

December 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 12/04/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

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

Directors present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Carl Goldstein, Jeremy Nichols, Mark Brown.

Absent: Kyle Leier, Mike Bono

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

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Wednesday, December 6 was the last opportunity to provide public testimony for the City of Minneapolis' budget.

- Lisa commented that due to the larger tax base, many homeowners did not see an increase this year. However, other wards saw increases based on the appreciation of the value of their homes
- “Later with Lisa” will meet on December 18, 2017 between 5:30 and 7:30 at the Historic Normandy Inn.
- The renovation of the warming house on Lake of the Isles is proceeding.

Reading Partners – Kari Heistad

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

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

NRP/CPP – Shawn Smith:

The contract for the years 2017-2019 was approved by the City of Minneapolis. KIAA is now waiting for the funds to come through before reimbursements can be executed.

Chair Shawn talked about the continuing challenges for hiring a bookkeeper and communication contract person. The main challenge is the difference skill sets required for bookkeeping and communication. The idea of hiring two people is contemplated. Matt offered to do the bookkeeping for the next 3-6 months until a suitable person is found. KIAA placed public notice in Next Door as well as Hill and Lakes Press to solicit interest.

Hidden Beach planning ideas – Will Stensrud

Will proposed to turn a section of the beach into an amphitheater for music and theater events; Will is also suggesting a solar generator at the beach to run the equipment associated with an amphitheater.

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on January 8, 2018, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

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Prior to the public meeting, at 6:30pm, a closed pre-meeting was held where the current contractor/consultant role and candidates were discussed. No recommendation was made to the full board.

Also, a motion to approve up to \$75 for cookies for the winter ice skating party on Lake of the Isles was approved between meetings by email on 11/1/2017.

KIAA Board met on 11/06/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

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

Directors present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Mike Bono, Carl Goldstein, Jeremy Nichols, Mark Brown.

Absent: Kyle Leier

The Agenda was approved unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

Street sweeping is ongoing; please remind neighbors not to rake the leaves from their yard to the curb. The last day for yard waste is Tuesday 11/14/17.

- Allina now is making grants available for their Neighborhood Health Connection program; KIAA falls into the category that makes it eligible for this grant and may want to apply to support East Cedar Beach activities.
- Wednesday, November 29 is the date for the City of Minneapolis budget hearing for 2018 at the City Council meeting; please call in advance if you want to come to the meeting to provide public testimony.
- A short term rental ordinance is forthcoming. It would apply to Airbnb or anyone who wants to rent their homes; if the sharing economy is the future, it must be fairly regulated. The regulation is summarized as follows: If you live in your house, there is no limit as to how many rooms you can rent and you pay no fee. If you don't live in the house, but you are there sometimes you pay a fee of \$46/year. If you don't live in the house and renting it, the property must be registered and a rental license is necessary.

Community Oven – Rico Morales, Angie Erdrich

Kingfield built a community oven and they keep it on the grounds of the communities' Center for Performing Arts Building; the purpose of this oven is to foster community building. It has been successful. Rico, who is behind the Kingfield project is suggesting that KIAA could have a temporary oven (one that can be assembled and then dismantled) to reduce the food expense for KIAA's annual meeting. However, this still puts the burden of the food as well as the labor to install and cook, on KIAA. After considering this possibility, KIAA does not believe that this is a viable option.

Warming House on Lake of the Isles – Shawn Smith:

A committee of East Isles Residents' Association is advancing a project to renovate and "refresh" the Lake of the Isles warming house. They would use about \$25,000 in NRP funds to paint, install a new metal roof, and replace windows and doors. EIRA's budget is not enough to fund other improvements, such as new carpeting or outdoor decking. These would bring the total cost of renovation to \$39,950. EIRA approached KIAA to ask if KIAA would consider funding part of these expenses.

Jeanette clarified that this is not the same project that had been presented to KIAA earlier; that planning group was not part of the EIRA group. The EIRA proposal is not a replacement of the warming house and does not address all the current structure's problems, such as the large expense of moving the building into place, removing and storing it. The EIRA design had not been shared with any other neighborhood, but a meeting was to be held on November 8th for anyone interested.

Shawn and Larry pointed out that this is a Park Board asset and should be maintained by the Park Board, especially since a significant tax increase passed last year to maintain and improve park properties. It was decided that KIAA is not in a position to fund these expenses.

NRP/CPP – Shawn Smith:

Based on the Neighborhood Priority Plan survey and subsequent planning, Shawn Smith and Matt Spies recommended the following allocation for KIAA's priorities:

SWLRT mitigation \$900

East Cedar Beach activities including police spending \$5,000

Lakes of the Isles landscaping or improvements \$2,000

Kenwood Park, Kenwood school \$3,000

KIAA communications and stipends, \$10,000

The board voted and approved this allocation unanimously.

