‘Where the biggies leave off...’

City’s Comp Plan update tackles tough issues, proposes new directions

By Michael Wilson

Minneapolis and the other 283 metro-area municipalities are required by state law to update their Comprehensive Plans every ten years. In March the city released its draft update, Minneapolis 2040, which has been in the works since 2016. It’s a massive document — over 300 pages — which has garnered approval for initiatives in several planning areas. It has also sparked consternation, apprehension, and even anger for changes it proposes in other areas, particularly housing.

The Metropolitan Council does its own planning for the region every ten years, explains Paul Mogush, principal project coordinator in the Long Range Planning division of the Community Planning and Economic Development department (CPED). The regional plan forms the basis for the comprehensive plans that every municipality in the metro area is working on right now.

The latest regional plan, Thrive MSP 2040, it includes forecasts for population, household, and employment growth out to 2040. It’s the responsibility of each municipality to develop a comprehensive plan that anticipates the forecast growth out to 2040.

The city’s previous Comp Plan update, passed by City Council in October 2009, and its March 2000 predecessor both seem rather dry and cautious compared to the draft Minneapolis 2040. This update is indeed different — and it’s not just the striking graphics and interactive format.

“This is the first Comp Plan to use an equity lens — that is, this plan thinks about how to give greater access and agency to residents who have been marginalized or ignored in previous plans,” explains Mogush. “It also seeks to remedy policies, planning, and other regulatory instruments that have perpetuated disparities, driven disinvestment, or treated particular groups (based on race, income or geographic location) differently because of historic practices such as redlining, racially restrictive covenants, and other racially-based policies. These policies informed some aspects of the current zoning map, and shaped the way the city developed over time.”

This Comp Plan also tackles directly the issues surrounding climate change, seeking to align with the important work of the City over the last decade to identify and address its impacts and its implications for our community’s long-term sustainability and resiliency.

‘New’ is an understatement.

The 2009 comp plan has served the city well in many respects, Mogush says, but its land use guidance has not been very clear: “Our intent with the proposed Land Use and Built Form maps in the new draft Comp Plan is to create a user-friendly tool that is as clear as possible about what can be built on every parcel of land in the city,” he states. “We hope this will increase predictability in the development process for neighbors.

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EARTH DAY 2018

By Diana Schleisman

Saturday, May 12th, was a perfect April day! Fitting, as it was Earth Day clean up (observed late due to our beloved or not so much Minnesota April snow). Three folks of many who stepped up to volunteer that day: in the forefront, left to right, Rhonda Kuehl and Betsy Allis, of East Isles, and Jennifer Ringold, of Minneapolis Parks and Recreation. Lake of the Isles looks much better without the trash revealed after a long winter!

Earth Day continued on page 16
Lunch with Lisa
May 23 at noon.
Come early to get your lunch and a
good seat. RSVP 612-673-2207.
Get legislative updates from Senator
Scott Dibble and Representative Frank
Hornstein. St. Thomas, Minneapolis.

Summer Music Series at Plymouth
Church features The New Standards,
Tony Ross, Bernstein celebration and
the George Maurer Jazz Group
Jazz and classical musicians will be featured at free
concerts at 7 p.m., on four Tuesdays in July at Plymouth
Congregational Church in Minneapolis. Presented by
Plymouth’s music director Philip Brunelle, the concerts
will last 75 minutes. Free parking is available.
July 10—The New Standards, Chan Poling (piano),
Steve Roehm (vibes) and John Munson (bass). Sensing a
lack of an interesting jazz trio repertoire beyond the
usual “old standards,” they got together originally to
play and sing their favorite songs—from every era, par-
ticularly post 1960s pop music—in a stripped-down acoustic setting.

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Kenswood Edes Area Association is sponsoring 10
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I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

Why this quote? Many persons have said to me they feel good when walking or sitting within Thomas Lowry Park. The Park is serene and peaceful...but not by accident. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association, the Tree Trust and Friends of Thomas Lowry Park and its donors and volunteers have all had a hand in beautifying our neighborhood park.

We are all proud of our respective contributions to the Park. Many of you readers of this article do not know who the organizations, volunteers, or donors are, but you will always retain the pleasant memories when thoughts of the Park float through your mind from your childhood through your seniority.

You are welcome.

Special mention of persons or organizations giving time and attention to the Park are Suzanne and Bill Payne, Troop 10398 of the Girl Scouts, Park Board Commissioner Anita Tabb, the MPRB Forestry Division for donation and installation of trees, the Tree Trust for a donation of trees, Sherry Brooks from the MPRB for advice and assistance in the maintenance of the Park, and members of the First Unitarian Society who also volunteered with weeding.

Why not become a volunteer or donor, or both, commencing now.

The Park needs volunteers, especially on Saturdays from 10 am thru Noon on July 14, August 11, September 8 and October 13. Donations may be sent to the author payable to “Friends of Thomas Lowry Park”.

(Friends donations are tax deductible.)

On April 21, 2018 Girl Scouts from Troop 10398 met at The Lowry for a kickoff breakfast in support of their volunteering in the Park on the Saturdays above noted. This will be the third year of their good works. In attendance were Lily D., Ava L., Grace L., Peyton S., Darcy N., Naomi C., Ruby V., accompanied by leaders Ann D., Dawn L., and Michelle S. The breakfast was sponsored by the directors of Friends.

Suzanne Payne, a Friends board member, noted that Friends assisted in the Spring/Summer/Fall with planting 14 new trees, the removal of two large dead or diseased trees, expanded the irrigation system within the Park, planting the urn for both the summer and winter seasons, posting notices on the sign on the corner of Colfax and Douglas and ensuring the shrubs and grass were watered.

