.

SHAWN SMITH/ KIAA board chair
Anita has been a great partner to the KIAA board. She’s extremely responsible and puts parks first, ahead of any ideology or political pressure or agenda. I could always count on her to give me straightforward answers and suggestions for the employees (not good)? Off to tour our maintenance facilities. Just why wasn’t golf in good shape and how deferred has the maintenance been? Off to the courses. We were the commissioners who showed up everywhere, even in the police cars. We learned a lot.

After I was elected President of the board in 2014 I asked Anita to be the MPRB representative on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. There she met Carol Becker, who asked her: “Does the Park Board have enough bonding money?” And the starter’s pistol went off for the big race that eventually became the NPP20 Neighborhood Parks Plan.

Anita always believed that if it seemed too tough for one woman, then a two-woman team could handle anything. I have been honored to be the second half of her dynamic duo for the past 8 years. My next step of course will be a field trip to Florida.

JANET HALLAWAY/ Lowry Hill board member and neighbor
I’ve enjoyed working with Anita over many years. She joined the Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association board shortly after she moved to the neighborhood. From the get-go, Anita was interested in contributing her many talents to make our neighborhood and our city a great place. She rose to serve as President of the Park Board and leaves an amazing legacy. This includes improving park board transparency and securing an unprecedented amount of city funding for our neighborhood parks over the next 20 years.

Anita responded to every phone call, email, or request for a meeting. Smarts, great energy, and a present good humor – she’s leaving big shoes to fill!

BARBARA JOHNSON/ Ward 4 City Council member and Council president
Anita is a terrific leader – always keeping the importance of our beautiful park system at the forefront of her advocacy for funding and stability. She is a respect- ed voice who will be missed.

MEG TUTHILL/ Ward 10 City Council Member (2014-)
When Anita was informed of the problem with the lagoon between Isles and Calhoun not freezing because of the de-watering from CPM’s development at Knox and Lagoon, the park board and the city joined forces to halt the pollution. Her involvement was critical. Anita was never afraid to tackle the really tough issues. She was a warrior on the budget. It had to be transparent and make fiduciary sense. Anita was committed to our parks and belief that our parks and lakes are for everyone. She truly understood that the lakes are the “jewel” in our crown.

JEANETTE COLBY/ former KIAA board chair
Anita started making positive contributions to our community from the day she arrived in Minneapolis with her family. As an MPRB commissioner she consistently looked fort fair, positive, sensible solutions to every issue that came before her. Her vision for improving neighborhood parks is reflected in the 20-year Neighborhood parks plan. She is a fantastic leader and mentor, and Minneapolis will miss her!

MARK ANDREW/ Hennepin County commissioner.
(1983-99); chair, Save Our Minneapolis Parks (2016)
Anita Tabb has been a potent force for both an unparalleled urban park system as well as one that is professionally managed and wisely budgeted. The only way to maintain excellence in our urban parks is to combine great vision with superb management and budgeting that assure our parks will remain their quality long into the current century. I have loved working with Anita as she is, an addition to being a great commissioner, a delightful and really fun person. She will be missed by me and all of her constituents.

JAYNE MILLER/ MPRB superintended
Anita has been an amazing commissioner and boss. She took her role as District 4 Commissioner seriously, being incredibly responsive to her constituents and supportive and respectful of staff, all while expecting the best in service delivery. She saw the big picture, doing what was best for the Park Board and for the community as a whole. As Board president, she was always available and willing to handle the most challenging situations, always positive even during extremely challenging times.

I am indebted to her leadership and support during my tenure as Superintendent and will cherish the personal relationships we have developed. I will miss working with her. Thank you, Anita, for your vision, leadership and our laughs together.

GRAIG WESTGATE/ former CIDNA board chair
When I think of working with Anita, I smile. She was extremely fair, and she took your passion and made it her passion. She will be missed for many reasons but deep down she is one of those people that I am extremely lucky to know. She loves this city. Good luck on the next one, Anita.