Following the November meeting, on 11/14/2017, Chair Smith sent an email stating that KIAA has now officially filed its NRP/CPP stemming from our discussion at our November meeting. We are all set for the 2017-2019 “triennium”.

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

October 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 10/02/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

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

Directors that are present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Mike Bono, Carl Goldstein, Jeremy Nichols

Absent: Kyle Leier, Jeanette Colby, Mark Brown

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- October 25 is Lunch with Lisa at noon at St Thomas Opus Hall, in room 202. The head of the Super Bowl committee will be there to talk about family events during the Super Bowl.
- October street sweeping: Starts October 16 and will last four weeks
- 1988 Sheridan will be applying for a variance for an addition to the existing home
- Early voting for the November 7 elections has started for “City Municipal” elections for Mayor, City Council, Park Board, and Board of Estimate and Taxation
- City of Minneapolis exceeds \$1billion in permits for 2017; this number excludes the stadium.

Budget – Matt Spies, Shawn Smith

- Shawn learned about regulations concerning CPP funds from the City of Minneapolis. They need to be identified as part of the NRP funding application. The board approved proactively allocating the money in the next three year cycle vs having a public notice and 21 day waiting period any time monies would be allocated.
- Shawn spoke to Park Police Chief Jason Ohotto and asked for his perspective on the 95 police reports written in 2017; even though this number is higher than 2016, the Chief found this not alarming because in 2017 they were watching the beach more carefully, including observing activities from a distance with binoculars and that extra surveillance drove the increase. KIAA allocated \$5000 for the 2017 season for extra police hours, of which \$2820 was used.
- The Board emphasized the importance of starting the patrols early in 2018 in order to establish a presence early to have a safe start to the 2018 beach season.
- The KIAA annual meeting food expenses are not reimbursable by the City. Matt is in favor of reducing food expenses for the KIAA annual meeting and to

put more effort, throughout the year, towards raising more money for expenses not reimbursable by the City.

Community Oven – Angie Erdrich

Kingfield built a community oven and they keep it on the ground of the communities' Arts Building; the purpose of this oven is to foster community building and it has been successful. KIAA is considering a temporary oven to be used at the annual gathering to reduce food expense.

612 Sauna Society – Will Stensrud:

The portable saunas from the “612 Sauna Society” are set to go on the 21st, 22nd, 28th and 29th of October at Hidden Beach. They will be open 3 sessions each of those evenings; each session will accommodate 8 reservations online. The cost is \$20 for a spot.

Hidden Beach – Will Stensrud:

Will has had conversations with Keith Prussing regarding a concert at Hidden Beach; Keith is in support of live acoustic music at the beach in 2018. The aim is to have 100-150 people attending.

Randolph Findley of the Shakespeare production Company has agreed to have some of the productions for the summer of 2018 at Hidden Beach.

Will is looking at scheduling a committee meeting; the committee currently consists of Mark Brown, Matt Spies and Will Stensrud.

Community Communications – Shawn Smith:

KIAA current has a paid consultant to manage the KIAA newsletter, the website, and other communications. The annual stipend is \$5000. As the current consultant contract has expired, KIAA is opening up a search for any interested individuals to apply. Please email Chair Shawn Smith at ssmith288@me.com by October 23rd if interested in applying.

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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September 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 9/12/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Directors present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Angie Erdrich, Kyle Leier, Will Stensrud. Directors absent: Mike Bono, Carl Goldstein, Mark Brown, Jeremy Nichols. Also present: Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Jake Warner, Jean Deatrick.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Sept 27 is Lunch with Lisa. One of the topics will be the “60% design review regarding Peavey Plaza”. One of the decisions made so far is that there will be no public restrooms at the Plaza, but the MN Orchestra will be providing a restroom for the public.
- In October, the Superbowl committee is giving out \$100,000 and organizing lots of kids’ activities.

- October street sweeping: the City is looking at a 4-5 week window. Date for starting has not established yet.
- The Mayor delivered the budget today. Details at: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor/news/WCMSP-204780>
- Minneapolis early voting date is September 22, 2017
- So far, 45,000 households signed up for organic recycling in Minneapolis.
- The Graves Foundation is proposing a facility near Hennepin & Franklin for affordable youth housing.

Thrill Kenwood, Clothing Swap & other topics – Shawn Smith

Thrill Kenwood will happen again this year, and \$2,150 is needed for the budget. Shawn asked that KIAA approve a \$750 contribution. The motion was approved by KIAA, unanimously.

Kenwood neighbors have expressed an interest in holding a clothing swap. Angie Erdrich requested the KIAA sponsor this activity, as it is an opportunity to both support re-use and build community. It could be held at the Kenwood Rec Center for a \$75 room rental fee. The board unanimously approved a \$75 expenditure for this activity. Funding was supported as it ties to KIAA neighborhood priorities to build more neighborhood connections at the Rec Center.

KIAA approved up to \$300 to sponsor a Ward 7 candidate forum. Funding will come from NRP money where expenses qualify for reimbursement. The forum will be at the St Paul Episcopal church on Sept 28 at 7pm.