With summer in the wind, Friends hopes to see you in the Park with kinder and pets.
As cost climbs past $2 billion, SWLRT fails to meet city’s density and mass-transit goals

Photos and article by Michael Wilson

Policies 80 and 38 in the city’s proposed Comprehensive Plan update address development near METRO (LRT) stations and affordable housing near transit and job centers. The Action Steps to implement these policies seem sound and achievable — until you realize that SWLRT, the most costly transit project that we’ll ever see in our lifetimes, goes through a part of Minneapolis where those Action Steps will be difficult if not impossible to attain.

The proposed Penn Avenue SWLRT station will nestle on the valley floor under the Bryn Mawr bluff (above, left). Access from above will be via a 300-foot-long sky tunnel, then an elevator. No buses currently run to the top of the bluff. No bus access is contemplated for the valley floor. Development on land now occupied by Cedar Lake Park would be opposed and is years away in any event.

The 21st Street station site (above, right) lies in the heart of the Kenilworth Trail. Only the Route #25 buses lumber occasionally to the proposed station site. The City’s 2014 Memorandum of Understanding with the Met Council specified that “the Corridor shall be designed to a park-like level of amenity, not only restoring, but improving pre-existing conditions.” Development was never envisioned.

Now imagine the Southwest mass transit line running through Uptown and Midtown, where masses of people already live. Imagine a METRO stop below the Uptown Transit Station (above, left), where buses already swarm with potential LRT riders from all over south and southwest Minneapolis.

Hennepin County plans to continue spending $1 billion of our sales tax dollars on a mass transit line that renders some of the city’s most important Comp Plan goals impossible. What will it take for Minneapolis citizens and officials to insist that the County change the route and do LRT right?

Smother, safer sidewalks coming to as many as 23 neighborhood parks

Work is scheduled to take place this spring, summer and fall. Smooth concrete will replace cracked, patched, pitted and crumbling sections of sidewalks at up to 23 neighborhood parks.

The parks listed below were prioritized based on the “fair” or “poor” condition of their sidewalks, determined as part of a 2017 assessment of pavement conditions in all Minneapolis neighborhood parks.

This work is part of an ongoing project to upgrade sidewalk conditions and accessibility in neighborhood parks throughout the city. Replacement of concrete sidewalk segments at 31 other neighborhood parks will take place in coming years, along with ongoing minor repairs to concrete and asphalt paths. (Note: Repairs and replacements for asphalt paths will be done as a separate project.)

Funding for the project comes from the 20-Year

ACTION STEPS — POLICY 80

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 design strategy.
- Minimize the impact of automobiles near METRO stations by blocking parking behind and under buildings, by sharing parking among users, by prohibiting the establishment of auto-oriented uses, and by prohibiting the establishment of park-and-ride facilities.

Every neighborhood deserves a great park.

NPP20 is a historic agreement between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis. It helps address racial and economic equity across 160 neighborhood parks and provides $11 million annually to maintain, repair and replace facilities.

More on NPP20: Visit the website, subscribe to updates, watch a 1-minute video.
KENWOOD PARK, PARADISE (INTERRUPTUS) ON THE PRAIRIE

By James P. Lenfestey

(NOTE: this is the second in a series of occasional columns celebrating essential neighborhood services and institutions.)

How great that the traditional March blizzard landed upon the neighborhood in mid-April, just the way weather is supposed to be in our upended climate world (read Climate Nexus for the latest in terrifying global warming news). A few days after the worst of it, as I walked to Birchbark Books past the north end of Lake of the Isles, I heard shrieks emanating from Kenwood Park. Neighborhood kids on sleds celebrated extra runs down the park’s hair-raising slopes, arguably a spring season record.

I remember discovering those slopes after we moved to Lowry Hill in 1974. Since then we have hauled our children, then grandchildren to those slopes for ideal sledding (except when running into trees, but no bones broken).

Two weeks after the sled shrieks I was opening my tennis gear at 7am on the Kenwood Park tennis courts, admiring the freshly-painted surfaces and lines, the new nets (Thank you Support the Courts!). Park staff, completing installation of the wind screens, helpfully pointed out the few remaining glaciers loitering in the shade. The day and the courts were fine.

A cacophony of bird song cascaded from barely budded trees – robins thrushing, woodpeckers hammering, jays nasaling, cardinals whistling, finches ariasing, warblers warbling, geese honking, the blue bowl of sky held aloft by the powerful arms of the park’s white oaks.

What luck, I thought, that this natural paradise lives so near to us. Then remembered, our parks are not luck at all, but the astonishing foresight of our city mothers and fathers, who believed that no Minneapolis citizen should live more than walking distance from a public park. That is one of the reasons Minneapolis park system regularly snags the title of best parks system in the US, as awarded by The Trust for Public Land.

Today, a few blocks from my corner of Girard and Lincoln, neighborhood children can play t-ball, Frisbee, ultimate frisbee, soccer, baseball, or today that new-fangled throwing thingie game. Younger children climb and slide and swing (our youngest daughter, age 3, broke her nose on the ancient ill-made monkey bars, but they were replaced long ago). Adults can walk with friends, with dogs, or alone, and lie in the hilltop grass (or today in a portable hammock), surrounded by the solace of a green and pleasant land.

And where we can play tennis!

God’s in her heaven, all’s right with the post-blizzard world.

And then, at 8am, the mechanical blowers arrived, scouring the lawns along the park’s edge. Rarrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
Quigley aerials from 1920s-30s feature in May 23 program

By Michael Wilson

Folks who want to see more of the remarkable Joe Quigley aerial photographs will have another opportunity on Wednesday, May 23, when the Linden Hills History Study Group presents “Southwest Minneapolis 1930: From the Air.” The program at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 4201 Sheridan Ave. S., begins at 7 pm.

Minneapolis public school enrollment soared during the 1920s, often by as many as 2800 additional students per year and once, in 1920-21, by 4000 additional students. District enrollment reached an all-time high in 1932-33 of 96,073 students. (Current MPS enrollment is 36,531.)