JAN CALLISON/ chair, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
I’m grateful for Anita’s steady leadership at the Park Board. She has been a resource on issues that touch parks and Hennepin County and I have appreciated her perspective … and her good humor.

TOM EVERS/ executive director, Minneapolis Parks Foundation
Anita has served her district and the city incredibly well as Park Board commissioner and president. She was a key leader securing the monumental neighborhood park funding agreement with the city which will benefit the next generation. She always brought the right mix of seriousness and humor to each situation, was committed to the whole park system, and saw the big picture. She is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

ANNIE YOUNG/ MPRB commissioner (1990-2017)
As a citywide commissioner there is lots of activity to keep track of so I must depend on the district commissioners taking care of the business in their districts.

Garlock-French is always a good idea
Your house is one of your most valued investments. Protect it with a Garlock-French roof and you’ll get years of low maintenance that looks great. At Garlock-French, you’ll get skilled roofing solutions, superior customer service and we guarantee our workmanship. We’ve been up on roofs longer, and it shows.
Anita was very thorough with the details of the projects in her area. I trusted her judgment and supported her actions. An outstanding representative she was. I will also miss her as a friend.

JIM LENFESTEY/ Urban Coyote and Lowry Hill sage

When an open seat turns up in politics, one wonders who will step forward to do the people’s business. It can be a seamy, time-sucking, nasty, mostly unpaid business, at best. So when Anita Tabb ran for the Park Board, I wondered, can she be as good, smart, selfless, and caring as she seems, not to mention fearless, energetic, and hilarious? Yes, she could. And she maintained that demeanor, tireless and never tired, forceful and never vengeful, effective and never deterred as she carried the legacy of the nation’s greatest urban park system on her back - with a few others - into the 21st century. We will miss her, but wow, I am still amazed she ran!

SUSAN SCHMIDT/ Minnesota director, Trust for Public Land

Anita Tabb's leadership and actions leave a lasting impact on parks and trails in Minneapolis and the metropolitan region. Anita’s collaborative approach help ensure that Minneapolis Parks will remain the nation's best for years to come. I am honored to introduce Anita to my Trust for Public Land colleagues in her next home state of Florida.

JOHN ERWIN/ MPRB commissioner and Board vice-president

It has been a joy and honor to work with Anita! Personally, she was thoughtful, assertive, hard-working and always sought to advance the interests of her constituents while insuring that their tax dollars were wisely spent.

It was Anita who made sure Parade Road was completed, who dealt with the cattails around Loring Pond, who got the milfoil out of Lake of the Isles, who defended Kenwood Park at every turn, who limited your property tax increases, and who got a 20-year plan to fund fixing up neighborhood parks done citywide!

The word/phrases I think of when I think of Anita are: smart, thoughtful, fun, fiscal conservative, represents her constituents well, respect. It’s been a pleasure, Anita!

 ARLENE PRIED/ co-founder, Park Watch

I have known Anita since 2007 when Park Watch was forcing Superintendent Gurban’s granddose plans for Parade Stadium out of the back room. Because of Anita’s reservations about the Parade Stadium plans and the lack of public information about them, she joined Park Watch at Park Board meetings. Then she and Liz Wielinski ran for the Park Board and became commissioners in 2010. And now eight years (and approximately 192 board meetings) later, Anita's second term is up and she is leaving Minnesota and moving to Florida.

I think it is amazing that after she and Rob sold their house earlier this year and Rob retired to Florida, Anita's commitment to the Park Board was so great that she rented an apartment and commuted rather than do what most most individuals would have done -- which is resign and leave. She wanted to honor her commitment to her constituents, fellow board members, and Superintendent Jayne Miller by completing her term.

Kudos to Anita for her significant contribution and unwavering commitment to the Minneapolis Park Board during both her eight years on the Park Board and the preceding years with Park Watch. We will miss her very much.

