

**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2020**

KNO Board met February 3, 2020, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Secretary Amy Noble, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Angela Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Marc Brown, and Kyle Leier. Absent: Jack Levi. Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, and 5 guests

The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

**City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman**

- Lunch with Lisa will be held on February 19, 2020, with guest presenter John Dunlop and the topic is “Climate Crisis and Actions to Combat It”
- There are two committee openings for Ward 7, if interested, please contact Lisa Goodman
  - o Committee on Aging, prefer a senior citizen to fill this position
  - o Minneapolis Advisory for People with Disabilities
- Lisa has recruited Kenwood residents to be participants on the SWLRT Construction Information Work group; Courtney Cushing, Jim Smart, and Jeremy Nichols will be the representatives; the goal of this working group is to increase and improve the two-way communication process between the Met Council and local residents

**SWLRT Update – David Davies, Elie Farhat, and Evelyn Turner**

- The kickoff for the Construction Information Workshops will take place on February 24, 2020
  - o KNO representatives will be a part of the Minneapolis committee which will address needs of the residents within the city and work to improve communication between the Met Council and residents
  - o Each committee will determine frequency and meeting times, but the Met Council will act as an oversight and provide support for the committees
  - o The Met Council will be responsible to provide monthly recaps and to share information from the committees
- This upcoming year will be a very active year as SWLRT construction continues in the Kenilworth corridor
  - o A new freight bridge and light rail bridge will be built over the Cedar Lake channel
  - o Tunneling will be completed from north of Cedar Lake Parkway to south of Lake street
  - o Cedar Lake Parkway will be closed for 6 months during tunneling work, expected start date is mid-March/April
  - o There will be some work on the stations in the corridor, to include the 21<sup>st</sup> Street Station
- Emergency Planning and Management
  - o The city of Minneapolis has offered two emergency preparedness training programs for city residents, Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) or READY Camp
  - o KNO board will request that the city inform neighbors about the trainings being offered so residents can attend the trainings

**2020 East Cedar Beach Budget – Will Stensrud**

- Will Stensrud presented the budget proposal of \$11,845 for East Cedar Lake Beach programming
- The proposal includes expenditures for hidden acoustics performances, yoga, family and

neighborhood social gatherings, ArtRageous events, equipment such as beach toys/chairs/plantings, food trucks, and park patrol extra hours

- There are tentative sponsorships for some of the programs by local businesses and the Cedar Lake Park Association
- The budget was passed by unanimous vote

#### **Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- KNO received \$300 in donations and would like to thank our neighbors for their support • Donations can now be made directly to KNO via PayPal on the KNO website

#### **Other Business**

- KNO Annual Report is due to the city by 3/15/20; Shawn Smith will complete the report and the board will review at the March meeting
- LOI/Cedar Lake Master Plan is currently being developed by the park district. A listening session is being planned so the park board can hear feedback from residents. This will take place the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> with a proposed date of 3/24/20 at the Kenwood Recreation Center
- CAC selection will take place on 2/27/20; Will Stensrud applied
- Board member Amy Noble is moving out of state. The secretary position is open, if anyone is interested in this board position, please email [kiaa55405@gmail.com](mailto:kiaa55405@gmail.com) • Board member Matt Spies inquired if anyone is interested in being the KNO Treasurer. If interested, please contact Shawn Smith

Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

#### **KNO Board Priorities 2017-2020**

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
- Contract consultant to assist with communication/compliance

#### **KNO Board/Volunteer Leads**

- SWLRT – Evelyn Turner
- East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud
- In need of Recruiting/Diversity
- Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown
- NRP/PPP – Amanda Vallone and Jeremy Nichols
- Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran
- In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

**KNO Monthly Board Meeting @ Kenwood Community Center  
March 2, 2020**

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Vice-Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Will Stensrud, Angie Erdrich, Jack Levi, Marc Brown, and Kyle Leier. Also present: Melinda Platt; David Davies Absent: CM Lisa Goodman

A motion to approve Amanda Vallone to take minutes in the interim for March and April and to be compensated \$150 as not part of her contracted duties. Will 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve and all were in favor.

**City Council's Update Report**

**Lunch with Lisa**

- **Wednesday, March 25** (12:00-1:00)
  - o Terrence Murphy Hall, room 252
  - o **Robert Lilligren:** Native American Community Development Institute

**COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on Aging (Senior Citizen)
- Minneapolis Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities

**Public Comments Open on Recommended Neighborhoods 2020 Program**

**Guidelines** • Public comment period runs through April 17

- Comment by attending a meeting or by email, phone, text or mail
  - o Monday, March 9 (6:00-8:00 pm)
    - Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC)
      - 2001 Plymouth Ave North
  - o Thursday, April 2 (6:00-8:00 pm)
    - Northeast Park and Recreation Center, Multipurpose room
      - 1530 Johnson Street NE
- Email: [Neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Neighborhoods2020@minneapolismn.gov)
- Call: 612-673-3737
- Text: 612-518-8743
- Mail: Neighborhood and Community Relations  
105 5<sup>th</sup> Ave South; Suite 425  
Minneapolis, MN 55401

**David Davies, Outreach Coordinator SWLRT Project Update**

- The first kickoff meeting of the all five cities of the Construction Information Workshop (CIW)\* was held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and focused mostly on logistics, especially safety regarding construction, implementation, and operation of the SWLRT. \*CIW (Construction Information Workgroup)
- The next CIW meeting will be March 24 at the project office.
- The CIW meetings are designed for participation by CIW members only, but observers will not be turned away.

- Dave committed to be the liaison between KNO and the CIW.
- Dave responded to questions and concerns from board members.

Jeremy Nichols, KNO Board Member is on the CIW as a resident. They will meet once a month early morning. Construction Focus Work Group. People to bring observations, rolling out activities and asking for input on best way to communicate to the residents information on construction milestones and details.

Discussions of safety of the Metro Transit was brought up and we will be working through these issues that were brought up.

Major Activity this coming week: Clearing of Lake Street bridge and between 21<sup>st</sup> and Burnham Rd. with excavating for a soil surcharge.

### **Lake of the Isles/Cedar Lake Master Plan**

- Meeting took place last week with 52 candidates applied. 1 is comprised with outside of the neighborhoods adjacent to the project the other is made up of the 5 neighborhoods including KNO, CIDNA, BRYN MAR,
- Mark Brown, Marc Hotley and Keith Pressing were one of 12 to select committee to select the candidates.
- Linda Mack was appointed on the CAC and Will Stensrud was also chosen as first alternate if anyone in the local slot decide to step down Will will be first. It is critical that the CAC focuses on the impact of LRT along that corridor and the work at the beach, which is why its important that Will be on this committee.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> will approve and make public the CAC. At that point the next meeting dates will be released.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Community Listening Session at Kenwood Community Center. Keith Pressing has documentation that can be useful and helpful to bring to the table from the last Master Plan that was done at Cedar Lake. Park Board representative would be present to discuss the process and Keith can share the historical perspective of Cedar Lake.
- Possible Survey Monkey to gain input on the Master Plan.