Finding enough spaces and money to build new schools and expand existing ones was a challenge, to say the least. Imagine having to build the equivalent of four new Kenwood Schools every single year! One of the Planning Department’s strategies to address this challenge was to hire Joe Quigley, a district plumbing supervisor who was also a pioneer aerial photographer, to survey all district schools and Minneapolis neighborhoods from the air.

First published in 1982 HLP.

Quigley was a photographer, not a pilot. (That’s Joe, standing behind the cameraman in the May 23 program flyer.) He used a large Fairchild camera which made high-resolution 12-inch negatives. And since Quigley didn’t have to worry about flying the plane at the same time, he could aim and take diagonal photos (“obliques”) which show the sides of buildings, not just the tops.

By contrast, the earliest aerials of the Twin Cities in the collection of the world-famous Borchert Map Library at the University of Minnesota date from 1938, ten years later than Quigley’s. And the Borchert aerials are low-resolution, grainy orthogonals - straight down.

I first came across the Quigley aerials in January 2016, thanks to a James Eli Schiffer article in the StarTribune which led me to Peg Carlson, a fellow MPS retiree. When the district moved out of its longtime office/storage/warehouse building at 807 NE Broadway, there was talk of trashing the historical collections, which were just a jumble of boxes. Carlson stepped in to save the aerials, which now sit in a file cabinet in the lower level of North Star School — coincidentally, in what used to be Kenwood resident Julie Sabo’s 4th grade classroom.

In March 2016 Hill & Lake Press published my article with the breathless headline, “Never-published aerial photos from 1920s-30s provide birds-eye views of our Hill and Lake neighborhoods.” Imagine my pleasant surprise (and chagrin) when two months later, while reading through all 427 old issues of HLP in preparation for the paper’s 40th anniversary celebration, I discovered that the estimable Will Craig had published the exact same aerials in the March 1982 HLP (“The way we were: old photos show early vitality”).

School district shows no interest thus far.

People seeing the Quigley aerials invariably ask, “Why aren’t these amazing photos available to the public?” Ted Hathaway, senior librarian at Hennepin County Library’s Special Collections department, and I have been trying to make that happen for the past two years. It should be easy: sign a transfer of ownership, load the aerials into a HCL van, and drive them downtown to Special Collections, where archivists will preserve and digitize them and put them on the Digital Collections website.

It would be a win-win situation, right? The school district is freed of historical treasures which they have no plans (or money) to do anything with. The public, including MPS students and teachers, get free and ready access. It would be, that is — if the district had shown even a smidgen of interest over the past two years.

Instead, district officials have met Hathaway’s and my repeated efforts with a cold shoulder and stony silence. Stay tuned for further developments. And attend the May 23rd program to see Minneapolis 1930 through the camera of Joe Quigley.
City’s Comp Plan update continued

Paul Mogush, principal planning coordinator with the city’s Long Range Planning division, explains an overview of the city’s Comp Plan update as an information session on May 12. One information session remains, on May 31, at the Powderhorn Rec Center, 3400 15th Av. S., 5:30-8:00p.m.

Much of the guidance in the draft Comp Plan’s maps has been city policy for many years, according to Mogush, but until now has not been easy to access or interpret. And some of it is indeed new, based on the draft plan’s new focus on racial equity, climate change, and housing access.

There is no quick and easy way to explain or understand the draft Comp Plan’s proposed changes to zoning districts. You just need to go to <minneapolis2040.com> and dig in. Click on Topics, then on Land Use & Built Form.

The draft Future Land Use and Built Form Maps are the primary tools for implementing the draft Land Use and Built Form policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the website says. They also embody and implement the 97 Policies found throughout this plan, as well as the four-teen Comprehensive Plan Goals.

The draft Future Land Use Map establishes 12 Future Land Use categories and guides land use for every parcel in the city. Any changes to the use of land must be consistent with the guidance of the Future Land Use Map.

The draft Built Form Map establishes 13 Built Form districts and guides the scale of development for every parcel in the city through those 13 Built Form districts. The built form of all new and remodeled buildings must be consistent with the guidance of the Built Form Map.

Hill and Lake area has 7 Built Form districts.

The four Hill and Lake neighborhoods encompass seven of the 13 Built Form districts. (See Built Form map accompanying this article.) All seven districts allow for greater bulk and more dwelling units than current code does. All except Interior 2 allow for greater height. All single-family and duplex residential parcels throughout the city can increase to four dwelling units.

In some areas, such as along Hennepin Avenue and West Lake between Holmes and Knox (Corridor 6), greater height and density might seem to make sense — but six stories by right? The prospect of block after block of streetscapes taken over by hulking, wood-frame, Greenway-style apartment buildings gives pause. And Corridor 6 heights along St. Louis Avenue and on West Lake between Chowen and France seem excessive.

Lowery Hill and Kenwood residents say that the Corridor 4 designation of Franklin Avenue and West 21st Street as a “high frequency transit route,” bringing with it the prospect of four-story multi-family dwellings on combined lots by right, is absurd. Route #25’s ten daily trips — five in the early morning eastbound, five in the late afternoon westbound — hardly even qualify Franklin and West 21st as a “low frequency transit route.”

The proposed Corridor 4 district not only cuts a wide swath through Kenwood, it also continues south alongside the Kenilworth Corridor clear down to the Kenilworth Channel. Residents were dismayed that the city would float the spirit and intent of its own 2014 Memorandum of Understanding with the Met Council in which “[t]he parties agree that the Kenilworth Corridor is located in a park-like setting. In the event that LRT is constructed in the Corridor with co-locat-ion of LRT, freight rail and a bicycle and pedestrian trail, the Corridor shall be designed to a park-like level of amenity, not only restoring, but improving pre-existing conditions.”