ROB TABB/ supportive spouse, genial host

I came to Minneapolis as a career move and Anita and the girls dutifully made the switch from a home and city (Portland, Ore.) we all loved. Minneapolis was definitely not on our radar as a place to live. Over the next thirteen years we made a gradual transition from wondering whether we could endure living in the flatlands and cold winters of the upper Midwest to embracing and becoming part of a great culture. We discovered what makes Minneapolis a truly livable city that is accepting of relative newcomers stepping into leadership roles around the cultural icons of the community such as the Walker, Mia, Guthrie, and of course the beautiful park system. Places and events we felt ambiva- lent about at first became special in a way that often only the native-born understand and appreciate.

Finally and most important, we all developed friendships across many business and social spheres in a way not feasible in most big cities today.

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**Don’t Miss The Annual Ice Skating Party**

**Sunday, January 21, 2018**

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Lake of the Isles Ice Rink & Warming Hut

Enjoy Skating & Socializing with your Neighbors & Family.

Get Warm by the Fire.

Drink Hot Cocoa & Coffee.

Eat Cookies and Puppy Dog Tails.

Have Winter Fun! Non-Skaters welcome too.

Sponsored by Cedar-Isles-Dean, East Isles, Kenwood Isles & Lowry Hill Neighborhood Associations 2018
a gas pump in -20° weather filling her tank and having her nose freeze shut. "That's when I knew for sure that this wasn't Miami," she laughs. Anita always assumed she'd get a job here, she says, "but it kinda never happened." By coincidence there were plenty of things happening in the neighborhood that needed attention. The Tabb's enrolled Katie and Jackie at Southwest in 11th and 9th grades respectively, but the school's tone-deaf handling of a midyear course enrollment issue led them to move the girls to Edina High School a few weeks later. By coincidence it was Jackie, not Anita, who did the daily driving to and from the far side of Edina. The Tabb's were always deeply involved in their daughters' education, but they didn't get involved with their daughters' school.

Tough times on the Park Board.
The mid- and late-2000s were not a time of comity, courtesy, and singleness of purpose on the Park Board. Superintendent Mary Merrill Anderson retired in December 2003 -- with strong encouragement to do so, some say -- and Jon Gurban, president of the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, was hired as interim superintendent while a search got underway for a new superintendent. Gurban's selection by a 5-4 vote for a job for which he had neither applied nor interviewed caused immediate anger and charges of
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Candidates Anita Tabb, Lisa Goodman, and John Erwin campaigned hard and had fun doing it, as shown in this Hill & Lake Press ad from October 2009. Goodman was running for re-election, Tabb for her first term on the Park Board, and Erwin to return to the Park Board. All three won, of course. Tabb and Erwin both leave the Park Board this month, Tabb as president and Erwin as vice-president. (Caption: Michael Wilson.)
**Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Nov. 14, 2017 at the Kendalwood Rec Center

The Board Members Present: Phil Hallaway, Tom Huppert, Bob Hinck, Toni D’Eramo, Clint Conner, Jennifer Breitinger, Jimmy Fogel, Sarah Janecek, and Sam Ellinong.

**Other Kristina Dorney, Kathy Spraitz, Lisa Goodman, Michael McLaughlin, Janet Hallaway**

Call to Order: 7:05 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Huppert moved and Jennifer Breitinger seconded the approval of the October 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Toni D’Eramo reported that we have one outstanding invoice currently, for the urn in Emerson Triangle. We are waiting for NRP funds to pay that bill, otherwise we are financially in good shape. Clint Connor will submit his fees for attending the articles.

