HUNDREDS RALLY TO DEFEND TRANS LIVES

**Minneapolis 'is a refuge'**

By JILL BOOGREN

Chants of "Trans Liberation/Not Assimilation" rang outside the Lake Street/Midtown station on a snowy evening March 9, 2023, as 200 people rallied to celebrate and defend trans lives. The rally took place 10 days after a transgender woman was brutally assaulted at the station, and as an unprecedented number of anti-trans bills are being introduced across the country.

"The rhetoric against the LGBTQIA community has also become increasingly hostile. At the Conservative Political Action Conference on March 4, host of The Daily Wire Michael Knowles called for the "eradication" of "transgenderism" [sic]." Speakers at the Minneapolis rally, themselves transgender, non-binary, gender expansive and intersex, expressed joy at being together in community, and anger over the physical, verbal and legislative attacks on their community.

"I'm sorry that my trans existence is threatening to your masculinity. You don't leave a book take a book, home & garden Becketwood boosts electronic vehicle access with charging station

NEW FOOD VISION

Minneapolis prioritizes food justice and healthy food access in new plan

By CAM GORDON

Minneapolis has a 10-year path to establish a more resilient, just, and equitable food system in the city.

The Minneapolis Food Vision (MFV) plan prioritizes six goals that are focused on local food supply, urban agriculture, local food business, healthy food access and skills, food waste, and food systems research and development. By implementing the plan, according to the vision, "Minneapolis residents, community-serving organizations, and city government can partner to make sure our food system is healthy, affordable, equitable, profitable, and good for people and the environment."

"I am excited that the Minneapolis City Council has unanimously approved the Minneapolis Food Vision," said Devon Nolan, a member of the Minneapolis Food Council and northside resident who has been shepherding the plan’s development since 2019. "The Food Vision is a blueprint built in partnership with community to help foster a more equitable local food system.”

"We’re tired of being a sacrificial zone" by TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

For the Indigenous people and allies living in south Minneapolis, the Roof Depot conflict is an issue of life or death. And they can back it up with data.

Their decade-long fight against the city-run expansion of its truck training facility continued with a recent site occupation, protests at city hall and gatherings at the State Capitol in late February and March 2023.

"The community is tired of being a sacrificial zone," said Little Earth resident Cassie Holmes. Her son, Trinidad Flores, died at age 16 from a heart problem she attributes to the high levels of pollution in the area. It includes arsenic and lead, as well as other airborne pollutants from Interstate 94, Hiawatha Ave./Highway 55, Smith Foundry and Bituminous Roadways. Her best friend’s daughter also died of a heart issue.

The area has high levels of asthma and heart disease. Studies have shown that the pollution also gathers over South High School, just three blocks directly south of the Roof Depot site, affecting all of the students and staff each day. Teenagers from throughout Corcoran, Longfellow and Seward attend South High.

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AN URBAN FARM INSTEAD?

The East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm project would repurpose the existing 230,000-square-foot former Sears warehouse built in 1947.

The indoor farm at the 7.5-acre site would produce organic aquaponic, fish and produce. It would provide very affordable family housing, along with free housing for people experiencing homelessness with the promise of food, jobs and safety. The project would also include one of the largest solar arrays in the state on the roof, a world café, coffee shop and food market with a gallery to display and sell neighborhood artisans’ works all run by local youth, a bike shop on the Midtown Greenway, and space for many of the burnt out Lake St. businesses resulting from the murder of George Floyd.

The project meets every goal of the South St. Paul, East Phillips Opportunity Zone. It is also supported by the wide range of diverse organizations in the neighborhood that is 83% people of color.

OTHER PUBLIC WORKS SITES: NORTH-EAST, COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, 394 BRIDGE

The city’s plan is to demolish the iconic Sears warehouse, and many are worried it will release arsenic in the air that is currently encapsulated throughout the building. It would be replaced by a series of sheds for 400 commercial city vehicles (most of them diesel), a hot asphalt storage facility, diesel fueling station, and a community member of south Minneapolis, said Rachel Thunder at a press conference at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023 at the Roof Depot site (named Noccooscai Camp by protesters). Thunder is a member of the Plains Cree, part of the American Indian Movement (AIM), a Little Earth Protector, and a community member of south Minneapolis.