30-story towers on Calhoun Village site?

Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Calhoun residents were appalled to see the crest of land between the Midtown Greenway and Excelsior Blvd., stretching from Dean Parkway to West 32nd St., proposed as a Transit 30 district — the only currently-developed area in the city outside downtown and the East Bank to be given this designation. Even the BP/fire station triangle, where an eight-story hotel is now working its way through the approval process, could have a 30-story tower by right.

The Transit 30 district designation would effectively nullify the Shoreland Overlay ordinance, which just marked its 30th year of passage on May 13, 1988. While the ordinance was grounded in state law requiring the protection of bodies of water, its greatest accomplishment, many feel, has been to prevent the lake and the park-going experience from being overwhelmed by ranks of towering luxury high-rises.

While residents throughout the city are entitled to, and should, focus on their own dwellings and neighbor-hoods, we also need to engage in the larger conver-sation about confronting parts of our city’s past and fig-uring out how to guide Minneapolis to become the city we want it to be in the future.

The draft Comp Plan documents contain a wealth of data that lays out the facts and the challenges of our current housing crisis. Here are just a few.

Where are 49,000 more people going to live?

We know that our city is growing steadily. In its instructions to the city for the Comp Plan update, the Met Council pegged the city’s current population at 415,000 and directed long-range planners to accommodate a projected 2040 population of 464,000. That’s going to require a lot of additional housing that we don’t now have.

We know that housing at all levels is becoming unaffordable for many and difficult to afford for many more.

We know that large areas in the south, north, and northeast ends of the city contain predominantly single-family or side-by-side houses where additional housing options could allow current residents to “age in place” and help others to defray their own housing costs by taking in tenants.

We know that our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods already contain significant numbers of duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes, not just on the outer edges but in the interior of our neighborhoods as well.

Most importantly, we know that Minneapolis has long been called one of the most segregated cities in America. Our city’s history of redlining and restrictive covenants is real and, though now illegal, continues to have an outsized impact on the racial and economic seg-regation that characterize our city today. Go to <minneapoli-s2040.com>, click on Topics and then on Housing to learn more.

Don’t sit on your hands — speak up!

Minneapolis 2040 is raising difficult issues and proposing sometimes controversial action steps. Many of us might be content with a Comp Plan update that just nibbled around the edges of the status quo. But many others make it passionately clear that they want far-reaching change, and they want it now.

Our Hill and Lake neighborhoods have unfortunately become the target for the anger many activists feel about the scant progress being made to address the problems in minority-heavy or income-challenged neighborhoods. We’re referred to scathingly as “the mansion district.” As one Kenwood resident says, “It’s hard to have productive conversations with people who are angry with us because of who we are.” But the city belongs to all of us, and we need to at least try.

A big question mark for many people concerns what the underlying agendas are for some city leaders. It’s known, for example, that some leaders view neighbor-hood associations as white, homeowner-dominated groups that try to hinder progress and preserve the sta-

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Shoreland Overlay Map

The Shoreland Overlay ordinance was passed 30 years ago, on May 13, 1988. The ordinance’s height limit guidance has served to dampen the rush to surround Lake Calhoun with towering high-rises. By proposing to turn the area north of Calhoun Parkway and south of the Greenway into a Transit 30 zone, the draft Comp Plan would effectively nullify the Shoreland Overlay district in this area. The heavy line on the map shows the area currently inside the Shoreland Overlay District.
Bruce Birkeland doesn't sell homes, he shares homes. The local lifestyle, the neighborhood history, the architectural details, the impeccable construction, the feel of rare, exotic hardwoods beneath your stocking feet. Every listing has a unique story and Bruce would love to walk you through it.

The map above shows the built form zoning districts proposed in the draft Comp Plan for our four Hill and Lake neighborhoods. Match the colors with the description boxes on this page and elsewhere in this issue. For greater detail, go to <minneapolis2040.com>. Click on Topics, then Land Use & Built

tus quo. By greatly broadening the definitions of what developers can do by right in the new Built Form districts, the reasoning goes, these city leaders can neutralize the associations’ Land Use Committees. “There’s nothing to oppose or negotiate if everything can be done by right,” one neighborhood board member says.

The City Council must take action on the Comp Plan in December and send it to the Met Council by the end of the year. In 2019, concurrent with the year-long Met Council review, planners will begin rewriting the zoning codes. The devil’s in the details, and that’s when the real intentions of city leaders will become apparent. We’ve already been told that new residential development will not need on-site parking. How close to the lot lines can new fourplexes come? Can four-story buildings have a tuckaway fifth story, as is currently being done with the 3612-16 Bryant project? These and scores of other decisions go into the writing of the new zoning code. The amount of public input allowed at that stage is unclear.

Green comment boxes are placed throughout the online Minneapolis 2040 document. City planners say that they read, categorize, and archive all comments, thousands of them. It is critical that both proponents and opponents of the Comp Plan’s many Topics, Goals, and Policies be heard. Comments can be entered through July 22. You can sign your comments or submit them anonymously. So go to <minneapolis2040.com>, dig in, and make your views known.
**Transit 15**
The Transit 15 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and in downtown.

**Built Form Guidance:** New development in the Transit 15 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. As the lot size increases in this district, allowable building bulk should also increase. The length of buildings along the street should be limited in order to support a comfortable pedestrian environment. Building heights should be 4 to 5 stories. Building heights should be at least 4 stories in order to take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 15 district. Requests to exceed 15 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

**Transit 30**
The Transit 30 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and upstream on the riverfront.

**Built Form Guidance:** New development in the Transit 30 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. As the lot size increases in this district, allowable building bulk should also increase. The length of buildings along the street should be limited in order to support a comfortable pedestrian environment. Upper floors of taller buildings should be set back to increase access to light and air. Building heights should be 2 to 7 stories. Building heights should be at least 7 stories in order to take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 30 district. Requests to exceed 10 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

**She May Look Swell** poster:
Do shaming and race- and class-baiting have a useful role in civil discussions about the city’s future? At least one activist group says yes.