**Community Announcements:** Council member Goodman reviewed the following:

- The next few weeks for the City to pick up leaves. Those in gypsy moth quarantine area cannot have sticks and branches picked up, but leaves are fine.
- “Latter with Lisa” at the Normandy Inn will occur the second week in December on either the 12th or 13th. The date has not been set yet.
- Public meetings on the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan are set for December and January around the city. The closest one to Lowry Hill will be Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 at MLK park at 4055 Nicollet. There will also be a meeting in January 2018 at a location in downtown. These meetings will discuss density and preservation among other issues relevant to Lowry Hill.
- Public hearings on the City budget and 2018 property tax levy duplexes and single family houses. Next meeting is Nov. 29, 2017 at 6:05 p.m. at City Hall, Room 317. Another meeting on Dec. 6, 2017 at 6:05 p.m. in the same place.
- The snow emergency pamphlet went out and residents should watch for other notifications from the city.
- New Airbnb regulations have been adopted. Goodman summarized as follows: If someone is renting a room or portion of their home while staying in the home, nothing is required. If someone is renting a portion of their home while out-of-town or on a temporary basis, then need to register with the City as a short-term rental for approximately $40/year and no inspection is required. If someone is renting a house and never living there on a long-term basis, then they must get an ordinary rental license and an inspection.

Amended Uniform Housing Policy—this is now available. A few changes are: (1) the City will now require a 30-year commitment instead of 15-20 years for those seeking affordable housing credits, (2) allow homeownership for slightly higher income groups.

**Environmental Committee:** Gypsy moth quarantine in effect. Residents must store sticks, branches and wood on their property or hire a company to come in and remove it.

**Zoning and Planning Committee:** No variance requests this month. The Burch valets have been cited by the city with a fine of $400. Several members would still like to meet with Jean Rottman of Nolan Properties regarding Burch’s use of Colfax, but no meeting has occurred.

**Crime and Safety Committee:** Toni D’Eramo reported that the email newsletter now has a link to the live crime and safety feed.

**Economic Development Committee:** Website is ready and has been reviewed by Phil Hallaway. Clint Connor moved that the LHNA provide its annual contribution to the Hill & Lake Press of $1,000. Motion seconded by Toni D’Eramo and was passed unanimously.

**Election Delinquent Committee:** Phil Hallaway was only participant in the Range Choice Voting Opposition held on Oct. 25. Discussion about how this was one of many workshops regarding rank choice voting.

Thel Kevern appeared to be well attended this year even with less than ideal weather.

The proposed Dunwoody Tour is still being scheduled. The dates that were proposed by Dunwoody overlap with spring break or Memorial Day weekend, so need to get additional dates.

Tom Huppert reported that the Thanksgiving Tree “Give a Tree” to the Pine Tree Office and Fire Station is set to move forward. Will provide receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement.

**Ice Skating Social — Will occur on Jan. 21, 2018 (weather permitting):** East Isles will obtain the permit but if there is not a refreshment area available for the park, Hallaway will confirm whether LHNA or East Isles will be doing the ad with the others to contribute.

**Sculpture Tour — Kathy Spraitz offered to do a snowshoe tour of the Walker in February. She needs 2-3 in advance notice, so we will set a date at the next meeting. Kathy will confirm that the Walker will have snowshoes available and get that information to Phil Hallaway.**

**Annual Meeting — Need to find a venue. Will consider that and a date at the next meeting.**

The Lowry contacted the LHNA about possibly doing a meat raffle, with LHNA providing advertising and receiving some of the proceeds. The Lowry suggested that it would happen this upcoming weekend, but if not, then they would not be available. Phil Hallaway will attempt to get some additional information.

**Neighborhood Priorities Committee:** Hennepin/Lyndale and Douglas Median—Michael McLaughlin, Community Innovation Fund Consultant, attended and presented an idea to the board. Clint Connor and Sarah Janecek stated that they would meet with Craig Wilson and come up with a plan to present to the board at the next meeting.