There is a shortage of election judges this year; everyone is encouraged to apply for the vacancies.

There will be a modified grievance policy regarding KIAA and all other neighborhood associations. This means that, if someone objects to the way an association allocates funds, they can bring a grievance. More information on this will be available shortly.

Louise Erdrich/Birch Bark Books new additional location update: Still being renovated; it will be an extension of the book store; there may be some other social activities there.

Many neighborhoods do Happy Hour gatherings; should KIAA do something like that? At Bockley Gallery? TBD.

How to make Cedar Lake a Better Place – Jake (Ron) Werner

Jake Werner came prepared with a slide presentation to make a case for a more orderly, better groomed area all around Cedar Lake. Jake would like to see funding for a paved path around Cedar Lake and removal of downed trees and invasive Buckthorn. The scope of the Lake goes beyond just Kenwood; it involves two other neighborhoods and therefore coordination with them is important.

This discussion arose in the context of ideas for possible structural changes at East Cedar Beach that could lead to a safer and more welcoming environment for everyone.

612 Sauna Society – Will Stensrud: The sauna in the application process; it will no longer be a summer-end activity, but the process is on track for a later opening; Will continues to talk to them to see where things are at.

Hidden Beach – Jack Levi

Jack and Will talked about having the Shakespeare in the Park Series at East Cedar Beach (in addition to the existing locations). More ideas for Hidden Beach activities are encouraged and they should be brought to the KIAA board meeting next month for discussion or emailed to Will Stensrud, East Cedar Beach Committee Chair, willstensrud@gmail.com. The East Cedar Beach committee will begin planning for next year this fall, so activities will be ready as soon as the weather warms next spring.

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on October 2, 2017, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should

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July 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met on 7/10/17 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Shawn Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Directors – Elect present: Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Secretary Jack Levi, Jeanette Colby, Mike Bono, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensrud, Kyle Leier, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Absent: Mark Brown.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Sept 27 is Lunch with Lisa. One of the topics will be the “50% design regarding Peavey Plaza”
- The Penn/Oliver reconstruction project continues; the Penn Ave S setback has been approved. You can go to the Penn Oliver website for more information. Hard finish will be before 8/25/17, before school starts
- The home on 2431 W22nd St is a potential teardown: No news yet regarding this property
- Aug 1, 2017 is National Night Out: Permit application is by July 18th to avoid \$100 fee.
- Kmart on Lake St: The City is thinking about alternative locations for KMart. The City owns the land and building and the lease expires in 2050. Kmart’s demands are currently not acceptable to the City, so there is a deadlock for now on negotiations.

- Regarding the 35W reconstruction: Starting in August, Interstate 35W will be under construction between I-94 in downtown Minneapolis and 46th Street. Bridges across 35W will be repaired or reconstructed.
- The Pirate Mermaid event is on July 15 1-3pm. Need help with pirate booty and lemonade; Jeanette has offered to help.
- There will be a photo area for families to take pictures
- Has KIAA done a neighborhood walking tour? Amanda thinks it would be a good idea. She will propose something.

East Cedar Lake event – Amanda Vallone

East Cedar Lake Beach – Matt Spies

- The family event that took place in June resulted in commotion at the beach. The police presence diminished after that. Then, another day following this commotion, there was a fight at the beach, followed by confrontation between the beachgoers and the police. Following these events, KIAA met with the police; Matt sent a memo to the KIAA Board regarding this meeting with the police 2 weeks ago.
- There was a discussion regarding encampments at Hidden Beach (as well as around South Minneapolis).
- Ron wants to go over photos for ideas regarding paths for walking around the Hidden Beach area, as well as other parts of Cedar Lake. KIAA would like to hear his ideas and then form a committee to steer ideas into reality.
- South Cedar Beach will be re-designed as a result of a private donation.

612 Sauna Society – John Peterson

This organization makes saunas available by bringing the sauna to the public. It is a mobile sauna 20X8 ft. John was referred to the park board to obtain a permit.

The company is now a coop and they are trying to expand. They currently have 141 members.

John would like to do an event in August 2017 at Hidden Beach.

Jeanette raised the issue that beach goers should be invited to make reservations, not just Kenwood residents. In general, the KIAA board that this would support the KIAA objective for positive programming at the beach.

The Motion for sauna operation at Hidden Beach by Will was approved by all.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

Matt gave a KIAA financial report covering current account balances and monthly financial activity.

2017 Neighborhood Priority Plan– Mike Bono

The following was approved by the KIAA Board today:

Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) is participating in the Community Participation Program (CPP) for Minneapolis neighborhood organizations. CPP is a city program designed to give residents and property owners the power to improve or maintain their own neighborhoods and direct city resources to fit their needs.