Caption: Michael Wilson. Poster: N4MN.
Lowry Hill Neighborhood Association Board Meeting May 1, 2018 7:00 – 9:00 PM
First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Avenue
Board Members Present: Emily Beugen, Michael Cockson, Clint Conner, Kristen Dorney, Toni D’Eramo, Jimmy Fogel, Phil Hallaway, Bob Hinck, Tom Huppert, Chas Schederier, Craig Wilson
Guests Present: John Edwards, Denise Graves, Jim Graves, Josh Jansen, Mike Johnson, Kyrra Rankine, Chas Schederier
Call to Order: President Phil Hallaway called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Approval of Minutes: Tom Huppert moved and Toni D’Eramo seconded that the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Toni D’Eramo reported that LHNA is in good financial shape. Bank balance is $36,000 with $2,000 having been received for the Sarah Janecek memorial. Donations for this fund are still being accepted for this memorial.

Economic Report:
Environment: Bob Hinck reported that he is working on getting someone from Minnesota Department of Agriculture to have a table at the Annual Meeting to answer any questions that neighbors may have regarding the Gypsy Moth quarantine, especially the upcoming spraying.

Zoning and Planning: Clint Conner reported that the city is looking at rezoning of buildings along Franklin Avenue between Hennepin and Penn allowing for four story fourplexes.

Crime and Safety: Nothing to report.

Events: Annual Meeting will be held at the First Unitarian Church on May 15 from 6-9 PM. Social hour from 6-7 will be catered by the Lowry. Jimmy Fogel reported that he had spoken with the Lowry regarding quantity and cost and will follow up with them. The tentative agenda for the Annual Meeting is as follows:
- Welcome by First Unitarian Society
- In Memoriam - Sarah Janecek
- Council Member - Lisa Goodman
- Guest Speaker - Mayor Jay Frey
- About LHNA
- Treasurer’s Report
- Committee reports
- Election of Directors

Phil Hallaway will check in with the First Unitarian Society regarding set-up of tables and audio-visual equipment for the meeting.

Chas Schederier introduced himself to the Board and stated that he was interested in serving on the Board. He will be added to the slate of Directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Date for the Ice Cream Social was set for Tuesday, July 17.

Neighborhood Priorities:
Craig Wilson led a discussion of neighborhood priorities. The NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) has three phases through red tape to get this done.

EIRA put $10,000 (NRP Funds) from our housing loan program funds to replace the roof, carpet, windows, doors, paint and add additional lighting to the dark facade along the walking trail. EIRA put $10,000 (NRP Funds) from our housing loan program funds towards Mark Addicks’s Minneapolis Good Chair Project to place additional movable benches around Lake of the Isles in 2018 for all to enjoy.

We co-sponsored a councilsperson forum during the election with surrounding neighborhoods which was an excellent event. We would love to participate in more of these to raise awareness of local elections.

Serves on the transportation, financial services, and ways and means committees.

A controversial issue is being proposed by Republican leaders to preempt action at the city level (e.g. plastic bag ban, healthcare, minimum wage). They hope to pass a bonding bill of up to $1 billion for capital improvements including $140 million for affordable housing. A bipartisan coalition of house and senate members to include funds in the bonding bill for park priorities is growing.

Bus rapid transit is an efficient and effective way to get people around, and proposals are sought for funding through bonding. One target area is Hennepin Ave. The U of MN requested $200 million for building infrastructure in the bonding bill. A constitutional amendment to take general fund money for purposes other than what it is intended for like healthcare and schools, is being contested. Both Senator Dibble and Rep. Hornstein oppose the measure.

Residents are invited to come to the capitol, or get a cup of coffee in the neighborhood with Rep. Hornstein Dibble and Hornstein will hold a Town Hall meeting at the end of session, and promise to serve puppy dog tails from their dogs.

Treasurer’s Report by Brian Milavetz
EIRA has about $18,000 in funds in the bank.

The City of Minneapolis gives annual funds through CPP (Community Participation Program)
Resident contributions are important to keep EIRA active.

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EAST ISLES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Diana Schleisman, Administrator

May 18, 2018

Hill and Lake Press

We were thrilled to be a part of this green initiative.

Social Events

Ice cream social had great attendance and very po-

itive feedback from neighbors.

Super Sale was a huge success with 41 houses par-
ticipating. The operation of this was a large undertaking and we will require new volunteers to pull off again this year.

Wine tasting at St. Mary’s was a great new venue and participants and vendors were very pleased at how the evening turned out.

A million thanks to Amy Sanborn for heading all these events this year and for the last 10 years but we now need a new social chair or individuals willing to take the reins. Please contact EIRA if you are interested.

Events coming up

Earth Day Cleanup: 2018 Minneapolis Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 21 from 9:30 am to noon. We will set up a table along Lake of the Isles and 27th St with bags and coffee and fan out from there. Any volunteers are appreciated.

MPRB Southwest Service Area Master Plan: A re-

presentative will be attending our May 8th meeting at Grace Trinity Church to present more information.

Public Works Hennepin Ave 2023 Planning. We are now also have the Hennepin Ave survey available on the project website which is open to everyone through April 25th. If you click on the survey postcard image, you will be directed to the survey link.

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cp/future/HennepinSouth

2018 NCEC Neighborhood Election: The City-wide meeting to elect four neighborhood Commissioners will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Crown Roller Mill, 105 5th Ave South. Our neigh-

borhood can appoint one elector and one alternate to vote in these elections. Please let me know if you are interested.