Emerson Triangle—project is completed. Warming house at Lake of the Isles—Kathy Spraitz presented background on the group she had organized to attempt to replace the current warming house with support and representation from the Park Board, the Minneapolis Park Foundation, and the surrounding Neighborhood Associations. She thought it costs about $10,000-15,000 to bring and remove the warming house each year. Spraitz’ group had hoped to build a new mobile structure that could go to the North Mississippi Regional Park in the summer. The group had interest from the Park Foundation and later from EIRA. The Superbowl Committee in support of the most parts. They had planned to do a design contest, but the NFL decided not to offer funding. At that point, discussions stalled, and the East Isles Residents Association (“EIRA”) learned that the existing warming house could be painted in time for the Superbowl for $5,000-10,000. From there, Spraitz believes the budget for the warming house “refresh” has grown to approximately $40,000 or more. Neighborhood associations are being asked to contribute to the project. Spraitz had asked someone from the EIRA to be present at tonight’s meeting to update the Board and answer questions, but no EIRA representatives were present. The life span of the current building will likely be 5-10 years with a new roof (which EIRA is adding). The work will be done in November, but there are a number of questions that have yet to be answered, including whether the building will be ADA compliant. Janet Hallaway then spoke about requesting that the Park Board hold a meeting about the warming house “refresh”. On November 8, 2017 EIRA held an informational meeting about the warming house “refresh”, but declined to have a MPRB representative in attendance, as they were because it was not a MPRB project. Several citizens from Lowry Hill and Kenwood attended and were upset that they had not been involved in the process. The Park Board usually uses citizen advisory committees, but this was not used here, even though Lake of the Isles is a regional park. Janet Hallaway requested that the LHNA write a letter to the Park Board regarding the lack of public or neighborhood involvement in this project. Clint Connor moved to authorize Phil Hallaway to send a letter to the Park Board expressing disappointment that the citizen advisory process was not followed and asking for greater transparency moving forward. Sarah Janecek seconded.

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LHNA received a request for a letter of support to Hennepin County Commissioners for a Hennepin Youth Sports Grant to renovate the tennis courts in Loring Park. After discussion, Sarah Janecek moved to authorize Phil Hallaway to send a letter of support on behalf of the LHNA as requested since many neighborhood youth would likely use and benefit from the Loring Park courts. Clint Connor seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Historical Society Committee:** Kristina Dorney reported that the committee is going to set up a workshop to help people in the neighborhood research the history of their homes and a walking tour in the spring. The committee is also looking into doing a letter to homeowners of historical properties in the neighborhood for some type of event. Will update at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Clint Connor recommended and Tom Huppert moved that the association amend its bylaws pursuant to Minn. Stat. 317A.439 subdivision 6 to no longer keep a member list of all members because it is too onerous. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Fogel and approved unanimously.

Suggestion to consider adding a signal at Franklin/Hennepin crosswalks for blind individuals giving the proximity to BLIND, Inc. City may just need to be notified or there may be grant funds available. Will inquire of Councilmember Goodman at next meeting.

Adjournment: Toni D’Eramo moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Jimmy Fogel. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**Board Meeting Minutes Dec. 5, 2017 at the Kendalwood Rec Center**

By Emily Beugen, Secretary

Board Members Present: Phil Hallaway, Michael Cockson, Toni D’Eramo, Jimmy Fogel, Lee Switchen, Tom Huppert, Bob Hinck, Emily Beugen, Jennifer Breitinger, Sarah Janecek, Clint Conner.

Others: Kristina Dorney, Lisa Goodman, Arlo Ashbach. Call to Order: 7:03 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Michael Cockson moved and Jimmy Fogel seconded that the minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**Community Announcements:** Council member Goodman reviewed the following:

- “Latter with Lisa” will be Monday, December 11th from 4:30-6:00 at the Lowry Community Inn. All resi- dients are encouraged to attend.
- Minneapolis 2040 - City’s comprehensive plan. December 11 at 5:30 at MLK Park. Seventh ward is encouraged to attend. Another meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at Plymouth Church. Dinner served at 6 PM with meeting to follow at 6:30.
- Truth in taxation meeting - many people from low economic areas are seeing high increases in property taxes. Public hearing on Dec. 12, 2017.
- $1.2 million grant to hire 10 new police and address gun safety.
- 2 budget amendments with Goodman regarding inspections. City needs to hire more inspectors that should speak more than one language and are more culturally sensitive.
- The city has acted to revoke the rental licenses of Steve Frenz. As a result, all tenants will be evicted if a receiver for the properties is not appointed. Goodman is concerned for the tenants and making sure they have a home.