The goal of Neighborhood Priority Plans is to identify major initiatives for the neighborhood organization, and to communicate neighborhood priorities to the City and other jurisdictional partners. Neighborhood Priority Plans must be developed and adopted through a thorough neighborhood participation process. The plan identifies

preliminary neighborhood priorities (as identified by the neighborhood) and potential partners.

Proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan

Based on the result of the neighborhood survey, KIAA proposes to use its Community Participation Program funds allocated to the Neighborhood Priority Plan as listed below:

- 1) Support community outreach and consulting services related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit.
- 2) Provide funding for landscaping around Lake of the Isles and for spreading awareness about preserving Cedar Lake Park.
- 3) Provide funding for increased crime prevention and safety activities.
- 4) Support the Kenwood Recreation Center, Kenwood School, and local businesses with funding for programming activities.
- 5) Continue to fund a resource to assist KIAA with its communication efforts.

Specifically, the proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan would include but no be limited to:

- Supporting cooperative efforts with surrounding neighborhoods and organizations to minimize negative impacts on the Kenilworth trail as a result of the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit.
- Provide funding to identify ideas for mitigation near the proposed 21st Street Station, including visual, noise, and safety issues related to the proposed Southwest Light Rail Transit, or otherwise addressing issues related to the impact of the SWLRT on the neighborhood.

- Continuing annual support of additional police patrols at East Cedar Lake Beach and other crime prevention activities such as increased police patrols in the alleys.
- Contracting for part-time help to continue the monthly e-newsletter, and other communication efforts including developments regarding LRT.
- Providing funding for educational programming and social activities with Kenwood School

Chair Shawn Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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June Minutes

KIAA Board met June 5th, 2017 at the Kenwood Recreation Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors – Elect present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Mike Bono, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensruud, Kyle Leier, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein, Secretary Shawn Smith. Absent: Mark Brown. Also present CM Lisa Goodman.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

Highlights from the KIAA Annual Gathering

– All

- The KIAA Annual Gathering was held on Monday May 8th (rain date)
- Total attendees were approximately 100.
- The 2017-2018 board was elected, including 3 new board members (Kyle Leier, Jeremy Nichols, Carl Goldstein). Josine Peters stepped down, and we thank her for her service.
- Speakers included Louise Erdrich regarding the renovation of the former Stephen Dean's Tailors space, and Deb Pilger from MPRB regarding goats at Hidden Beach. MetroBlooms and Hennepin County Recycling set up information tables.

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Penn/Oliver Avenue reconstruction utility and roadwork is beginning. The work will be completed by early fall.
- The Annual Lunch with Lisa Field Trip will happen June 21st at 11:45AM. You can choose from an Arts Tour of the Sculpture Garden, or a Hard Hat Tour of The Target Center Renovation. Please contact Lisa's office, as space is limited. The next Lunch with Lisa is in September and will cover the Peavey Plaza renovation.
- The City will not be able to ban plastic bags from grocery stores as originally planned (due to state legislative pre-emption). The City is exploring other options and strategies to reduce the use of plastic bags.
- Household hazardous waste events are occurring in June, July, and August. The city will recover or recycle paint, solvents, etc. for free. The next two are June 23-24 at the Public Works Facility (3607 E 44th St), and July 28-29 at Jenny Lind Elementary (5025 Bryant Ave N)
- There was an open discussion on plastic bags, organic composting, downtown crime

Election of Officers – All

- The board elected officers for the 2017-2018 season, and welcomed three new directors. The new KIAA board was unanimously approved by vote; Chair: Shawn Smith. Vice-Chair: Larry Moran. Treasurer: Matt Spies. Secretary: Jack Levi.

Conflict of Interest Policy – All

- The KIAA Board approved the KIAA Conflict of Interest Policy by email voting on April 26th, 2017.
- Each board member signed the policy which is designed to 1) protect public trust in the integrity of the KIAA-decision making process and 2) to establish the procedures applicable to the identification and resolution of conflicts of interest in the context of transactions or arrangements entered into by KIAA where a member may have a financial interest in or fiduciary responsibility towards an entity with which KIAA is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

- Matt reported that donations in 2017 were down more than 50% vs. 2016. This needs to be a focus for the upcoming fiscal year. Jeanette made a motion to approve reimbursements as noted on financial detail. Approved unanimously.

Oriole Feeding Installations/Prairie Restoration Project – Angie Erdrich

- Angie requested reimbursement for \$192 to support the installation of the Oriole Feeding Station, to plant new plants in the prairie restoration area and food for the orioles. The plants are consistent with the strategy as they are part of the natural environment for the prairie and orioles. The funding was already approved at the April meeting and is under budget so was approved unanimously.

East Cedar Lake Beach Programming– Will Stensruud

- Mark Brown and Will Stensruud planned the June 10th Family Beach Opener. Artrageous is hosting activities for kids. Jeanette moved to approve \$300 for food and refreshments and not more than \$500. Approved unanimously.
- There will be a Summer Solstice Celebration on Wednesday, June 21st. Artrageous is hosting the solstice party and it will be shared via social media.
- Yoga is free to the public (hosted by KIAA) is held every Thursday at 7PM.
- Open water swims start Monday June 19th. Participants must sign up with the Park Board.