### **KNO 2019 Annual Report**

Motion to approve the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's 2019 Annual Report by Shawn Smith was motioned with changes and Kyle Leier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all approved. Motion passed.

The KNO 2019 Annual Report will be available on the KNO website to review.

Melinda Pratt – SWHS student introduced herself to the KNO Board. Some of Melinda's interests in being on the KNO Board is to bring a more youthful perspective and to help engage KNO youths in assisting with planning and volunteering at community events within the neighborhood.

Angie made motion to approve Melinda Pratt to join the KNO Board. Mark Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor. Motion passes.

## **Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

Reimburse Angie \$47 for cookies for the Ice Skating Party on Lake of the Isles.

KNO Annual Meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> – Angie will circulate the list of delegating the list of duties.

· There will be a PayPal link on the KNO website for future donations **Other Business**

Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm

**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2017-2020** - Address Southwest Light Rail Issues

- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment

- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety

- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events **KNO Board/Volunteer Leads**

· SWLRT – Evelyn Turner

· East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud

· Recruiting/Diversity – OPEN

· Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown

· NRP/PPP – Amanda Vallone and Jeremy Nichols

· Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran

· In need of LOI/Environmental Protection - OPEN

## **Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**

KNO Board met via GoTo Meetings Online

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Motion to approve the agenda was granted.

Directors present: Chair: Shawn Smith Treasurer: Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Will Stensrud, Kyle Leier, Marc Brown, Jack Levi, and Melinda Platt. Absent: Marc Holtey Also present: CM Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone (minutes), Park Board President Jono Cowgill and Park Police Captain Calvin Noble.

### **City of Minneapolis Update – CM Lisa Goodman**

- No Lunch with Lisa this month
  - Yard Waste Collections started on April 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue through November, weather permitting. It is collected by a special truck, not your regular garbage truck. Street Sweeping will begin the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> and go through May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Property Notice Valuations have been mailed and cover values from 2019. 2020 valuations for 2021 will be impacted by COVID and SWLRT Construction. Contact CM Lisa Goodman if you have questions on your valuation. This is the time to file an appeal if you feel your property tax evaluation does not represent your property actual value.
- Extending the comment deadline to May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Public Transportation Act. • Tree Trust – There are still trees left at \$25 if you would like to purchase one. Order through <https://mpls-tree-sale.myshopify.com/>
- COVID Weekly Newsletter is available from the City of Minneapolis. • The City is working on how elections will be conducted if the COVID situation continues.

### **Parks Update: Discussion on social Distancing in parks & trails**

- Park Board has been meeting with MN Health Dept about guidelines and practices. Also looking at what other cities are doing as well. Two main priorities include: #1 Health and Safety #2 Public space for people to go to exercise and be outdoors.
- Beach closures could change as new data is evaluated. The Park board is taking steps to prevent congregating and virus spread, and has cancelled all public events in the parks such as Rock the Garden. The closures were announced now to avoid hiring summer workers that would not be needed, such as lifeguards.
- Closures include beaches, sport courts, buildings, splash pads, and pools. Restroom and water fountains will remain closed. An ambassador program is being created to manage increased usage of trails and public park spaces, and to educate the public on social distancing. Staff will be transitioned over to these duties....
- Capt Noble – Chief Ohotto's duties 100% focused on COVID; Captain Noble has taken on Park Police staff responsibilities. People are permitted to use outdoor spaces even with Stay at Home Orders. Many calls were coming in about ignoring Social Distancing. Citations are not currently being issued and the police are just providing education and encouraging safety measures.
- Park Police are re vamping a new 2-week training program to focus on the basic operations of park properties. Park Police will not displace homeless on park properties as long as crimes are not

- being committed and the mental health of a person seems stable.
- Signs to be posted to announce that beaches are closed.
- Closed park areas will not be staffed. People may continue to use the spaces and there will be need some patrol to ensure basic safety.

### **East Cedar Beach Planning**

- KNO has made significant progress on cleaning up the beach and creating family programming. There is concern that progress will be set back if we cannot program and rely solely on policing.
- Jono Cowgill acknowledged concerns about losing progress but recommended cancelling KNO programming through June. KNO will keep the community informed if cancellations are extended.
- KNO will continue a Morning Beach crew to maintain the space through the season.
- Capt. Noble reported: 108 incident reports in 2018 and 78 in 2019. • ECB sub-committee will work with Park Police to determine if the \$2500 set aside for overtime needs to be increased by transfer of programming funds. • KNO encourages local residents to help keep the beach free of trash if walking the beach.

### **LOI Parkway Partial Closure**

- The Park Board recently took action to extend closures to sections of Lake of the Isles Parkway and Cedar Lake Parkway. These closures will still allow emergency and delivery access to all sections. Barriers will need to be removed by emergency services to allow access to closed sections.
- (Post Meeting) Fire Chief Fruetel confirmed that his department can operate with the new closures.
- Concerns were expressed for the Park Board to work with the City of Minneapolis to ensure there are safe and signed detours through neighborhoods. Some community members have expressed frustration over increased traffic through neighborhood streets.

### **Nice Ride**

- Concerns were expressed for the Park Board to re-evaluate how Nice Ride will prevent virus spread on the bike sharing program. The Nice Ride website does not have any information on this, only to practice safe distancing.
- President Cowgill shared 2019 Nice Ride Results for Kenwood stations. The average rides/year of any station in the city is 1700. The Horse Fountain station generated 1400 rides, as did the station by Lake of the Isles Church. The dog park station generated 1250 rides. The station at Kenwood Pet Clinic generated 500 rides.
- Nice Ride's website announces a free 30 day membership for Healthcare workers.

### **Neighborhoods 2020 Funding Response**

- Tabled until the May Meeting. KNO stands to lose a significant portion of its city funding in some of the 2020 models. The comment period was extended till July 15.

### **May Annual Meeting Discussion**

- KNO is required by its bylaws to elect its 2020-2021 Board of Directors at the annual meeting, scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- KNO is planning to conduct this meeting on GoTo, and not in person. 15 Kenwood Community Members must be present to vote in the new board. The only requirement is that they live in Kenwood.

### **Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- The board approved payment to Contractor Amanda Vallone at the start of the quarter vs at the end of the quarter.

### **Southwest Light Rail Construction**

- SWLRT was not discussed during the meeting, however an update was provided by David Davies, Outreach Coordinator.
- The Construction Information Workgroup had its first meeting on March 24. The CIW has neighborhood representation and will identify and address concerns relating to construction.
- Vibration in the neighborhood will continue as the Channel Bridge and soil compaction, and will be monitored.
- Current Trail Detours are being reviewed, adjustments may be made in April. Community Members are urged to stay out of the fenced construction areas. • Metro Transit and SWLRT have a hotline to call for updates: 612-373-3933 or you may sign-up for email updates at [www.SWLRT.org](http://www.SWLRT.org)

Chair Shawn Smith announced he will not be running for re-election for the 2020-2021 board. A new Chair will be needed. He then adjourned the meeting at 8:57PM.