On Feb. 22, she said, “We are standing together united and in solidarity to say we do not want the city to demolish the Roof Depot. We want to control of the site to have an environmental-friendly food center to feed our people and boost our economy.”

Statia Miskonda Cummings said, “We have suffered. We suffer from the effects of institutional and generational trauma and we live in this every day. Some times it feels like we are being left again to die. … This is the definition of institutional genocide.” She said they are standing up “because it is the right thing to do.” She added, “We’re not asking for anything outside of basic human rights.”

The community’s plan for the 7.5-acre site includes an indoor urban farm, aquaponics, solar array, very affordable housing, bike shop, and other small businesses. It would reuse the Roof Depot building and leave the arsenic-laden soil and former pesticide plant encased underground.

The federal government declared the Arsenic Triangle, including the Roof Depot site, a superfund site from 2007 to 2017. The Environmental Protection Agency found unsafe arsenic levels in 600 area homes, and by 2011, it removed about 50,000 tons of contaminated soil. A former company produced and stored arsenic-based pesticides from 1908 to 1963. Sears built the warehouse in 1947.

This map illustrates the pollution effect from the existing businesses near the Roof Depot site in the Arsenic Triangle. Neighbors say the cumulative effect of Smith Foundry, Bituminous Roadways, and the city’s public works facilities, along with diesel truck traffic from Hiawatha Ave. and Interstate 35W and 94 is too much. View full graphic at www.east-phillipsonneighborhoodinstitute.org.

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AN OCCUPATION FEB. 21

At a press conference at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Roof Depot site, Thunder read out their list of demands (also available at www.defendhdepot.com):

1) Total relocation of the Hiawatha Expansion Project
2) Hand over control of Roof Depot to the community
3) Remove Bituminous Roadways and Smith Foundry
4) Enact a moratorium on encampments

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5) Provide funding for peer support workers
6) Invest in pilot programs to shelter and services to the houseless community like the former navigation center
7) Provide funding for the community’s vision for an indoor urban farm at the Roof Depot site

A statement from Defend the Depot pointed out that East Phillips is a neighbor-hood with over 70% residents of color and home to the Little Earth housing de-velopment, where 38 tribes come together.

According to a Wilder Foundation Study, Indigenous people make up 1% of Minnesota’s adult population but a dis-proportionate 13% of the houseless pop-u-lation. A survey of a large encampment in Minneapolis that numbered nearly half of the 282 people living there were Native. People who are homeless have higher rates of illness and die on average 12 years sooner than the general U.S. pop-u-lation, according to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

We have had council members and their families threatened. We have had our service workers have their tires slashed and guns drawn on them. We’ve had public works employees who are hassled, intimidated and bullying is not OK. It is not part of anyone’s job description and we owe it to all people serving the City of Minneapolis to do better,” said Palmisano in her e-newsletter.

“It’s very dangerous to conflab Black and Indigenous residents’ genuine and justified fear about a harmful city-led project with right-wing violence, white supremacy and retaliatory response to mass protests that we typically see from Republicans,” countered Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley. “I’m disappointed to see the conservative city council majority adopting right-wing tactics. From Stop Cop City in Atlanta to Line 3 Water Protectors to this city, we have had council members and their families threatened. We have had regulatory agencies shut down our urban farm complex, creating jobs, housing, and sustainable food sources. I am confident that this investment to good use in the East Phillips Neighborhood will lead to the development of a总额亿 100 million to the East Phillips Neighbor-hood by the end of March 2023.

50th anniversary of Wounded Knee occupation. At 1890 massacre left some 150 Native Americans dead, in what was the final clash between federal troops and the Sioux tribe.

Urban farm supporters pose with Representative Ilhan Hassan, who represents a portion of south Minneapolis, to celebrate the House Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee passing legislation to invest $20 million into the East Phillips Neighbor-hood. In the cost of developing over 300 acres to protesters and encampments was not an-swered. As of press time, an open data request to the city submitted on Feb 24 had not been filled.