Sarah Janecek moved and Toni D’Eramo seconded that the LHNA send a letter in support of the appointment of a receiver by the city of Minneapolis for all properties held by Minneapolis landlord Stephen Frenz. The motion passed unanimously.

Phil Hallaway will notify Council Member Goodman
and Minneapolis City Attorney, Susan Segal, regarding the above action.

The Lowry - Blue Plate Restaurant - Arlo

Attach:
The Lowry restaurant is interested in doing a meat raffle in 2018 and would like to donate the proceeds to the LHNA. They are looking to partner with LHNA to help fund a community project. Lowry is hoping to host the event in February in conjunction with Lowry Hill Meats. Jennifer Breetinger moved and Tom Huppert seconded that the LHNA proceed with the meat raffle with the Lowry restaurant. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasure’s Report: Tony D’Eramo reported LHNA is in good financial shape with only two outstanding invoices. NRP funds have been recently received from the City.

Communications:

Environment: Bob Hinck reported that he is exploring more information on the Gypsy Moth quarantine.

Thanksgiving pie drop-off for the firefighters and Sarah Janecek seconded that an additional house is $20,000 per year, and often results in damage that is easily movable at low cost, and that could be used.

Buses returned to Nicollet Mall. Interesting tidbit – Nicollet Mall was built with Federal transit grants so if buses are not allowed on it the Federal Government must be repaid.

Committee Reports

• President’s Report

Storage unit & post box options are limited without a physical EIRA office location. Steve Havig offered to be a potential option for mail and storage.

• Zoning & Land Use Committee

The Lake of the Isles has submitted a permit for restoration and EIRA Zoning Committee supports the project so long as it is in compliance with the Historical Society.

• Social Committee

The Wine Tasting was successful, bringing in about $2,700 total for EIRA including direct and combined shared sales. The tentative date for next year is Oct 11th, 2018. Discussion ensued whether it was worth it for EIRA volunteer time.

Ice Skating Party is scheduled for Jan 21st, 1-3 pm. Plans are progressing, volunteers are needed. New Social Chair is needed: An ad on Nextdoor will be executed.

Irrigation: Chris Blegen talked about the challenges continuing for hiring a bookkeeper and communication contract person. The main challenge is the difference skill sets required for bookkeeping and communication. The idea of hiring two people is contemplated. Matt offered to do the bookkeeping for the next 3-6 months until a suitable person is found.

Hidden Beach planning ideas – Will Stensrud

New Business:

• The Lake of the Isles Warming House: Tom Huppert reported that the warming house on Lake of the Isles is proceeding.

• Reading Partners – Kari Heistad

• Bicycles: An issue with windows needs to be addressed but it passed with Lee Switzenberg and Jennifer Breitinger abstaining.

• Board members absent: Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Andrew Degerstrom, Peter Mason, John Grochala, Julia Curran

• Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Horn, Administrator Diana Schlesisman

Minutes from the EIRA Board of Directors Meeting 11/14/17

Board members present: Brad Ash (President), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Debbie Gold (Secretary), Steve Havig, Amy Sanborn

Board members absent: Mike Erlandson (Vice-President), Andrew Degerstrom, Peter Mason, John Grochala, Julia Curran

Guests: Lisa Goodman (City Councilmember)

Welcome & Call to Order: Brad Ash, EIRA President

Guest Speaker: Lisa Goodman, City Council Member

LHNA is in good financial shape with only two outstanding invoices. NRP funds have been recently received from the City.

There will be a more formal report done in December.

Zoning and Planning: Nothing new to report.

A physical EIRA office location. Steve Havig offered to be a potential option for mail and storage.