### **Kenwood Board Priorities 2017-2020**

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### **VOLUNTEER LEADS**

- SWLRT – Evelyn Turner
- East Cedar Lake Beach – Will Stensrud
- Recruiting/Diversity – Aria Christenson
- Kenwood Schools – Marc Brown
- NRP/PPP – Amanda Vallone
- Neighborhood Parks 2020 CAC – Larry Moran
- In need of LOI/Environmental Protection

## **Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2020**

KNO Board met May 4, 2020, at the Kenwood Recreation Center.

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Directors present: Chair Shawn Smith, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leier, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Mark Brown, and Will Stensrud; Absent: Vice-Chair Jeanette Colby and Jack Levi. Also present: Lisa Goodman (CM), Amanda Vallone, and Laura Hoffman from Hennepin County District 3, Eric Larson, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Jodi Sprakoh, David Lebedoff, Larry Moran, 4 other neighbors.

### **City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Council Member (CM) Goodman's bimonthly newsletter has high readership and an increased number of recipients.
- Yard waste collection began on April 6 and will continue.
- The State Legislature has approved voting-by-mail starting on May 13th. Voters may request their ballots from the Secretary of State.
- Minneapolis is looking for a slate of young election judges, since many older judges will likely not serve because they are more vulnerable to COVID-19. All election judges are paid.
- CM Goodman reminded everyone to complete their Census form.
- The new 20 mph speed limit on City streets has taken effect and speed limit signs will be going up. This is good timing as there has been demonstrated increased excessive speeding under the stay-at-home order.
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) parkway closures remain in place as do the City street closed routes.
- CENSUS effort in progress.
- Answered question about KMART site. Re open the street and fairly dense on both sides of the street with retail on the first floor. Money in capital improvement fund will cover the road work. It will take about 4 years to complete.
- Parkways will open before the Cedar Lake Road closure begins for the SWLRT construction.

### **KNO RECAP OF THE YEAR**

- SW Master Plan –Larry Moran was thanked for being a big part in the process of providing feedback from the community on the amenities at Kenwood Park.
- Cedar Beach improvements continued with events such as the Music Series, Yoga, Oriole Feeders, and multiple family events that were paid through the CPP funds.
- SWLRT continues to be a top concern. A Safety meeting was held in collaboration with CIDNA in November. KNO will continue to work with the Project Office to communicate with residents about the process.
- Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake Listening sessions which focused on water quality, nature versus man made features.
- Neighborhoods 2020 – Kenwood would receive the minimum amount of CPP as an organization so if we receive any less we would be unable to function at the level we

currently do now.

## **KNO Elections**

**May 2020 – 2021**

**Vote as a slate**

Mark Brown - Y

Jack Levi - Y

Jeremy Nichols - Y

Matt Spies - Y

Will Stensrud - Y

Evelyn Turner - Y

Angie Erdich - Y

Kyle Leir - Y

Melinda Platt -Y

Mary Lewis - Y

Krista – Y

Lori - Y

2<sup>nd</sup> the initial vote – Jodi

June meeting Officers will be elected – NEED A CHAIR and a Secretary

**Treasurer Update** – No activity this month.

**Website Update** – Please visit our new website at [www.kenwoodmpls.org](http://www.kenwoodmpls.org)

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Shawn Smith at 8:04pm.

## **Action Between Meetings - All**

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
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**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes**  
**June 1, 2020**

KNO Board met via GoTo Virtual Meeting.

Assistant Chair Jeremy Nichols called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Assistant Chair: Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer: Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Mark Brown, Melinda Platt, Shawn Smith, and Will Stensrud Absent: Marc Holtey, Kyle Leir; Also present: Lisa Goodman (CM), Amanda Vallone, David Davies (SWLRT), Jenny Kriha, and Ron W.

**KNO Board Officer Elections**

- Nominations were for Mark Brown for Chair, Jeremy Nichols for Vice-Chair and Matthew Spies for Treasurer. There were no nominations for Secretary. Angie Erdrich made motion to elect the slate of nominees and Will Stensrud second. The slate was elected unanimously.

**City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Under the current affairs of our Community with the killing of George Floyd and concerns around the safety of our City, Lisa opened the discussion up to questions. • Why has the City been slow to respond to calls? The City was cyber attacked and the City has had difficulty responding to calls. Please email your concerns and call using the numbers provided for specific issues. Lisa is not the person to connect with on the current crisis.
- Is the City giving business owners and residents guidance on how to protect themselves and property? The City is not providing guidance to businesses as to whether or not board up. The City has provided tips on how to secure and offer safety tips on your property.
- Consider how to support each other if there were no police and National Guard. Being more vigilant will be the new forward path to public safety, as the City will be changing drastically.
- National Guard will be pulling back slowly.
- Amanda Vallone, Kenwood Business Owner met earlier in the day with other business owners on the corner of Penn Ave & 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss whether or not to board up the businesses. The decision was to not board, as they felt if targeting were to happen with arson it would happen regardless of boards. Discussion of other ways business owners could be pro active on protecting this corner were: 1.) Exchanging phone numbers to keep communicating suspicious activity 2.) Looking into security options 3.) Bringing on a hose in case the fire hydrant would need to be accessed and Fire Dept was not able to respond quick enough. • Can private security be out past curfew? Yes, they can.
- The City is not enforcing curfew arrests, only State Patrols and National Guard are.
  - Should KNO continue with their scheduled Art ROCKS Installation in the midst of our City's crisis? Discussion: There is a sense of despair and so creating uplifting activities such as this socially distanced collaboration event with Kenwood School, the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and ARTrageous Adventures may be something families need right now during these very stressful times.
- Is there a plan for another mass testing of COVID? Not at this time. The City has completely shifted to the unrest of the community and police reform. • Masks in all indoor space in the City are highly encouraged. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS during this pandemic.
- CM Goodman reminded everyone to complete their Census form.

## SW LRT Construction Update – David Davies

- Contractor is meeting regularly for safety concerns relating to the current affairs near construction sites.
- Closure of Cedar Lake Parkway – Proposed a short term closure for vehicles to remove abandoned freight rails to install the sheeting beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> 12 – 16 days. Provides flexibility for Contractor to be able to continue progress of tunnel construction to north
  - o Option 1 – Involves weekend work, 12 days, anticipated to begin Monday July 6 to Friday July 17; weekend work hours are proposed for 9am-6pm
  - o Option 2 – Without weekend work, 16 days anticipated to begin Monday July 6 and end Tuesday July 21. Normal construction hours would apply; 7am-6pm
- o Affected area of closure: Intersection of Sunset to just west of Xerxes Ave S.
- o Pedestrian and bike access would be preserved for duration of closure
- o Closure would be noticed to general public as early as Friday June 5 in order to provide 30 days of notice to community
- BNSF seems to have tightened up security on their tracks in response to recent unrest. • David Davies will inquire with City staff as to status of dumpsters for residential properties on Sheridan & other streets during Cedar Lake Parkway closure in order to make street as safe as possible for sharing between bikes and cars.
- Other Kenwood construction update: freight track alignment shift at Cedar Lake Channel is upcoming in June.