Jim Gilroy Bench Dedication – Angie Erdrich

- KIAA last year lost a beloved board member, Jim Gilroy. Thanks to the generosity of Kenwood residents, Jim's friends and family, a bench was purchased in his memory on the Lake of the Isles Walking Path, across from

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. On Sunday, June 25th (1-5PM) there will be a dedication picnic. All are welcome to attend to celebrate his life.

Park Board Update – Mark Holtey

- The Kenwood Rec Center will receive a Little Library this month.
- There will be a Minnesota Zoomobile Presentation Friday June 23rd at the Kenwood Park Picnic area from 1-1:45PM.
- Movies in the Park at Kenwood Part resumes Friday June 23rd 15 minutes after dusk. This month's showing will be *Hidden Figures*.

Chair Jeanette Colby adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is on Monday, July 10th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Corner. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

April 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met April 3rd, 2017 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Jack Levi, Mike Bono, Josine Peters, Will Stensrud, Secretary Shawn Smith.

Absent: Mark Brown, Angie Erdrich, and Matt Spies. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Jean Deatrick.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Penn/Oliver Avenue reconstruction is scheduled to begin within a couple of months. The area to be reconstructed is from Douglas Ave to Lake of the Isles Parkway. There will be an assessment of .22 cents per sq/ft per property owner, representing 7% of the total cost of \$1M. There will be a public information meeting reviewing the project on April 25th at 6:30 at the Kenwood Rec Center. There will be a separate public meeting on the assessment, tentatively scheduled for May 9th.
- The April 26th Lunch with Lisa will host representatives from the Park Board and Walker Sculpture Garden. They will discuss public art and sculpture, including updates on the Walker. Please call Lisa's office to order a lunch in advance (\$10).
- Street sweeping begins April 11.
www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping. Please be sure to follow parking restrictions to avoid a ticket. Yard waste bundles will also be picked up at the same time – place it with recycling for pickup. Do not sweep into the street as it is damaging to the environment.
- As Backyard Fire season begins, please observe City Rules: Permitted only 9AM to 10PM, burn only untreated fire wood (no trash), fire must be 25 feet from a structure and in a fire ring.
- I-94 will be under construction from the Lowry Hill Tunnel to Brooklyn Center, starting in May. An example of an impact to Minneapolis is that I-94 will be reduced to two lanes from May to November. One side of the Lowry

Hill Tunnel will be closed. The project website is www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr.

- I-35W will be under rehabilitation starting Summer 2017-Fall 2021, between 43rd St S and 15th St. Please see www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis.

Financial Report – Matt Spies (Pre-Report)

- Matt pre-reported less than \$2500 in expenditures for the month, which included payments for the Hill and Lake Press Annual Sponsorship, down payments for the annual gathering, and board liability insurance.

2552 W Lake of the Isles Variance – Ryan Smith, Tyler Hillger

- Construction on the vacant lot at 2552 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway will require two variances to build as designed: 1) Front Yard Setback. Due to the curve of the street, the setback rule would place the house in violation. The variance would allow the setback variance to be consistent with the adjacent homes. As designed, the front of the home will be behind the front of the original home down in 2004. 2) Terrace Square Footage Maximum. The planned terrace would be allowable if variance 1 is approved.
- KIAA did not make a motion on the variance and requested that the board be kept informed and adjacent neighbors directly engaged by the homeowner.
- If approved by the city, construction would begin late summer 2017.

CPP and Priority Plan

- The board voted unanimously to approve the 2016 KIAA CPP Annual Report, which will be submitted to the city.
- Mike presented a Financial Interest and Fiduciary Responsibility conflict of interest policy, now required by Minneapolis, to preserve public trust in the integrity of KIAA decision-making process. The policy, once signed, will also be posted to the KIAA website. The policy will be voted on between meetings to allow board members time to review.

East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Will Stensruud

- Will reviewed the proposed budget for the summer of 2017 at \$5450, to support programming: Yoga, Log Rolling, June 10 Summer Kickoff Party, BeArtrageous, and a Music Series. Motions were made to fund June 10th Summer Kickoff (\$1300), Yoga (\$600 for 10 sessions), the June 21st Solstice Party (\$150), July 15th Pirates and Mermaids (\$500). Approved unanimously.
- An additional expenditure of \$2000 was proposed to buy a generator to fill a bounce house for weekly events. Due to liability concerns, the subcommittee was asked to go back and research further prior to a vote on the funding.