Norris of Norway is planning to break ground in March. Plans have not yet been approved by the city.

The non-profit is looking for volunteers and also accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kendles@kendles.org

Kenwood Isles Area Association

By Jack Levi

December 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 12/04/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: The Kenwood Rec Center will be open during holiday hours. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 with a cash bar.


The financial report was added to the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Wednesday, December 6 was the last opportunity to provide public testimony for the City of Minneapolis’ budget. Lisa commented that due to the larger tax base, many homeowners did not see an increase this year. However, other wards saw increases based on the appreciation of the value of their homes.

“Later with Lisa” will meet on December 18, 2017 between 5:30 and 7:30 at the Historic Normandy Inn.

The renovation of the warming house on Lake of the Isles is proceeding.

Reading Partners – Kari Heistad

Reading Partners is a non-profit organization that addresses illiteracy in schools. This effort started 3 years ago and they are currently in 13 schools in Minnesota, mostly in the metro area. For more information, please go to readingpartners.com.

The non-profit is looking for volunteers and also hoping to spread the word about the program.

NRP/CPF – Shawn Smith:

EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Diana Schlesisman, Administrator

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Thank You, Anita Tabb

By Jon Fagerson

Anita Tabb lived in a generous house. Rooms so many, they ran out of names. The community felt it was her house, So many parties, celebrations, fund-raisers, and public events.

To work hard is a good thing.
To work hard at a job you believe in is better.

Anita Tabb lived in a generous house:
The community felt it was their house,
That is way beyond the call of duty.

We know it was not the house, but Anita’s spirit
To work hard at a job that is for the common good
That made it so welcoming,
The same spirit she gave to her community service,
Steady, reliable, unstinting.

Wherever Anita moves, we know,
She will live in a generous house.

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Happenings at Cedar Lake’s South Beach

Shortly before our first snowfall, construction on the Cedar Lake South Beach improvements project began. This winter, workers will perform site preparation, make utility connections and install the building foundation for a new three-season restroom, which was made possible by an anonymous donation of $400,000. The beach will remain closed until construction is complete, which is anticipated before 4th of July weekend of 2018. Cedar Lake Regional Trail users will encounter a short detour around the construction site during the beach closure.
Always remember. The sense of history being made was during Open Time, she was approached by a short, thin, Barbara Johnson, and Superintendent Jayne Miller. Park Board Chair Liz Wielinski, City Council President Council Member Paul Ostrow tried—and almost succeeded—in getting the going tough. They began meeting quietly with problems, not pass the buck back to the voters when coincidence intervened once again. Two women, Tabb and Liz Wielinski, another Park Watch co-founder, ran for and won seats on the Park Board. Along with four other winning candidates who ran with Tabb during the Park Watch backing, the Park Board was set to leave its tumultuous years behind and get down to conducting the people's business.

April 29, 2016: history was made. The Minneapolis Park Board is a proud, rare anomaly among the nation's urban park systems. Established in February 1883 by an act of the Minnesota Legislature and approved two months later by a majority of Minneapolis voters, the Park Board is independent of City Hall. It is not a department of city government, which is the case virtually everywhere else in the country.

Our Park Board came into existence over the strenuous objections of many city aldermen, and periodic calls to abolish the Park Board have echoed forth from City Hall for the past 13 decades. The front-page editorial in December 2004 for a streamlined and more accountable city government, strongly recommended that the Park Board be eliminated and its responsibilities over to a city department. In 2009 County Commissioner Oronoꦭック no longer exist and almost all were ceased—to put a question on the November ballot asking voters to abolish the independent Park Board.

Concern during the first six years of Tabb's tenure on the Park Board over the shortage of funds for maintenance and new programming in our neighborhood parks grew into an alarm. In late August 2004 Save Our Minneapolis Parks was formed, with Mark Andrew as chair, to attempt to win additional funding from the City Council, which controls a large part of Park Board funds. Anticipating failure, the front-page City Tribune, editorializing for the first time in its 12-year history, began laying the groundwork for a referendum question on the November ballot asking voters to approve additional funding. A battle was in the making.