## Cedar Lake Water Quality

- The Algae Bloom is starting to recede from Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles. • As the construction work is happening that intersects with any watershed district, the City, the park board, the state, DNR have national regulations for permits. • Testing of water quality has been ongoing. Pumping water and erosion control are the two main activities that are being done with this project.
- SWLRT feels quite confident that the bloom was not due to any construction activity. • Is the water quality testing available to the public on a regular basis? David Davies will be looking into this.

## East Cedar Lake Beach

- Adjusting expenses from 2k to 4k for Park Patrol this summer.
- We will continue to create engagement at the Beach. The two family events will include the Pirates & Mermaids Scavenger Treasure Hunt and Kenwood Art ROCKS that families can pARTicipate in a socially distanced responsible way.
- Will would like to keep the budget at the 9k to be flexible on what type of engagement activities.
- On Wednesday the Park Board will be voting to re adjust the Park Patrol and not using the MPD for future Park events.

## Treasurer Update

- Preliminary Budget will be sent out to the Board for fiscal year, which ended on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We will discuss next meeting to develop next year's budget. • We can roll forward what was not spent last year with the CPP. • Amanda Vallone was reimbursed for expenses for the Art Rocks Installation. • **BOARD VOTE:** Jeremy Nichols, brought forth motion to continue to compensate Amanda Vallone \$50 per meeting to record meeting minutes and submit to HLP. This will continue until a Secretary is voted onto KNO and can take over those duties. Matt Spies, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all of KNO board was in favor. Motion passes.

**Website Update** – Please visit our new website at [www.kenwoodmpls.org](http://www.kenwoodmpls.org) The meeting was adjourned by new KNO Chair at 8:41pm.

**Action Between Meetings - All**

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2020

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events
- Continue contracting consultant to assist with communication/compliance

**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 13, 2020**

KNO Board met on July 13, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt; Absent: Kyle Leir. Also present: Patrick Sadler (Policy Aide to City Council Member Goodman), Amanda Vallone, Eric Larson, Jack Levi, Jodi Strakosch, David Davies, Dana Fox, Courtney Kiernat, Hema Patel, Jen Johnson, Sheila Delaney, Lana Baggenstos, Sandeep Patel, Josine Peters, Megan MacFarland, Somia Mourad, Art Turcotte, Ron Lotz, Paul Gruber, Margaret Walters, Jono Cogwill (President, Commissioner Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner)

**Mark Brown requested to approve the agenda and Evelyn Turner second the motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**

**Patrick Sadler, City Council Member Policy Aide Reporting for Lisa Goodman, Ward 7 Public Hearings Scheduled for July on Revised 2020 Budget**

- Tuesday, July 14 at 6:05 pm
- Wednesday, July 22 at 10:00 am
- You can watch the meeting online or participate in the online public hearing through
  - [www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings)
- You can find more information on the city budget
  - [www.minneapolismn.gov/budget](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/budget)
  - The City Council is scheduled to vote Friday, July 24 on a revised 2020 budget

**Charter Commission Public Hearings**

- Wednesday, July 15 starting at 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 21 starting at 6:00 pm
- There is the potential for a 3<sup>rd</sup> public hearing based on level of engagement in the first 2

You can submit public comments via the online comment form:

- <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/charter/public-safety>
  - Here you will find additional information and can submit public comment ○ There have been 5,622 submissions as of this morning (Wednesday, July 8)

**Voters are Encouraged to Vote by Mail this Election Year**

- Early voting has begun for the August 11 Primary
- You can vote early by mail or in person at the Early Vote Center ● What's on the Ballot?
  - U.S. Senator
  - U.S. Representative (District 5)

- o School Board Member (at large)
- o City Council Member (Ward 6)
- o 980 East Hennepin Avenue
  - Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
  - Saturday hours will be available August 1 and August 8

**vote.minneapolismn.gov**

**“20 is Plenty” Speed Limit Yard Signs Available**

- Minneapolis and St. Paul are both in the process of implementing new, lower speed limits to support safer streets
- New speed limits go into effect this fall and is 20 mph unless otherwise signed ● Yard signs are now available for community members
  - o You can pick them up at any Minneapolis Fire Station
    - 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Mon-Fri (July 6 – July 24) – while supplies last

**SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

- **7/13, 4-7pm** –The Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is receiving public comment on the Draft 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The program includes highway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects that are proposed for federal funding in the Twin Cities metropolitan area in the next four years. An online public meeting is scheduled for Monday July 13 from 4-7pm. Click on the link below for more event details or to submit a comment on the draft TIP. The comment period is open until 5pm on August 10, 2020.
  - o <https://metrocouncil.org/TIP.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2eGNbW4Dac687FU20sMyicQ4G8FNhD0TcVj6npsu49NbvayahjHvz64ycE>
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What’s New and Notable in the Corridor

**France Ave – Lake Street**

- Sanitary sewer and water utility work has restarted in the corridor around Lake Street; this work is expected to continue for the next 2-3 weeks
- The trail in this segment will continue to be open throughout construction. The alignment of the trail is expected to shift in the next month to make way for future construction activities for the West Lake Street Station.

**Lake Street – Cedar Lake Parkway**

- Press-in pile sheeting installation activities continue in the vicinity of 28<sup>th</sup> Street headed south toward Lake Street on the “rail side” of the tunnel.
- No other new activities anticipated in this area in the next week

**Cedar Lake Parkway – Cedar Lake Channel**

- Press-in pile sheeting installation in process across Cedar Lake Parkway, which continues to be closed until Tuesday July 22. Sheeting installation on the “field side” of the tunnel will conclude, at which point the piler will be repositioned to install sheeting on the “rail side”.
  - o No work will occur on weekends during this closure.

**Cedar Lake Channel – 21<sup>st</sup> Street**

- Railroad track construction continues between Cedar Lake Parkway and the Burnham Road Bridge. Expect increased activity in this area as ballast rock is hauled to and unloaded at the site,

and rail construction equipment is active in setting ties and track.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Street – Van White Blvd**

- The detour of the Cedar Lake Trail around the I-394 overpass is in effect. Cedar Lake Trail traffic is detoured to Kenwood Parkway to meet up with the existing detour at the Parade Ice Garden.
  - **DURATION:** This detour is expected to be in place through the end of July. **Park**

### **Encampments in the City**

#### **Other Notes of Importance:**

- MPRB web site on encampments [here](#)
- MPRB Resolution 2020-253, adopted June 17<sup>th</sup> [here](#) (declares Minneapolis Parks a refuge for people experiencing homelessness)
- Proposed amendment to Resolution 2020-253 – Resolution 2020-267, to be considered at July 15<sup>th</sup> MPRB meeting [here](#) (proposes permitting up to 20 encampments with no more than 25 tents)
- Letter from Powderhorn Sanctuary Neighbors to Kenwood and Lowry Hill residents [here](#)
- Other online information
  - Powderhorn Sanctuary Encampment Neighbors site [here](#)
  - SignUpGenius site used for volunteer/supplies/meals coordination for Kenwood Park encampment [here](#)
  - StarTribune Opinion Exchange pieces mentioning Kenwood Park encampment from Judith Koll Healey ([here](#)) and Joseph Tamburino ([here](#))
  - Southwest Journal article from July 10<sup>th</sup>, also mentioning Kenwood Park [here](#)

#### **Residents Voices:**

- Ron Lotz, Are bonfires being allowed in parks? They are happening at Kenwood Park. Who are nearby residents suppose to call if not the police when violence breaks out?
- Megan MacFarland, Who are the people organizing at the Kenwood Encampment? Volunteers should not have this heavy load of work, if the Park Board decided to allow this then they should pay for staffing these encampments as well and not put this burden on community residents.
- Art Turcotte, Frustrated with the park taking on this county and state issue. There is housing currently available, so how do we get some of these encampment residents in these shelters rather than the parks if availability exists?