General Comments

We are very excited about the current direction and enthusiasm within the neighborhood. We hope to con-

tinue our project-based approach to helping neighbors lead working groups surrounding their passions and interests over rigid committees. We have been pleased with the results this has lead to and we have fostered great relationships with the staff at MPRB and the city in doing so.

One of the biggest challenges for all organizations is communication and we hope to make strides to improve this in 2018. We hope neighbors will work with us to improve this dialogue and that EIRA can be a useful tool in keeping information flowing from the city down to residents and vice-versa.

Plaque Honoring Volunteers

EIRA unveiled a plaque which we plan to hang pub-

licly at Isles Bun & Coffee to honor volunteers who devote so much to this neighborhood. This year the fol-

lowing people were nominated by a multitude of their peers for their dedicated service and contributions to making East Isles a better community: Mark Addicks, Betsy Allis and Nancy Johnston.

We will announce a formalized process to nominate and vote on additional volunteers, but please pass along any names you feel are deserving and we will keep a list going. The only current exclusion would be active Board of Director members to avoid conflicts of inter-

Board Election

Introduction of current BOD Members

Motion to reelect current members with unanimous approval by voice vote.

Introduction to 3 new candidates: John Morrow, Ellen Van Iwaarden, and Joe Gibbons

Motion to elect 3 new members on ballot, with unanimous approval by voice vote

East Isles Farmer's Market Introduction by Debbie Gold, EIRA BOD Secretary

The East Isles Residents Association is partnering with The Minneapolis Park Board as a pilot market to create the first-ever Farmers Market on Park Board property. The Farmers Market is the brainchild of the East Isles Residents Association and was established as a means to further our mission of building community, promoting green spaces, and fostering East Isles neighborhood.

The Market will be held 14 glorious Thursday evenings this summer from 4PM-8PM beginning June 28 and running through September. It will not be held on August 2nd, due to the Uptown Art Fair.

Market Dates Summer 2018:

June 28th
July 5th
July 12th
July 19th
July 26th
August 9th
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August 30th
September 6th
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September 27th
October 4th

East Isles is a destination in the summer months and the location for the market is a trifecta for residents, visitors and potential vendors. With the Walker Library and transit stop to the east, Uptown/Lagoon Avenue to the south, The Greenway running parallel, and East Calhoun Parkway/Lake of the Isles just down the block to the west, the East Isles Farmers Market is destined to be a hit. We plan to have 20-25 vendors each week, as well as two food trucks.

East Isles Farmers Market Mission

The East Isles Farmers Market hopes to inspire a healthy community by bringing local (within a 100 mile radius with some exceptions), sustainable, and mostly organic or pesti-

icide-free produce to our high-density neighborhood. It will be accessible by car, bike, foot and even skateboard. We hope to contribute to the success of local food growers, backers, and makers, and support the Cottage Food bill. We strive to include women and minority-owned businesses to further an equitable marketplace.

We will research the quality of sourcing, production and growing practices of our vendors. We intend to provide educational opportunities related to food, gar-
dens, sustainability and zero waste. We will also support local entrepreneurs and innovations. We encourage resi-

dents and neighbors to participate in our Pickle Booth (named for the Cottage Food bill, previously known as the Pickle Bill).

We have 25 vendors signed up for various weeks and are in the process of scheduling 1-2 food trucks per market.

Follow us on Instagram @eastislesfarmersmarket

We are a startup and looking for Volunteers! Contact us: farmersmarket@eastisles.org

Most importantly, please come and shop!

Closing remarks by Brad Ash, EIRA President

EIRA is trying to work on a project basis. Residents can become head of a project and participate start to finish to put a unique stamp on the neighborhood. If residents have any ideas, please bring them up and attend an EIRA meeting.

The EIRA Board Meeting will need several volunteers. If interested please email farmersmarket@eastisles.org

EIRA is also on Instagram and Facebook, please like and follow!

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Most importantly, please come and shop!
Two Metro Transit bus lines serve the Lake St./Excelsior Blvd area.

NRP/CPP Committee, Monica Smith

The City provides funding to Minneapolis neighborhood organizations through the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) and Community Participation Program (CPP).

The City published a draft of Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap, which is a process to determine policy recommendations for the future of neighborhood programs and funding when the current sources expire in late 2019. CIDNA's response to the draft policy can be found on our website, cidna.org.

CIDNA offers a grant to help pay for the removal of dead, diseased or hazardous trees and bushtrimming Cedar St. (61st to 63rd). The cost (maximum grant) is $250. Restrictions apply.  

The next committee meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. at Rustica. All are welcome.

Election of Board Members

The following slate of returning and new board members was approved. Returning board members: Lowell Berggren, Stephen Goltry, Stacia Goodman, Rosanne Halloran, Rich Heichert, Barbara Lunde, Jan Nielsen, Taylor Pennelatch, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Vern Vander Weide.

Mike Wilson withdrew his name from the slate to make room for new board members but will continue to serve on board committees.

New board members: Linda Close, Julia Hazen, Mary Harlow and Mary Pattock.

Cedar Lake South Beach, Daniel Elias, Project Manager, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

The construction at Cedar Lake South Beach is on schedule to be completed by the July 4th holiday. The project includes a plaza area, a single-stall unisex restroom, a wider bike/ped trail and a restored turf area.

CIDNA Bylaws, Rosanne Halloran

All board members approved a change to the CIDNA Bylaws regarding electronic voting between board meetings.

Treasureer's Report, Rich Heichert

A year-over-year comparison of CIDNA's finances was presented. CIDNA has $15,139 in unrestricted funds; the remaining funds are restricted to NRP or CPP programs.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

CIDNA has a seat on the Midtown Greenway Coalition board where our position is currently open. Please contact info@cidna.org if interested in serving.

The Coalition is exploring options to extend the Greenway over the Mississippi River to St. Paul. A mill-and-overlay of Phase I of the Greenway (France Ave. to 4th Ave. S.) is scheduled for 2021.