But coincidence intervened once again. Two women, Tabb and Liz Wielinski, another Park Board Member Lisa Goodman, who had become fast friends and shared the same belief about the role of elected officials, looked at each other and said, “This is nuts. We’re elected to solve problems, not pass the buck back to the voters when the going gets tough.” They began meeting quietly with Park Board Chair Liz Wielinski, City Council President Barbara Johnson, and Superintendent Jayne Miller.

Friday, April 29, 2016, was a day of joy and pride that everyone present in City Council chambers will always remember. The sense of history being made was palpable. On April 29 the City Council passed unanimously the resolution of the hard work of these five remarkable women, the 20-Year Joint Ordinance for neighborhood parks and streets. The Park Board passed the joint ordinance unanimously the following week.

To go from calls to abolish the Park Board to unanimous agreement on how to reach a common goal is nothing short of astounding. And Anita Tabb stood right in the center of this transformation.

The power of relationships

That’s the big picture. Down at ground level, what’s made Anita such an effective, cherished part of our community is her energy; her smile and laughter, her generosity, her love, her loyalty to people, her people. She says, “People are always interesting to me, with all their quirksiness and passions and ideas. I’m a glass-half-full kind of person, and being around the people I’ve gotten to know in the city and in our neighborhood has coined it, only now with a hardiness zone of 5 or 6 instead of 3 or 4. This is not something to be celebrated. This is a dangerous trend. This is a change in climate that affects important state industries like tourism, agriculture and culture. This change in climate, that alters the disappearance over the last decade, is having a fever.”

Awareness of climate change and our hand in it had never been brought home to me in quite this way before. The exhibit includes resources with information about reducing your carbon footprint. In lieu of an online carbon calculator is handy and instructive. Our family completed one at the Science Museum of Minneapolis a few years ago. Step through a list of lifestyle questions and get recommendations for reductions. How many newspapers do you subscribe to? How much meat do you eat? How many miles do you drive each year? What’s your utility usage? Our results revealed that most of our carbon footprint was attributable to one activity—travel, particularly air travel.

So yes, the change in our seasons is real and scary. Bold Gold may not be our motto for long and had a grand time, thanks to Anita and Rob. Tabb was interviewed for a “Meet Your Neighbor” column in the August 2013 Hill & Lake Press as she was running for her second term. “Never underestimate the power of relationships,” she said. “Good ones allow us all to work together to move our city forward. I know that most of this is the boring process stuff, but it is foundational and it’s what is expected in a sophisticated environment like Minneapolis where people take pride in being part of making a positive contribution to the place they call home.”

Anita and Rob never intended to make Minneapolis their permanent home when they arrived in 2004, which makes Anita’s record of service all the more remarkable. She could have spent a much easier 14 years in the city instead of the 24 she spent here. Would they do it all over again? Rob would, she says, “She saw a need, got involved, took a big bite out of some very tough issues, and knocked as she was called clean out of the park. We and future generations are in her debt for doing so.”

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Greetings!

We worked hard to get Anita elected. I remember years ago when she sent a letter describing her displeasure with SWLRT plans, especially freight trains/LRT colocation, and her opinion that some prominent people were suddenly silent despite their earlier opposition to colocation. She said her letter was going to annoy some people, but she sent it anyway and named names. Anita is not afraid of expressing her opinion, but she remains loyal and dedicated to our neighborhoods.

Anita is a board member of Hill and Lake Press and has hosted board meetings at her home. She and her husband Rob have been friends to all even though they often travel to visit family. Although I am personally sad that Anita has left us and moved to Florida, I am heartened by the fact that I will be in Florida for part of the winter and I hope to visit her there. I wish her great happiness in her new home. Thank you, Anita.

Jean Deatrick, Editor, Hill and Lake Press

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