### **Jono Cowgill, Park Board Commissioner**

- Original intention was to provide a space of refuge for people experiencing homelessness and the immediate fall out of unrest following George Floyd murder. The Sheraton Hotel had everyone evacuate that was being sheltered there which caused the surge of encampment to pop up.
- 100 encampments have popped up since the Governor's order was initiated after the COVID pandemic.
- It was not the intention for the Park Board to take on the issue of homelessness long term only temporarily, as the county and state are working on these issues. ● Kenwood Park was not a site that was suggested for an encampment, however folks fleeing from the unsafe issues at Powderhorn Park decided that Kenwood would be safe space.

### **East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud**

- The Park Board will not be issuing any event permits for East Cedar Lake Beach events this year. They will allow us to have impromptu acoustic performances near the south side of the beach as long as they are not advertised.
- Our annual Pirate & Mermaid Beach pARTy will be transforming into an eight day family challenge which includes a socially distanced treasure hunt through the woods in August. More details will be on our Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's Facebook page and website.

### **Treasurer Update**

- The 2019/2020 will be uploaded to the KNO website for review. ● A request to community members to suggest neighborhood projects are being accepted.
- The KNO 2020 Budget was discussed and will also be uploaded to the website for review.

### **Board Motions**

- Jeremy Nichols made a motion to submit a donation to the Hill & Lake Press for \$1,000 as they publish our monthly minutes in this community paper. Will 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor, the motion passes.
- Jeremy Nichols made a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Report and Mark Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor, the motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 9:13pm.

### **Action Between Meetings - All**

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety
- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events - Contract consultant to assist with communication/c

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Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019

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consultant to assist with communication/compliance

**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 3, 2020**

KNO Board met on August 3, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Directors present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Kyle Leir, Will Stensrud, Absent: Melinda Platt, Jono Cogwill (President, Commissioner Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner) Marc Holtey  
–Also present: Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, Eric Larson, Carl Goldstein, Jack Levi, Jodi Strakosch, David Davies, Dana Fox, Coutney Kiernat, Josine Peters, Megan MacFarland, , Art Turcotte, Ron Lotz,

**Jeremy Nichols requested to approve the agenda and second the motion and all agreed. Motion passed.**

**Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

National Night Out moved to September 15<sup>th</sup>  
**pandemic**

**Event safety in a**

A safe event during a pandemic follows guidelines from the [Minneapolis Health Department, Minnesota Department of Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#):

- Events are outdoors.
- People keep their masks on when they're not eating or drinking.
- People keep at least 6 feet from others not in their household.
- Households bring their own food, beverages, utensils, tables and chairs.
  
- Census field staff follow both CDC and local public health guidelines, are trained in physical distancing protocols and will provide census takers with masks during their visit. Census staff have sworn a [lifetime oath of confidentiality](#). Any information that you provide to them will not be shared with any entity other than the Census Bureau for statistical purposes only and never to identify an individual. Find more information [here on verifying a census taker's identity](#), [COVID-19 protocols or the strategy to visit households that haven't responded yet](#).

**Resident Voices**

- Long time residents expressed extreme frustration about public safety in our community. Not comfortable with having a Neighborhood Watch group without training and proper notification to the community.

**SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

7/15 crane incident follow-up: unfortunate, caused frustration and anxiety for community. The error by the crane operator was dangerous and costly. Crane operator was terminated.

- Investigation and subsequent actions taken by Contractor are satisfactory to return to work with cranes in the area.
- Contractor deploys additional flagging staff in areas where cranes are adjacent to public uses, but concerns persist about how crane or other equipment could enter public realm and cause damage or injury to bystanders. It is on Contractor and Project Office to ensure that safety precautions are taken so that an incident like this never happens again.
- Board would like to see summary of incident on website for reference.

Proposed work at 21<sup>st</sup> Street – targeting Labor Day weekend

- Scope of work: utility work that crosses rail corridor, as well as track work. Details still being worked out.
- Discussions of completing work in a 36-hour window during already scheduled freight rail outage. Proposed window is Saturday 9/5 PM to Monday 9/7 AM.
- Permits are not yet approved for this extended hours work. Coordination continues with Park Board, City of Minneapolis.
- Numerous pieces of information to clarify, but most important is access to residents of Upton Avenue on west side of corridor. Understanding that there are residents with critical mobility limitations.
- More information is expected in the next week; KNO Board president and Upton Ave resident Mark Brown is graciously offering to help organize virtual encounter with representatives of households on Upton. Would like to understand the benefits of scheduling this work at this time.

Additional upcoming work not mentioned at meeting:

- Cedar Lake Channel: demolition of old freight bridge should commence in the next 2-3 weeks. High-vibration pile-driving will follow to start construction on the new LRT bridge. Residents in the area have been provided initial notification.

#### **Park Encampments in the City**

- Jono Cowgill was not present, therefore not giving an update on the park encampments.
- There are currently 416 tents in 36 park locations.
- UPDATE SINCE MEETING: The Kenwood Encampment has been cleared out as of 8/14/20

#### **East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud & Amanda Vallone**

- The Hidden Acoustics pop up series has brought some wonderful live music for beach goers to enjoy socially distanced this month.
- The Pirate & Mermaid Virtual event will kick off on the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's facebook page. Be sure to like and follow our neighborhood page for fun challenges, photos and videos for some family fun.

#### **Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- No updates this month.

**Board Motion** – A motion to push the monthly meeting for September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> was made by Jeremy Nichols and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Spies. All were in favor and motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:56pm.

#### **Action Between Meetings - All**

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues

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**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 14, 2020**

KNO Board met on September 14, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID. Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 7:pm

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Kyle Leier, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt and Angie Erdrich Also present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, Jono Cogwill (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner), SWLRT Community Outreach Coord David Davies, KNO Coord. Amanda Vallone  
Not present: Kenwood Park Director Marc Holtey

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Nichols moved approval of the agenda and Evelyn Turner seconded. Motion passed.

**Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Tour of the Dayton's Project will be beginning of October. Date to be released soon.
- Legislative Annual Rail Safety Meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> virtual. • The City is looking for someone to be on the Public Health Advisory Committee that Lisa Goodman will be appointing to represent in Ward 7.
- Senior Advisory Committee (Over 50)
- Ballots will be mailed as early as September 17<sup>th</sup>. You will need to request a ballot.
- The City is still looking for Cannabis Party and Republican Party election judges. • Comment period has been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup> for the Neighborhood 2020.