Closing Comments, Amanda Vallone

Sign up for CIDNA's monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org or text CIDNA to 22828.

CIDNA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations to CIDNA are encouraged.

A re-opening celebration is being planned for Cedar Lake South Beach for Thursday, July 19. Contact info@cidna.org to volunteer for the event. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next board meeting Wednesday, June 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.
Fifth Precinct Spotlight: Spring 2018, 18th edition

Hello and welcome to the Fifth Precinct Spotlight, a chance for us in the Fifth Precinct to show you behind the scenes look at what's happening in the precinct and the Minneapolis Police Department. We hope you will find time to meet with your neighbors, friends, family, or anyone who you think might be interested.

It seems as though spring 2018 would never arrive! Although elusive this year, it appears as though spring is here to stay. And with the greeneries, flowers and warmer temperatures comes a variety of things everyone should be aware of as you spend more time outdoors.

- Be mindful of increased volumes of pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The warmer temperatures bring out more walkers, joggers and bicyclists.
- Be respectful of your neighbors. Enjoy BBQ's and outdoor get together's with family and friends, but please be mindful of those living nearby. Residents like to keep their windows open and the music and voices from your gatherings may be disruptive to your neighbors.
- Be mindful of motorcycles and motorized scooters on local streets. Warmer temperatures bring out not only the bicyclists, but the motorized two wheel vehicles as well. Keep an eye out for them when you are on the road.
- Thieves! While enjoying a meal at outdoor cafes be mindful of where you are keeping your valuables. Do not leave your purse on the back of your chair. Prolific thieves can easily remove your purse without you even noticing. Purses should be kept close to you, such as on your lap, so that you can see them. Cell phones and wallets should not be set on top of the table, it can be easily grabbed and the thief can be off before you can react. Keep these items in your pockets where you have more control over them.
- As you walk to various events and late night venues, please be mindful of your personal safety. Wear light colored or reflective clothing. Cross at intersections where there is better lighting and cross traffic has a better opportunity to see you in the road.
- If you are out for adult beverages, stay with family and friends, and do not leave behind those who may have had too much to drink. Ensure their safety by getting them home!
- Be aware of your surroundings — are you wearing headphones? Can you hear what is happening around you? Are there bicyclists coming towards you? Are people approaching you from behind?
- Distractions from cell phones can also be harmful. Do not be on your phone, talking, texting or checking e-mail, when you are out walking after dark. This prevents you from paying attention to what is happening around you. Unfortunately, we have had citizens become victims of crime when they were distracted by their phones.

As the temperatures continue to rise, there will be so many fantastic events to partake in each day. Feel free to contact us at the Fifth Precinct to inquire about our Mounted Patrol horses, Canine officers, Police vehicles and a variety of other agencies that help us keep the community safe. There will be refreshments as well! I look forward to meeting you!

Inspector Kathy Waite
Fifth Precinct
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Cleanup at Hidden Beach

A big thanks to volunteers who helped get East Cedar Beach (Hidden Beach) ready for a season of active, fun and welcoming activities! They raked the entire beach and began tending to a site where the Classical Actors Ensemble will perform Shakespeare June 24th. There is still work to do — like buckthorn removal and landscaping — so feel free to contact Mark Brown of the Kenwood Isles Area Association (markwalterbrown@gmail.com) or Keith Prussing of the Cedar Lake Park Association (keith@dkrlthprussing-net) if you’d like to help with a future group effort.

Your Legal Rights: Credit Report Security Freezes and Fraud Alerts: What’s the Difference?

With major data breaches becoming too common, people often wonder how to stop criminals from stealing their identity, and rightly so. Identity thieves drain bank accounts, run up charges on lines of credit, and steal tax refunds. It can take months to detect the damage and years to clean it up.

Just consider: Hackers recently stole highly sensitive personal information on over 145 million people—nearly one out of every two Americans—from a major credit bureau. The data exposed in the breach included people’s names, Social Security numbers, and birth dates.

Information on over 50 million credit and debit cards was stolen by hackers from a national home improvement retailer. This information was later sold to criminals on the dark web.

A data breach at a ride sharing company exposed private information on roughly 50 million customers and 7 million drivers. The data stolen included driver’s license information for approximately 600,000 drivers.

Placing a “fraud alert” or “credit freeze” on a credit report are two steps to protect against identity theft. But there are differences between fraud alerts and credit freezes.

Fraud Alert
A “fraud alert” requires creditors to verify a person's identity before extending credit or opening a new account. For example, a lender may call a borrower before making a car loan. A fraud alert is an extra layer of authentication, not a prohibition on the opening of new accounts.

There are two main types of fraud alerts—a “initial” fraud alert and an “extended” fraud alert.

An "initial" fraud alert lasts for 90 days, but can be renewed. An “extended” fraud alert lasts for seven years, but can be removed sooner. An extended alert requires victims of identity theft to provide the credit bureaus with a copy of a report of identity theft filed with law enforcement.

Both alerts are free and temporary. Once a request is made for a fraud alert with one credit bureau—Experian, TransUnion, or Equifax—the alert will be placed on credit reports with all three credit bureaus.

To request a fraud alert, contact the major credit bureaus toll-free as follows: Experian: (888) 766-4008; TransUnion: (800) 680-7289; Equifax: (888) 397-3742.

Credit Freeze
A “credit freeze” prevents new creditors from accessing a person’s credit report. Without seeing a person’s credit history, most creditors will not open new accounts or extend credit.

A credit freeze provides more protection than a fraud alert against fraudulent accounts being opened. Because credit freezes also block legitimate inquiries, they require more planning than fraud alerts.