HOMELINESS AND POOR HEALTH LINK
The connection between housing and homeless-ness is generally intuitive, but the strong link between health and homelessness is often overlooked. People who are homeless have higher rates of illness and die on average 12 years sooner than the general U.S. population.

Homelessness creates new health problems and exacerbates existing ones. Living on the street or in crowded homeless shelters is extremely stressful and made worse by being exposed to environmental hazards, respiratory illnesses, flu, hepatitis, etc., vio-lence, maltreatment, and harmful weather conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and asthma become worse because there is no safe place to store medicines, engagement in healthy diet is difficult in soup kitchens and shelters as the meals are usually high in salt, sugars, and starch (looking for cheap, filling meals but lacking nutritional content). Behav-ioural health issues such as depression, alcohol-ism, or other substance use disorder are more prevalent in homeless individuals, further develop and are made worse in such difficult situations, especially if there is no support in place. Numerous health conditions among homeless people who are homeless are frequently a complex mix of serious mental health, substance use, and chronic medical conditions.

A statement from Defend the Depot holds a press conference at the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center to discuss what happened the day before and their concerns about how the city has continued with their plans for the Hiawatha Expansion project at the Roof Depot site despite the neighborhood not supporting the project. At the Roof Depot site, the city installs a taller fence inside the existing one. Rachel Thunder is treated at the hospital.

After a Minneapolis Police Officer pushed a White south Minneapolis woman on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023, Little Earth resident Cassie Holmes decrees the treatment of “an elder”. View the video of the altercation and more photos at www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com. (Photo by Teisha M. Christensen)

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AN OPEN LETTER TO WARD 11 COUNCIL MEMBER EMILY KOSKI

As neighbors in the Ward 11 community you represent, we have great concerns about your actions on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023.

First, you repeatedly voted against measures to protect Little Earth and other impacted neighbors in the East Phillips communities from the environmentally hazardous demolition of the Roof Depot building. Then you followed up these harmful votes by filing a police report against the neighbors who expressed anger and concern over the demolition. You did not use your role and access to power to help these community members facilitate a conversation with city officials or other public officials who could help them. You used your power and privilege to insist that those in attendance be punished for their reactions to your harm. Then you went to the media about it, as the Star Tribune article from Feb. 24, 2023 shows. This is how you show up as an elected official.

This way of holding space for community members is vastly different from the community care and community safety that we advocated at the conversation that you attended with staff on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 hosted by Ward Eleven Allied Voices for Equity (WAVE). This event, created by and for Ward 11 neighbors, highlighted how relationships are key for creating trust and healing in our communities. Everyone was there in agreement about a vision for our city, but we all committed to hearing one another and addressing the divides in our city together.

Had you chosen to bring forth some of the ideas of right relationship and generative conflict that were discussed at WAVE’s event, you may have acted by reaching out to your colleagues on the council who represent the impacted communities or leaders of EPNI and sharing your concern about the language or behavior that caused you to feel threatened. Perhaps you all could have used restor active practices to heal the broken relationship and distrust that is currently present in your interactions. Your choice to insulate yourself from the breakdown of relationship and distrust in our elected officials. We don’t need more barriers between us. Yet you repeatedly choose barriers and the erasure of groups and communities that do not align with your viewpoints.

During your campaign and tenure, the divisions in our city have widened, and distrust of city officials has heightened. Many in Ward 11 were impacted by the divisive mailers that flooded our mailboxes during the campaign in 2021, and left us feeling as though our voices and concerns were not valued in this community. Since taking office, you have failed to take opportunities to expand and move forward on assurances that you made during your campaign to promote peace and healing in the city of Minneapolis. You have not been transparent about your voting record and the reasoning behind your votes. Some of your constituents and neighbors disassociated themselves and the votes they take and why. As the neighbors you represent, we deserve to know how you are showing up to vote and whose values and vision of Minneapolis you are upholding.

As your neighbors, we are signing on to this letter to demand that you shift your current path of harm, divisiveness, ambivalence and fear to one of right relationship, healing, clarity and repair. We will be watching your votes and actions as both a representative and candidate, and expect you to be transparent, honest, and willing to move though discomfort without causing additional harm to already marginalized communities in Minneapolis. With the Ward 11 caucus coming up and several of us signed up as delegates, we will be paying close attention to your actions and are in alignment with our endorsement. Here are three actionable items that you can take towards healing and repairing relationships in our ward and city.