Question - Evelyn: Neighborhoods 2020 What is open for comments? Answer: Draft program guidelines and funding is what is being asked to comment on.

**Park Update – Jono Cowgill**

- The Park Board has approved a 1.18% tax levy increase. There will still need to be a reduction in service staff as this levy increase will not cover this. The park board won't be able to plant as many trees next year which will lead to a push for community support to continue the tree levy.
- Priorities will be made with youth programming and keeping Rec Center staffing for the upcoming budget.
- The Board also passed the Ecological Systems Plan which will assist in maintaining sustainable spaces with native species.
- SW Master Plan will be coming forward in mid October and is inclined to support the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

Question – Evelyn – Very few people are wearing masks on LOI or social distancing you have to walk off the path. Bicycle traffic has increased as well. How to deal with this with upcoming winter?

Question – Will – What will happen with the tree stumps down by East Cedar Lake Beach? What will become the extended shoreline now that the trees are gone? Now that there is extra shoreline how can we help direct the flow of the kayaks, canoeing and beaching these watercrafts at East Cedar Beach? Can we budget out a sign to encourage and direct boat traffic to dock on the north side of the beach? Answer – Jono- There is a budget for stump grinding so will look into that and get an answer.

Question- Mark – What is happening with the delay on the planning process for Parks for All?  
Answer – Jono - Expect to have votes on the Comp plan early next year.

### **SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

- Labor Day weekend had some successes and deficiencies for the work that was done in terms of communication.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Street project on the whole was a success. Lake Street restricted to 10pm and the 21<sup>st</sup> street Southern part of the corridor was not communicated to and sincere apologies go out to the residents that were affected by the overnight hours. The communications should have been more conservative in the area that was communicated with adjacent to the corridor.
- During the normal construction hours there is not much noise restrictions that can be made to the Contractor.
- Since the crane incident the contractor has been ingrained on making sure that multiple eyes on equipment moving through the corridor or adjacent to a corridor and public right of way.
- The reason why over work had to happen over Labor Day weekend was the work could not get done within the normal construction hours due to the scope of work as well as the freight rail outage that was scheduled.
- FTA announcement on SWLRT funding [here](#)

### **Rail Safety**

- City of Minneapolis is coordinating the upcoming September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting revolving around Rail Safety.
- Questions are being asked of the community to be addressed at this upcoming meeting.
- Question – Jeremy - Are we talking about rail safety during construction, after construction and when rail is in use with freight and light rail?

### **East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud**

- East Cedar Beach had a peaceful summer and continued to be a place for families and the community to gather outdoors.
- Next month there will be a report from Lt. Noble regarding the crime report at ECLB.
- How can we engage the north end of the beach with the Park Board to put into use? Looking for resident input.
- Reduce police funding for patrolling and continue to increase programming for community engagement as the goal for 2021.
- Question – Melinda – What kind of programming happens during the colder months? Melinda would love to help in a winter program down by the beach.

### **Kenilworth Channel Naturalization and Shoreline Stabilization Project •**

- [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/kenilworth-channel-stabilization/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/kenilworth-channel-stabilization/)
- CAC project page [here](#)
- Upcoming CAC meeting links [here](#)

### **Encampment Update**

- MPRB encampments status/updates [here](#)
- City of Minneapolis - Homelessness Response page [here](#)

### **Questions**

- Mark Brown– Would like to follow up for a community forum that's not a board mtg to discuss livability issues? It's been 4 years since a survey has been conducted and it is about time. Survey?

Events? Should a special meeting be planned and should we shoot for October and what should the focus be.

- Jeremy – Concerns about increase in crime. Amanda Vallone suggested inviting Jessica Kawas, Crime Prevention Specialist to October's meeting to discuss safety tips and crime stats.

**Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- Will give full update next month.

**Board Motion –**

Discussion about moving the meeting up to an earlier start time was suggested. Evelyn Turner made a motion to move the Kenwood Neighborhood Organizations meeting to begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:00pm. Matt Spies 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Motion passes and will be announced to the public on KNO website, fb page and email blast.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 9:03pm.

Action Between Meetings - All

Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019 - Address

Southwest Light Rail Issues

- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment

- East Cedar Lake Beach Safety

- Support Kenwood Rec Center, School, and Neighborhood Events - Contract consultant to assist with communication/compliance

## **Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

KNO Board met on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID. Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Directors present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Angie Erdrich, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Melinda Platt, Kyle Leir, Will Stensrud, Jono Cogwill (President, Commissioner Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner) Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Amanda Vallone, Eric Larson, Carl Goldstein, Jack Levi, David Davies, Jim Barnett, Lana Baggenstos.

Jeremy Nichols moves to adopt the September minutes, Melinda Platt seconds the motion and all approves.

### **Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Lunch with Lisa will resume through ZOOM. Robert L, Economic Development with Indigenous. October 28<sup>th</sup> Send Link for people to sign up. **Wednesday, October 28, 2020** (12:00 – 1:00) Guest Speaker is Metropolitan Council Member, **Robert Lilligren**, President and CEO of the **Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI)** Robert will share about the amazing work being done to build a 21st Century American Indian Community including their work on the American Indian Cultural Corridor.
- Street Sweeping begins on October 20<sup>th</sup> – [Click here for the Street Sweep Interactive Map/Schedule](#)
- CENSUS new deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020
- Early Voting is now happening. Early voting continues at a record pace in Minneapolis. As of the end of the day Oct. 14, 82,941 early votes have been received for the 2020 election.
- The City Council's Budget Committee has begun reviewing departments' proposed 2021 budgets and will continue through November. The City Council is scheduled to vote on budget adoption Dec. 9.
- Federal Award to 6.7 million for electric vehicle charging stations. Expansion of these charging stations will benefit our City to begin the transfer to electric vehicles.

### **Inspector Amelia Huffman from 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct MPD**

Highlights from Crime Stat Report:

- Thefts from unlocked vehicles continues to be an ongoing issue. • 4 motor thefts this year compared to 3 last year.
- 8 Violent crimes which is the highest its been in 5 years.
- Kenwood has not seen the uptick in crime that other parts of Minneapolis has seen.
- Burglary in multi unit buildings make up a large part of the property crimes. • Significant burglaries from juveniles has been trending in nearby neighborhoods, particularly Lowry Hill. Many of these juveniles have been arrested. • Question – Angie – Why are the vehicles being stolen so random? Crime of opportunity – joy ride – transportation – No proof of organized rings with these youth.
- Question – Do you think there is a false sense of feeling unsafe? Whittier and Lowry Hill are the most affected by the increase in crime in the neighboring communities. The unrest we have seen this year has contributed to the feeling of not being safe as well as the uptick in crimes, but social media tends to put emphasis on this and not all the good things happening in the community.