Annual Gathering May 1st – Jeanette Colby for Angie Erdrich

- The Gathering is 6-7:30 at Kenwood Corner
- KIAA board members are requested to sign up for tasks.
- As the board elections are held during the gathering, any residents of Kenwood that are interested in joining the KIAA board are encouraged to contact ssmith288@me.com and indicate interest. Current board members were requested to announce their intent to run prior to the next meeting.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project Updates – Shawn Smith

- Shawn provides updates on this standing topic, the #1 priority for the board per the Neighborhood Priority Plan survey.
- County Transit Improvement Board did not vote unanimously from disbanding, with Dakota County voting against without a larger payout, and Hennepin County against because commissioners knew that CTIB would not disband. It remains to be seen whether a county sales tax can be implemented to fund the missing state share of \$135M
- SWLRT and Bottineau line are not approved for funding in the new proposed federal budget. 84 State legislators signed a letter to Transportation Secretary Chao further requesting that funding be withheld because it did not have legislative support.
- Files are advancing at the state level to remove/increase railroad liability for co-location, block any future light rail transit without state approval, and implement terms and elections to Met Council officials.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:45 p.m.

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March 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met March 6th, 2017 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Mark Brown, Will Stensruud, Secretary Shawn Smith. Absent: Mike Bono, Angie Erdrich. Also present CM Lisa Goodman.

The Agenda Was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Penn/Oliver Avenue will be ground, patched, and resurfaced, as part of the Concrete Streets Rehabilitation program, and will extend the life of the street for 15 years. The area to be reconstructed is from Douglas Ave to Lake of the Isles Parkway. There will be an assessment of .22 cents per sq/ft per property owner, representing 7% of the total cost of \$1M. There will be a public information meeting held during the month of April, an announcement will be sent out on Next Door. There will be a public hearing in May regarding the assessment.

- The March 29th Lunch with Lisa will be an update on Peavey Plaza renovations.
- Unspent and frozen NRP money will be returned to neighborhoods. Kenwood received \$1000 back. The amount received by Kenwood for NRP was mostly spent in support of our neighborhood priorities.
- I-94 will be under construction from the Lowry Hill Tunnel to Brooklyn Center, starting in May. An example of an impact to Minneapolis is that I-94 will be reduced to two lanes from May to November. One side of the Lowry Hill Tunnel will be closed. The project website is www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94brooklyncntr.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

- KIAA donated \$750 to support the Kenwood School auction.
- The board discussed the importance of managing the budget on a three-year cycle, tied to the funding cycle from the city. Also discussed was ensuring that the budget would address reimbursable expenditures vs non-reimbursable expenditures that depend on neighbor contributions.

East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Matt Spies, Mark Brown

- Matt submitted a proposal to define objectives for the 2017 season, focusing on the implementation of 3 recurring activities such as puppet

shows, yoga, log rolling, etc. Additionally, how to engage the Park Board to implement improvements to the beach prior to SWLRT operations.

- KIAA will continue to take the lead on planning the programming. Options will be discussed for future seasons to fund an intern to manage the programming and community outreach. For 2017, a subcommittee will be formed to develop the action plan and report to the board at the April meeting. Larry noted that it is important to share the plan at the annual neighborhood gathering on May 1st.

Annual Gathering – Jeanette Colby for Angie Erdrich

- The gathering is May 1st. Angie put together a to-do and sign up list for tasks that need to be completed to have a successful event. The biggest issue to finalize is food. KIAA is exploring different options that can reduce cost. An option is to identify any neighborhood caterers or restaurant owners to support the event with food.
- As the board elections are held during the gathering, any residents of Kenwood that are interested in joining the KIAA board are encouraged to contact ssmith288@me.com and indicate interest.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Shawn Smith

- Jeanette attended the January Citizens Advisory Council meeting. The Project Office is developing a website to share updates related to construction of SWLRT.

- The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District voted unanimously to permit SWLRT for construction through the waters that it manages. Cedar Lake and the Kenilworth Channel drain into the creek and the Mississippi River, which MCWD manages.
- On March 8th, County Transit Improvement Board voted to disband, clearing the way for Hennepin County to implement a 50 cent sales tax to fund SWLRT state share and ongoing operational costs. However, because Dakota County voted against disbanding, there will be a process to follow where either CTIB will have one county member, or increasing the buyout to the county to gain their vote.
- Full federal funding grant of \$900M, if awarded, will happen by the end of June.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:35 p.m.

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

The next Kenwood Isles Area Association Board meeting is Monday, April 3rd, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center. Monthly meetings are held on the first calendar Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. KIAA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service, and event organized by KIAA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at kenwoodminneapolis.org

February 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met February 6th, 2017 at Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Treasurer Matt Spies, Mike Bono, Jack Levi, Angie Erdrich, Will Stensruud, Secretary Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Absent: Mark Brown, Josine Peters. Also present CM Lisa Goodman, Police Chief Ohotto, and 4 other residents.