1. SHOW YOUR WORK.
Your newsletter with city news does not give Ward 11 neighbors the information we deserve about how you represent us. Your constituents need to know how you are voting to determine whose interests you are representing at city hall. Your newsletter should offer a weekly record of your votes, and information about how you plan to vote on upcoming issues and why.

2. SHOW YOUR LEARNING.
On Feb. 8, 2023, you attended the Ward Eleven Allied Voices for Equity (WAVE) Neighborhood Meeting on Senior Care and Community Safety. This event was attended by other neighbors and community members who are system-involved at disproportionate rates, with the hope of having the discussions necessary to promote healing in our city. What did you take away from the meeting? Did you mention the meeting in your newsletter or share feedback with the organizers. Going forward, we are looking for the Mayor to attend a part in a meeting, conference or other training that you share with your constituents what you learned, how it impacts you, and how it impacts work representing our community and city.

3. SHOW YOUR VALUES.
During your campaign and in emails to constituents you have described yourself as a connector and bridge. Your actions on Feb. 23, 2023, show that when those harmed by your decisions express anger and outrage, you walked out of the room and closed the door behind you. Filing a police report against Indigenous activists from a community that is system-involved at disproportionate rates is not in alignment with the actions of some one who claims that listening to and caring into the values you proclaim requires accountability and right relationship with communities.

Clearly, this relationship is damaged. Going forward, we ask that you maintain those relationships equally, both with your constituents and other city communities affected by your votes in council. We ask that you be honest about your impacts, and right-size these with the discomfort you face. Acknowledge the power you hold, and the opportunities that you have to be a two-way connector and bridge across divides – not a drawbridge that goes up and down depending on who the community is on the other side.

We are calling on the Mayor to continue to pay attention and act to help you align the way you represent Ward 11 with a fair and just vision.

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**AWARDED STORIES AND JOURNEYS**

**BY DONALD L. HAMMEN**

I have recently been made aware that TMC Publications, CO, which includes the LongfellowNokomis Messenger, SouthWest Connector, and Midway Como Frogtown Monitor, received 20 awards at the recently completed Minnesota Newspaper Association Convention. That’s eight for the Messenger, nine for the Connector, and three for the Monitor. This is a big deal in many ways for TMC Publications. In reflecting on this 20 awards, I believe it is important to do justice to the recipients. So, if you have read this far, you along with me, have taken the plunge into the river (flow) of life experiences that is Stories and Journeys.

**DANCING IN MY LIVING ROOM ON THE EVE OF MY SPINE SURGERY**

I admit that I have showed up to street dancing on Fridays at 8th and Bde Maka Ska three times. I admit that those are not the only times I have broken out in dance. It happened while I was watching the recently completed Grammys on the eve of my scheduled cervical spine surgery. It happened when Smokey Robinson broke out in his rendition of “ Tears of a Clown” nevertheless, I have to dance with my spine stenosis in mind – which means my moves are limited. The fact is I never know where or when I’m going to break out in dance.

**SPEAKING OF MY UPCOMING SPINE SURGERY**

If all goes according to plan my surgery will have happened Feb 15 and by the time of my March column writing week I will be at home healing. As a result of surgery I hope to be awarded the ability to do more dance moves. For me, dance is movement from space to place and I hope to have a few less limits so I can do more moves where ever I break out in dance.

The essence of spine surgery for me is captured in the following words: Cervical/neck fusion disks C4-7. As I anticipate my surgery, I have been revising my personal philosophy of health that has evolved over time. The fact that I am consenting to my surgery tells me I believe there is a role for Western medicine while being open to what I call ‘alternative healing modalities’. So, as part of my post surgery healing, I could use the services of a certified healing touch practitioner (CHTP) who makes house calls if there is such a person. I look forward to resuming physical therapy, acupuncture and massage therapy.

This is my holistic/integrative health (spirituality and healing) approach in play.

A reader, have expressed the phillosophy of health that informs your life? Mine includes adequate rest and sleep, nutrition and exercise, and stress management. Tell yourself, tell others or better yet tell me at tesh@longfellownokomismessenger.com.