- Question - Do you feel most crime incidents are being reported? Apps like Nextdoor and Citizen are not always correct. Citizens is notorious for mixing up the North and South sides. You can always call or email Jessica Kawas if you have a question about a particular incident that you have read about on social sites.
- Question – Is there a correlation between the crime and homeless problem happening? The encampments can be problematic with drug use, assault and trafficking behavior but it is not the sole cause of the uptick in crime we are seeing.
- Question – With the LRT Green Line opening in 2023 with 3 different jurisdictions, do you see this as a potential issue? MPD works closely with Park Police and Metro Transit. There are issues with transit stations along the line with crime and when the LRT opens the green line those areas will be monitored.

### **Jessica Kawas, Crime Prevention Specialist Civilian from MPD**

#### Tips to Stay Safe When You Are Out and About

- Carry only what you need. Do not take large amounts of cash or unnecessary personal items with you.
- Pay attention to your surroundings. Trust your instincts. Be aware of strangers loitering in your area.
- Don't get distracted: keep your eyes open and off your phone.
  - Keep your phone and other electronics out of sight so you don't tempt thieves.
- Call 911 for any suspicious activity, such as strangers walking in yards or between houses, the sound of glass breaking or loud banging, and unfamiliar trucks or vans lingering in your alley.

### **Jono Cowgill, Minneapolis Park Board Commissioner**

- Preservation of investment of youth programming will be focused on to eliminate low level crime opportunities.
- The Park Board is inclined to support CAC recommendations and will be taking public comments very seriously. Southwest Service Area Master Plan ([https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/southwest\\_service\\_area\\_master\\_plan/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/southwest_service_area_master_plan/))

### **Resident Voices**

- A discussion regarding the redistricting of schools for our families should be presented in the near future.

### **SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Street Station looking at getting concrete poured before winter sets in for platform work.
- Vibratory rolling as earthwork continues to happen with storm water work. You can always reach out to the project office if concerns about possible damage due to vibratory rolling.
- Excavation will be happening on the bridge over the channel and will be a bit disruptive for the localized area.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> was the Rail Safety Annual meeting coordinated through the City and Legislative Office. <https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light Rail-Projects/Southwest-LRT/Public-Involvement.aspx>

### **Amy Morgan, City of Minneapolis Public Works**

Franklin Ave Project – 2021 Resurface

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bnLlkD6UuN\\_INkmxtZi\\_jhX2\\_2ME4tWl/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bnLlkD6UuN_INkmxtZi_jhX2_2ME4tWl/view?usp=sharing)

### **Thrill Kenwood 2020, Amanda Vallone**

- A request that the annual Halloween themed event that usually takes place at Kenwood Park move forward with a Covid Conscious event plan. This event would be transformed into a Virtual event and the dance Thriller would be performed through live facebook rather than a real live audience on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with a week long of daily family fun challenges to do from home. This would conclude on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at East Cedar Lake Beach with a socially distanced Walk in the Storybook Woods and a special Fill the Van event with Joyce Foodshelf, this year's non profit organization as we stock them up with some of their needs.

**Board Motion** – Angie Erdrich made a motion to approve the \$1,000 for Thrill Kenwood annual event to happen virtually with a covid conscious in person event at East Cedar Lake Beach. Jeremy Nichols 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Directors agreed to convene a committee to discuss an initiative to engage Kenwood neighbors with both a formal survey effort and associated communications/meetings aimed at gauging neighborhood priorities. It has been more than two years since a survey was conducted to support the development of the Neighborhood Priority Plan that KNO used to establish priorities and guide funding and resource allocations. The committee will bring ideas to the full board's November meeting to set dates and plans for future neighborhood outreach and engagement as well as an initial survey design concept.

### **Neighborhoods 2020**

Evelyn Turner submitted comments on the Neighborhoods 2020 on behalf of KNO. She also reported that it appears that funding to most neighborhoods is proposed to be cut, and it is not clear what the city's expectations for the use of funding would be.

Now that the public comment period has closed on the [Neighborhoods 2020 draft program guidelines](#), the Neighborhood & Community Relations Department (NCR) reviewed the 244 public comments received and is creating a summary. The comments and summary will be available on the [Neighborhoods 2020 webpage](#) before the City Council takes action.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:16pm.

### **Action Between Meetings - All**

KIAA Board Priorities 2017-2019 (standing topic and reminder)

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
- Protect our Lakes/Parks/Environment
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## **Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes November 2, 2020**

KNO Board met on November 2, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID. Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jeremy Nichols, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, and Angie Erdrich.

Also present: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coord David Davies, Captain Calvin Noble, KNO Coord. Amanda Vallone, Dana Fox and Jim Barnett.

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Evelyn Turner moved to approve the agenda and Jack Levi seconded. Motion passed.

### **Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- Lunch with Lisa in October was a success with Robert Lilligren, the President and CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute. The next Virtual event will feature the Dayton Project. Suggestions for Lunch with Lisa topics are welcome.
- Street sweeping continues. Keep an eye on the [interactive map on the website](#) for the most up-to-date schedule, and as always, watch for signs on your street at least 24 hours before a planned sweep.
- The week of November 16<sup>th</sup> is the last week for yard waste pick up by the City. • There are openings for 7<sup>th</sup> Ward residents on the following City committees: Public Health Advisory, Race Equity Advisory and Mayor's Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities.
- 72% of our precinct voted early. Communications between City, State and Feds relating to poll safety was very good.
- Public hearings on the 2021 budget will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am and December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:05pm. The City Council will vote on the budget on December 9<sup>th</sup>. • The City extended the comment period for the [draft built form regulations](#) to Nov. 9. The public comment period closes with a public hearing before the Minneapolis Planning Commission, which will vote on forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. Evelyn Turner will take a look at this to see if any comments can be made in time.
- Question: Jeremy asked if private security vehicles needed to be marked and the answer was No.
- Question: Amanda asked if the old Neighborhood Watch Signs should be removed since they were from the 80's and seem to be causing some confusion. No specific answer was given.
- There is a pattern of increased crime all across the nation. The City's prime concern should be to maintain a safe city that includes officers on the ground.

### **SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

- SWLRT construction will slow down over the winter months just a bit. • The first of the 7 to 10 inch thick cement slabs that will form the base of the SWLRT tunnel will be poured in early December. This will involve continuous cement truck activity.

### **Crime Update from Captain Noble from Minneapolis Park Police**

- Across the City there was a 70% uptick in Crime across the parks this year. • Due to the pandemic and other unrest throughout the City the park police are currently down officers per shift but maintaining the minimum needed. • Captain Noble thanked KNO for being such an involved neighborhood in creating family friendly programming at East Cedar Lake Beach. This has contributed to the lower offense numbers seen at ECLB.