The Agenda was Approved Unanimously

City Council Update – Lisa Goodman

- Penn/Oliver Avenue will be ground, patched, and resurfaced, as part of the Concrete Streets Rehabilitation program, and will extend the life of the street for 15 years. There will be an assessment of .22 cents per sq/ft per property owner and contribute 7% of the total budget of \$1M. There will be a large neighborhood meeting held in advance to share details. Work will be completed prior to fall.
- The February 22nd Lunch with Lisa topic is Emergency Preparedness, including natural disasters and pandemic readiness. Please contact her office if you would like to attend.
- Ward 7 has been prioritized for the City's Tree Planting Program. Residents can get information and order trees March 6-12 at www.treetrust.org. There will be a lottery, and those selected will be notified by March 22. Trees will have a nominal cost to residents.
- Jeanette provided an update on the parking situation in Downtown Kenwood. She reported that the business owners did not support a KIAA proposed solution to add restrict parking to one side of 21st St. Another possible solution is to clarify the parking signs on Penn Avenue in front of Kenwood School. One resident from Oliver Ave expressed his concerns on the adverse effect he is experiencing.

East Cedar Lake Beach (ECLB)– Park Police Chief Ohotto

- KIAA dedicated \$5000 for police overtime (80 hours of patrols).
2016 had the second lowest number of police reports since the lowest year (2008).
- The Chief continues to recommend a balance of extra patrols with the positive programming that has happened in the last 2 years. Neighborhood involvement/usage of the beach is also important, vs. solely relying on police patrols.
- Jeanette moved to spend \$5000 for 2017 continued additional policing, pending the securing of city funding via the Neighborhood Priority Plan contract. Mike will inform the board once city funding is confirmed.

Lake of the Isles Skating Party – Jeanette Colby

- The party was rescheduled for February 12th due to poor ice conditions. KIAA will still contribute cookies towards the event.

Financial Report – Matt Spies

- Residents donated \$747 last month, most in response to the annual newsletter. KIAA also received some city reimbursements, totaling \$2500. KIAA appreciates the local funding of the neighborhood residents.
- Jean Deatrich has helped Matt mail thank you letters in response to all donations.

Letter of Concern over 3020 Kenwood Parkway – Jeanette Colby

- Calhoun-Isles Association is opposing the construction of a Residential High Rise on the Northeast Corner of Lake Calhoun that would possibly violate the Shoreland Overlay District and would certainly be in opposition to local ordinance. The building would be 59 feet tall and out of character with the surrounding neighborhood.
- Jeanette proposed a letter stating KIAA's position that developers need to respect the overlay district not only for this project/lake but for future projects and other lakes. This position supports the KIAA Neighborhood Priority of protecting the environment, lakes, and waterways. The Overlay height restriction exists to protect the lake edge from out of scale development, shading, and wind concentration and a negative human caused impact on the environment. Larry moved to send the letter, approved unanimously. A response was received from CM Lisa Bender that it does not violate the Overlay District but does violate local zoning. Jeanette is working with the city and C-I Association to clarify.

Annual Gathering – Jeanette Colby

- The annual gathering and board elections are May 1. Any residents that would like to run for a board position are encouraged to contact KIAA; ssmith288@me.com.
- To reduce costs, new food alternatives will be considered for the annual gathering.

Kenwood School Request – Angie Erdrich

- The School requested \$750 in funding to be a sponsor of the Kenwood School Auction and Fundraiser. KIAA supported this request in 2016.
- KIAA view is that the funding supports the Neighborhood Priority of supporting robust programming and education our Kenwood School, which not only serves Kenwood children but children from other parts of the city. Shawn moved to support the funding, unanimously approved.

Southwest Light Rail Transit Project – Shawn Smith

- Jeanette attended the January CAC meeting. The Southwest Project Office is developing a website to share updates related to construction of SWLRT.
- Shawn shared that at the State Legislature GOP leadership is challenging that the Met Council will rely on the state to pay 50% of ongoing operating costs

for light rail and transit but the state has no voice in which or how many projects are built. That would mean that there is no elected voice in the regional transit plan and required state funding.

- The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is meeting on February 23rd to vote whether to approve permits for SWLRT construction and operation in areas that MCWD manages. The MCWD is responsible for maintaining the water quality for the Watershed, which includes the Chain of Lakes. The public comment period closed February 2nd, and many testified concerns about conflicts of interest with MCWD managers. Most managers were appointed by Hennepin County Commissioners, that support the project.
- As only 3 Kenwood properties are identified to have severe adverse impacts, KIAA will consider funding an independent study of vibration and noise similar to one conducted at the Minneapolis/St Louis Park border. The study would evaluate the Kenilworth Corridor north of the Kenilworth Channel. Jeanette will contact the engineers to find out if there would be any benefit and what the cost would be.

New Business – All

- Matt will kick off the planning for ECLB programming for 2017. He will solicit resident ideas.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:35 p.m.

Updates: If you are interested in receiving monthly email updates, please email us at kiaa55405@gmail.com. Also please visit our website at

kenwoodminneapolis.org to learn more. If you are interested in participating on the Board, please contact us.