**MY LIFE COMPLETION CHECK BOXES**

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KingDemetrieus Pendleton’s photos from front lines of social justice movement featured at The Third Place Gallery, GF Square

AJ BANTLEY GUIDES VISITORS ON PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR

By JILL BOOGREN

Visitors to George Floyd Square who find their way to The Third Place Gallery on the weekends are likely to be invited inside by AJ Bantley. Administrative manager for Listen Media USA, she’s volunteered her time at the studio nearly every Saturday and Sunday since last summer when KingDemetrieus Pendleton’s photographs were first displayed there. She has greeted visitors from all over the United States and the world — Europe, South America, Australia — taking time to provide stories and context for the photographs.

“There’s that saying, a photo speaks a thousand words, which it can. But if you don’t know the back story it’s not necessarily true. So, I feel it’s important to give the storyline,” she said. “She’ll share stories’ of the people, of the photograpghers. Some people stay for a few minutes. Some have stayed for hours.”

Bantley has encountered a few who she calls “closed-minded” people, but feedback in general is positive. Most people, she said, especially People of Color and people who are active in their own countries, appreciate what’s being done. For a few, it’s so traumatic and triggering that they’ve had to walk out.

“That’s really hard. Even sometimes there’s been a lot of tears,” said Bantley. “But I always tell people ‘This is a safe place. We never speak about race in this place to be divisive. We always speak about race because we know that there’s this race problem because of these systems, and we’re standing in solidarity.’”

The thing that uplifts Bantley most is seeing the younger generation, families coming in with kids, having conversations her generation never had.
DEFEND TRANS LIVES

get to try to erase me. You don’t get to end my life. That is not your choice. You don’t get that power,” said Rehema Martinez of Minneapolis to loud cheers from the crowd at the rally. “The power is mine. I deserve to be here. I deserve [to take] public transportation. And I deserve to do it in safety.”

Gabbi Pierce of Minneapolis called for people to take collective action to support one another.

“We need to be building community and structures of power where we can keep each other safe. Where we can give each other support,” she said. “We need historic action for trans liberation now.”

Quintin Branch said being transgender in her hometown of New Ulm, Minn. – which she described as “small town America” – made her very vulnerable. She was uplifted by the show of support.

“They were proud of me being who I am really means something to me,” she said. “And that’s why we’re here. We are here to represent who we are. We are here to fight for our lives and our rights [as transgender, non-binary people], whoever we are. We are human. And we deserve the right to live and be ourselves as we wish.”

Conrad, a Minneapolis resident who grew up in Alexandria, Minn., said his hometown is an extremely conservative place that stays safe.” He called on people for safety. And we need to make sure it is safe.”

“I’m trans masculine. I’m White. I have all this privilege and still had to leave,” he said. “That is what Minneapolis is for a lot of us. It is a place we came [to] for safety. And we need to make sure it is a place that stays safe.” He called on people to take the time to get to know each other, to take care of each other, and to even learn basic First Aid.

That builds up strength and community defense, and that is extremely important,” he said. “[Minneapolis] is a refuge. We will not let it not be a refuge. We will defend ourselves. We will keep ourselves safe.”

Liberty Kirkieidi of Andover, Minn., who is trans and non-binary, said they came to the rally because of the “wave of horrible attacks on trans people.”

They stated, “I find it very scary. I think it’s very urgent. I think about it every single day. I’m here with my community to ground myself in our movement and liberation.” Their sign, painted in the blue, pink and white stripes of the trans pride flag, read, “I believe that we will win.”

MINNESOTA: A TRANS REFUGEE STATE

In addition to the much-publicized drag bans and denying trans students use of bathrooms that align with their gender, anti-trans legislation throughout the United States includes prohibiting gender-affirming care and criminalizing parents for helping their kids medically transition. Activist and researcher Erin Reed, of Erin in the Morning, has been tracking legislation across the country. As of March 11, eight states have enacted medical care bans: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, South Dakota, Tennessee and Utah. According to Reed, South Dakota’s bill has a “terrifying clause” specifying how forced detransitions should happen.