With a credit freeze in place, a person must use a PIN and contact the credit bureaus to lift or “thaw” the freeze before being approved for new credit. This process can take up to three business days. In a pinch, this could prevent a person from quickly getting credit.

Credit freezes stay in place until permanently lifted. Victims of identity theft can freeze their credit reports without charge. Non-victims can freeze their credit report for a $5 fee. Victims of identity theft can thaw a credit freeze without charge. Non-victims may be charged a $5 fee.

For instructions on requesting a credit freeze, you may call the credit bureaus toll-free as follows: Equifax: (800) 349-9968; TransUnion: (888) 909-8872; Experian: (888) 397-3742.

For more information about fraud alerts, credit freezes, credit reports, and identity theft, contact the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, MN 55101. Call (651) 296-3353 or (800) 657-3787. TTY: (651) 297-7206 or (800) 366-4812. Visit www.ag.state.mn.us.
Dear Folks opposed to light rail, If you had been around in 1990, we would probably have houses all around the lakes instead of the gorgeous parks and pathways we all enjoy. Have you heard of the Main Line in Philadelphia? We need more light rail, it will be good for our economy. Please stop your opposition.

Most sincerely, John and Sally Cunningham, Minneapolis

Letters

To the Editor:

Wolves — the very word evokes the Wild and stirs primal passion, so it’s no wonder that two of Minnesota’s professional sports teams take those names, and another, the Lynn, does likewise. But instead of being held in high esteem, they are cruelly and needlessly endangered. In doing so we harm ourselves as well. Wolves and their wild habitat are essential for a healthy ecosystem, delicately interconnected and upon which all life depends. Indeed, polls show that nearly four out of five Minnesotans realize this and favor protecting wolves, not killing them.

A few critical actions would allow wolves and humans to coexist without conflict. We should support farmers with proven nonlethal ways to guard their live-stock. We must eliminate snaring, which indiscriminately wounds or kills any creature so trapped, wild or domestic. And we simply have to stop hunting wolves. If we nurture nature, nature will nurture us.

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Where are we now?

By Jean Deatrick

I was excited to receive the above email from a young woman who grew up in our neighborhood and...amazingly, reported reading Hill and Lake Press while she was growing up. And patronizing the Kenwood Deli, which I am sure we all remember well. As a Fulbright Finalist, I’m provided with a press release document, which I have attached here in this email. However, I would be happy to provide any more details or answer any questions if there is any interest in writing about this.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board launches new project to plan future of Southwest Minnesota neighborhood parks

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is excited to announce the launch of the Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SWSAMP). This new project that will guide decisions on capital improvements—what is the Southwest Service Area Master Plan? SWSAMP is a unique opportunity to set the vision for Southwest Minneapolis neighborhood parks for the coming decades. The project will examine all outdoor park facilities at each site and create park plans that will guide decisions on capital improvements—including NPP20 funding allocations.

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PB2-18. - Dogs and other domestic animals.

(a) General Rule. No person shall be permitted to take any dog or other domestic animal into any park, unless the dog or domestic animal is restricted at all times by suitable leash not exceeding eight (8) feet in length and under command of owner or custodian. In no case shall any person allow or bring any dog or other domestic animals owned or attended by such person upon any bathing area or into any bird or animal refuge or upon any skating rink or in any park building or into any park waters, whether the animal is leashed or otherwise. Any person having the custody or control of any dog or domestic animal shall have the duty to immediately remove any feces left by such animal on any park and to dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner. It shall furthermore be the duty of each person having custody or control of any dog or domestic animal on a park to have in such person's possession a device or equipment for the picking up and removal of animal feces.

(b) Exceptions. (1) The exceptions of subparagraph (a) shall not apply to a service animal accompanying a person or an animal when used in police or rescue activities by or with the permission of the park and recreation board. The requirement in subparagraph (a) that an animal be restricted by a leash shall not apply in an area designated as an off-leash area by the board provided that the person having custody of the animal: is present with the animal; has in his/her possession the required off-leash permit; and is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the board with regard to such off-leash areas.

(2) No person shall use a designated off-leash area without first having obtained from the board a permit for each dog using such an area. Any person using a designated off-leash area without first having obtained a permit for each dog shall be subject to the administrative penalties set forth in the schedule of offenses and penalties referred to in PB14-6 hereinafter. A dog deemed a dangerous animal under section 64.110 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, or as a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog as defined under Minnesota Statute 347.50, is not permitted to use off-leash areas.

(3) The annual fee for an off-leash area permit shall be set by the board. A resident permit may only be issued upon verification that the dog has been issued a current Minneapolis dog license and verification of rabies vaccination. A non-resident permit may only be issued upon verification of rabies vaccination. Permits shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date they are issued.

(4) Upon application for a permit, the applicant shall be provided with the rules for use of off-leash areas. As a condition for the issuance of a permit, the applicant shall sign and agree to abide by these rules. A permit may be revoked for failure of the applicant, or any person who takes the dog into an off-leash recreation area, to abide by the rules, or of violation of any of the provisions of park board ordinances that occur within an off-leash area. Permits may be revoked by the board.

(5) The person responsible for a dog must have the dog restrained when entering and leaving an off-leash area. If so directed by a law enforcement officer, animal control officer, animal warden or park patrol agent, persons using an off-leash area must immediately restrain their dogs and remove them from the off-leash area.


Compliments of Barry Lazarus regarding dogs in the park: Minneapolis rules.
Lake of the Isles is a popular destination for neighbors who live nearby as well as visitors from other parts of the Metro. That’s precisely why it is deemed a Regional Park. Meet Cory, Brooke, and Delphine Jackson, of Crystal, and Catherine Squire and Andrew Forsgren of St. Anthony. They come to experience the beautiful natural surroundings that the Chain of Lakes offers. They also helped pick up trash and recycling.

Finally, last but certainly not least, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard came out to give a great big THANK YOU to all who helped!

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