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January 2017 KIAA Meeting Minutes

KIAA Board met January 9th, 2017 at the Kenwood Rec Center

Chair Jeanette Colby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Directors present: Chair Jeanette Colby, Vice Chair Larry Moran, Angie Erdrich, Mark Brown, Will Stensrud, Shawn Smith (Recording Secretary). Directors Absent: Jack Levi, Josine Peters, Mike Bono, Treasurer Matt Spies.

The Agenda was unanimously approved

City of Minneapolis Update – Lisa Goodman, Council Member Ward 7

- Snow Emergencies are communicated via Facebook, Instagram, Email/text alerts, City of Minneapolis Mobile App. All residents are encouraged to sign up for alerts to be aware of when Snow Emergencies are declared.
- Road Sand is available from the City Public Works Sites, to be placed in a barrel in areas that are needed. Please contact Lisa's office to request a barrel of sand.
- Christmas Trees are recycled by the city. Please put your trees at your regular pickup site. Old Christmas lights can also be recycled; go to www.recycleminnesota.org.
- Lunch with Lisa is January 25th at St Thomas Opus Hall. The topic is Public Art, including a sneak preview of the Nicollet Mall art. Lisa is always interested in constituents' ideas for topics.
- Jeanette brought to Lisa's attention NRP survey results to get her perspective on what is within the city's ability to address. Many issues raised in the survey, including noise and excessive speed are regulated and difficult to enforce. Any public works issues such as alley defects should be directed to Lisa's office. Jeanette will follow up with Lisa to address the continuing parking and alley access problem by Downtown Kenwood.

Lake of the Isles Warming House – Kathy Spraitz

- Kathy shared that a volunteer group with representatives from CIDNA, Lowry Hill and East Isles, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, MPRB staff and local architects are considering that the warming house should be replaced, in part based on age (18 years old). The cost to bring the structure in and out by crane is increasing to \$20K per year; a new structure designed to be more easily transported could make moving it less expensive. The idea being discussed is to change the structure into one that can be used all year, across different sites, for different purposes. There will be a design competition and funds raised. KIAA supports the idea of replacement but there was a discussion as to whether it's appropriate for KIAA to contribute neighborhood funds.

Treasurer Report – Jeanette Colby

- Several contributions were received in January (\$398) as a result of the Fall Newsletter. KIAA appreciates the support and Matt will work with Jean to send acknowledgement letters to the donors.

Lake of the Isles Skating Party

- Angie will provide via cookies for the party funded by KIAA. The party is January 22nd from 1-3PM.

Rain Garden Grant Application – Angie Erdrich

- KIAA will help manage the process for Rain garden applications and awarding grants from MetroBlooms. This year is the third year of this partnership, and this year there will be no cost to KIAA. KIAA will make an in-kind donation of time and resources to promote the initiative. More information will be provided by the end of January. Rain gardens support our NRP initiative of protecting the lakes and environment.

Cedar Lake Orioles Project – Angie Erdrich

- Angie is leading engagement with Kenwood School to reinstall Oriole feeding stations this spring. Last year, orioles were abundant and several classes visited Cedar Lake Park to see them, accompanied by teachers and neighborhood volunteers. This initiative is important because it drives more family and educational opportunities at Cedar Lake. Angie requested \$200 for laminated signs and feeding station supplies (food). Jeanette moved to approve, unanimously approved.

Annual Gathering Planning Kickoff – Angie Erdrich

- The annual gathering will be May 1st in downtown Kenwood, which includes food and election of KIAA officers. In order to keep costs in check, other food options will be explored.

Communication Committee – Jeanette Colby

- Will, Mark, and Jeanette will work with Jean regarding a communication committee and communication plan.

Southwest Light Rail – Shawn Smith

- Shawn shared that CTIB is likely in the process of self-dissolving so that Hennepin County can raise the transit sales tax to .5%, to fund the missing \$140M state share of funding.

- There was a discussion whether to contact the FTA regarding Met Council compliance to 2012 Certification Requirements for Federal Funding, and without a vote KIAA determined not to take any action.
- The Met Council is contacting three LRT- adjacent property owners to discuss construction. These are the only houses at 21st St that the Met Council deems to be impacted by LRT operations.

Neighborhood Priority Plan – Mark Brown

- The top 5 priorities from the survey were identified – SWLRT, Lakes/Parks/Environment, Kenwood Rec Center events, Hidden Beach Safety, and Kenwood School. Jeanette wrote a summary report to share with anyone interested.

New Business – All

- East Calhoun Association is asking KIAA to support opposition to a 54 foot tall residential building to be built adjacent to Tin Fish on Lake Calhoun (replacing 3 existing homes). The proposed structure would be within the Shoreland Overlay District which has a height restriction of 36 feet. As an action taken between meetings, the proposal will be reviewed and voted on whether to support or not support the opposition.
- Park Board Police Chief Ohotto will be invited to attend the KIAA February Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanette Colby at 8:50 p.m.