On March 8, Governor Tim Walz signed an Executive Order protecting the rights of Minnesota’s LGBTQIA community members to seek and receive gender affirming health care services. The order includes protection against extradition of anyone who would be charged with a criminal violation of this care in another state, effectively making Minnesota a “trans refugee state.” It’s considered a stop gap measure that can offer protections right away, but it needs to be codified into law for those protections to become permanent.

Trans-affirming legislation championed by Representative Leagh Finke (DFL-St. Paul) is moving through Minnesota House and Senate committees. One protects people seeking gender affirming care. Another bans harmful conversion “therapy.”

At a press conference announcing the Governor’s Executive Order, Finke said the action will save lives. According to Finke, this is the fourth straight year of setting a record number of bills introduced in the country that seek to erase the rights of the LGBTQIA community.

“What we’re saying here today is that Minnesota is a place that will allow you to be who you are. Many states are asking their queer people to find two spaces that are comfortable – the closet or the coffin – and we are saying that we are not going to accept that in Minnesota,” she said. “In Minnesota you can stay and live.”

Conrad said more kids and families seeking gender affirming care will be coming here.

“Trans kids should just be doing homework or out having actual fun. They should not be afraid of their government. They should not be afraid of their police, they should not be afraid of their parents, of their teachers, of their libraries, of their schools. They should not be afraid of anything,” he said, drawing cheers. “They should be able to see trans people get old. They should be able to see a future.”

A Trans Day of Visibility at the Minnesota State Capitol will take place March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

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Minneapolis initiative that launched in 2008 as a priority of former Mayor R.T. Rybak, the MFV will be a companion plan to the forthcoming Climate Equity Plan, and is part of a global effort that includes over 200 cities worldwide who have signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.

Minneapolis signed the Milan Pact in 2017 and started work on the Minneapolis Food Vision the next year, in 2018.

Since then, the food council and city health department staff have conducted in-person and online events. They partnered with the University of Minnesota, Princeton University, Appetite for Change, Advancement of Honoring Americans, Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES), Harvest from the Heart, and the Somali American Farmers Association to support the development of the vision. Funders included the National Science Foundation, the Sustainable Healthy Cities initiative, and the City of Minneapolis’s Health Department.

’Tm proud to say that over 1,000 people were involved in the development of the Minneapolis Food Vision,” said Health Department Homegrown Minneapolis Manager Alison Babb. She said that work on the plan slowed down during the pandemic but picked up again in 2021. Work on food justice principles, priority areas, and strategies were the focus of food council meetings, community focus groups, interviews with food experts, and six online events. “In February of 2022 we launched an online survey,” Babb said, “that helped us further refine recommendations.”

HISTORY OF INEQUITY

The plan identifies a legacy of historical inequities in Minneapolis and racial inequality is part of Minneapolis’ food system. It notes that “just and equitable access to affordable, healthy, culturally relevant foods varies across the city, which is one domino effect from these structural practices put in place many decades ago.”

This may be why the plan defines seven “food justice principals” to serve as the foundation and guide for both what will be worked on, as well as how that work will be done.

A variety of specific strategies are outlined to support each of the six goals in the plan. Examples of these include: provide funding and support to connect local production and local consumption; increase the purchase of locally and sustainably grown foods by institutions and businesses within the city; improve land access in the city for growers and year-round farmers; improve conditions for food system workers and small businesses; improve access to affordable, nutritious, locally-grown and culturally-relevant foods; change policies to better connect excess food and those in need; and, raise awareness of food system activities and research.

10-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION

While the plan has a 10-year time frame, implementation will be done in stages. “We will be starting out with a one to two-year implementation plan,” said Babb. “There will be three work groups around priorities that the food council has determined to be both important and the most exciting to work on.” These work groups will be first, on local food procurement; second, on land access and season extensions for growing food in the city; and, third, on fostering healthy food skills. The workgroups will include community members, as well as staff and food council members.

The plan may already be influencing recommendations about city policy. This spring, the food council will be submitting comments on the land use regulations that will be considered by the city council and mayor later year. “The food council voted at their last meeting,” said Babb, “to submit a series of comments related to season extensions as it relates to deep winter green houses and regular green houses, as well as hoop houses.”