- The Minneapolis Park Police were contracted from KNO a total of \$2971 to patrol the East Cedar Lake Beach which provided 12.5 shifts at ECLB from July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 30<sup>th</sup> on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. MPD assisted in clearing out the beach at 10 closing times during the summer months. Below is a summary of the # of offenses at East Cedar Lake Beach in the last 8 years. •
- 2020: 44 offense reports
- 2019: 76 offense reports
- 2018: 110 offense report
- 2017: 95 offense reports
- 2016: 49 offense reports
- 2015: 75 offense reports
- 2014: 120 offense reports
- 2013: 134 offense reports

### **Thrill Kenwood 2020 Event Recap – Amanda Vallone**

- This year due to Covid KNO hosted a Virtual week of daily TK2020 activities on the KNO facebook page to engage families in fun seasonal activities using their creativity. ARTrageous Adventures presented the family that engaged the most a Thrill Kenwood BOXED Adventure to an enthusiastic family that participated in every challenge.
- This week long virtual event led up to the Halloween event on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> down at East Cedar Lake Beach where the Joyce Uptown Foodshelf brought their van to collect food items. The community came together and filled the van for Halloween. Amanda Vallone and Melinda Platt (the newest KNO Board Student Board Member) organized a Storybook Scavenger Hunt in the East Cedar Lake Woods that was very successful with more than 45 families attending and keeping a socially distanced and covid conscious walk through the woods. The Minnesota Dance Collaborative preformed a dance from The Rocky Horror Picture Show as well. \*Please check out the photos on the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization's facebook page.

### **East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud**

- Will would like to get a meeting on the calendar with other ECLB committee members to discuss the 2021 beach season and its budget for events.

### **Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- Treasurer provided a quick update on activity over the past month. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:03pm.

#### **Action Between Meetings - All**

#### **Kenwood Neighborhood Organization Board Priorities 2018-2019**

- Address Southwest Light Rail Issues
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**Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO) Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 7, 2020**

KNO Board met on December 7, 2020, via GoTo Meeting due to COVID.

Chair Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Board Members present: Chair Mark Brown, Vice Chair Jeremy Nichols, Treasurer Matt Spies, Evelyn Turner, Jack Levi, Will Stensrud, Melinda Platt and Angie Erdrich.

Also present/guests: Council Member Lisa Goodman, SWLRT Community Outreach Coord David Davies, MPRB Commissioner Jono Cowgill, Coord. Amanda Vallone, Jim Barnett, LaLeeta Bilbro, Colette Klaus, Lana Baggenstos, Margit & Tom Berg, Margaret Walters and Jody Strakosch.

Mark Brown requested a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Nichols moved to approve the agenda and Evelyn Turner seconded. Motion passed.

**Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- To help pets find their forever homes for the holidays, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control is waiving adoption fees for all adoptable animals during the month of December. Browse adoptable animals at [www2.minneapolismn.gov/animals/adopt](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/animals/adopt)
- Budget Committee met on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Public Hearing is set for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
- A 5.7 million dollar cut for MPD was passed however a 5 million increase to overtime pay for existing officers was approved for contingency budget. Lisa stated that other alternative public safety measures are not fully in place and that cutting the MPD budget may not have been the best choice.
- Question – Who makes the decision if a 911 call requires a mental health response or a police response. Answer: The 911 call center has a procedure in place based on the Cobra responder model that is used to make these decisions.
- Four new emergency shelter locations |Total investment of \$15.2 million for 200 total beds
  - **Homeward Bound**, 50 beds for Native American adults, \$7.5 million total investment, planned opening December 1
  - **Lerner Building**, 100 separate units in an “indoor village” for people currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness, \$6 million total investment, planned opening end of December
  - **Salvation Army emergency shelter**, 30 beds for women experiencing unsheltered homelessness, \$1.3 million total investment, planned opening December 1
  - **Simpson Housing emergency shelter**, 20 beds for women experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a separate floor of Simpson Housing’s existing emergency shelter location, \$400,000 total investment, opened in October

**SWLRT Update with David Davies, Community Outreach Coord.**

- There may be a few extended hours if approved by the City, but trying to keep minimal.
- Some concerns were raised by Kenwood residents regarding pumping water from bridge site. Impacts will not affect recreational activities and are in the process of discussing and working on this concern with contractor and other departments.
- There is a high level of activity happening near Burnham Rd and Met Council will continue to work with contractor to keep areas outside fence line clean and safe.
- Met Council is currently digging the tunnel in 100-foot “cells,” starting at around Depot St and 28th St., and working outward. The tunnel will have a 9-foot-thick cement floor. The first cell

requires about 150 truckloads of concrete, with 12 to 14 hours per pour, and 3 to 5 weeks between pours. Pouring is expected to begin in early January and requires extended site work hours. The neighborhood will be notified ahead of time. It will be loud in the area, truck backup alarms and pumping equipment sounding particularly between Midtown Greenway and Cedar Lake Parkway.

- Pile driving continues at the Cedar Lake Channel through the week of Dec 14 for the southern bridge abutment. Piling for the north abutment may begin as early as the week of Jan 4 and lasts 10-14 days.

#### **MPRB Commissioner Update – Jono Cowgill**

- The Park Board is slated to pass the proposed budget on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Some adjustments were made to increase front line staff to expand opportunities for interns to come on board.
- The focus remains on engaging youths through programming.
- Question was asked regarding skating rinks and the Loppet event this year. Answer – Jono will look into these two questions and get back to the KNO Board soon with an answer.

#### **Supporting our Kenwood Main Street Businesses – Matt Spies**

- Matt Spies asked the KNO Board about their thoughts on how the organization could best support its neighborhood business district.
- After much discussion, Matt Spies will connect with each of the business owners to determine what their immediate needs are during this time, as they may be different from each other.

#### **Communications & Outreach – Contractor Resources & Budget**

- Amanda Vallone’s current contract will be ending on December 31 2020. She has requested an annual increase from \$5k to \$7.5k for the 2021 contract. Her duties increased 6 months ago to include taking minutes and an increase in emails going out to residents. In 2021 Amanda has requested that a printed KNO Newsletter go out 4 times a year rather than the 2 times a year it has in the past years.
- Board action: motion passed with no “nays” for the board chair to enter into a new contract, in consultation with board executive committee, with Amanda Vallone for communications whereby the total amount is not to exceed \$7500 annually.

#### **Neighborhood Engagement Update – Committee Report**

- The Neighborhood Priorities & Survey committee met and discussed the next steps for a community survey. Some of the items that came out of that meeting were to:
  1. Create a Door Hanger Campaign to create awareness on KNO and the ways residents receive their information.
  2. Create a Neighbor Forum with a speaker series joining the efforts of CIDNA, our neighboring neighborhood.
  3. Keep the survey as open ended as possible to truly capture the voices of our Kenwood residents.

#### **East Cedar Lake Beach Update – Will Stensrud**

- November 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting #3 of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan provided an opportunity to highlight KNO’s community engagement initiatives and vision. KNO’s Will Stensrud produced a [video](#) on East Cedar Lake Beach Improvements which was shared with the CAC and included with other meeting materials here:
  - [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project\\_updates/cac-meeting-3/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/project_updates/cac-meeting-3/)
  - Full project site:  
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- Water quality was among the focal topics for the CAC discussion, including concern about the November MPRB [notice](#) regarding the blue-green algae bloom on Cedar Lake (and Brownie/Nokomis)

**Treasurer Update – Matt Spies**

- Treasurer provided the organizations balance sheet and P&L (actual to budget)

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mark Brown at 8:37pm.

Action Between Meetings - All

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