Both Babb and Nolan recognize that while approving the plan is an essential step, implementation will take ongoing commitment, work and money.

“Implementation of the Minneapolis Food Vision will take action from the community and resources from the city, the business community and our philanthropic partners,” said Nolan. “I look forward to working with city leaders to obtain the investment needed to bring parts of this vision to life.”
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Veterens Support Bills

State Representative Emma Greenman has introduced two bills to assist veterans. One, if approved by the legislature and governor, will provide grant funding for every Third Saturday (ETS), which is located in the East Nokomis neighborhood and provides services to veterans. A second bill would provide funding for rehabilitation of buildings in the Minneapolis Veterans Home to bring it back into operation.

Light Rail Safety Bill OKed

In February, a Minnesota State House committee approved a bill that would appropriate $1 million and direct the Metropolitan Council to use to create a transit ambassador program to improve safety on light rail trains. Following the Feb. 27 violent attack at the Lake Street Light Rail Station, in response to ongoing concerns, Ward 9 Council Member Jason Chadwick held a community meeting and listening session on transit safety at the Corcoran Recreation Center on March 20. The meeting included personnel from Metro Transit and Hennepin County, as well as State Representative Samantha Sencure-Mura and others.

The History of Your Home

Two libraries are offering workshops in April for people to learn about library resources that will help trace the history of Minneapolis houses, neighborhoods or properties, including online permit records, maps, city directories, and photographs. People can register online for sessions on April 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. Additional opportunities to view the exhibit occur on Saturdays, April 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Vine Arts Center is a non-profit, member-run organization supported by members, volunteers of the community and visitors who purchase or use products and services and who contribute financially to the community and visitors who purchase or use products and services and who contribute financially to the community.

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FVLV Easter Service

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WHAT DO CITIZENS WANT AT THE THIRD PRECINCT SITE?

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

After two and a half years, Longfellow residents have the opportunity to tell the city what they want at the Third Precinct site (Minnehaha and E. Lake St.). However, the city is only giving the Longfellow Community Council four weeks to organize and publicize meetings, and another four weeks to gather input. The report is due to the mayor in mid-May.

We will ask community members if they want the police building for the Third Precinct to be in the current location at Lake and Minnehaha or a different pre-determined location within the borders of the Third Precinct. That location has been predetermined by the city, but has not yet been shared. The city is planning to go live on March 27 with an online survey. Phase II will focus on recommendations for a Community Benefits Agreement regarding the Minnehaha location. There is still much to be worked out for Phase II.

After another series of community conversations about developing a CBA, a working group will be formed to continue the work. The final CBA will be then shared back with everyone who participated in the process for review and comment.

"Longfellow Community Council is thrilled and energized to be a part of the community engagement efforts around the future site of the police building in the Third Precinct as it is vital to bring residents, businesses and community organizations into the conversation that we start the work taking down the barbed wire and bringing the site at Lake and Minnehaha back to community use," said LCC Executive Director Rachel Boeke.

"After 2.5 years of inaction with the promise of intentional and thoughtful outreach, the accelerated timeline from the city with this process, now that it is in motion, is opposed to the concept of real engagement. The Third Precinct is made of roughly 139,000 residents, not including business owners, employees, etc. The amount of outreach and work required to communicate with a large, representative constituent of this precinct is considerable. The sudden urgency of the city to have a response from residents has reduced our timeline to four weeks for organizing conversations, informing the community about each event, and gathering residents into conversation.

"Our goal with these conversations is to involve as many community members as possible so the results are undeniable and cannot be pushed aside. We believe that any decision around the future of the Third Precinct site needs to be made by the people."
NENA STARTS RENTER SUPPORT FUND

MINNEAPOLIS IS SUFFERING FROM A SEVERE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. RENTERS IN THE CITY MAKE UP 48% OF RESIDENTS AND, ACCORDING TO MINNEAPOLIS COMPASS, 44% OF THOSE RENTERS ARE COST-BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS. AS RENT CLIMBS AND PEOPLE’S WAGES DON’T, SOME PEOPLE ARE FORCED TO MAKE HARD DECISIONS CUTTING HEAT, EATING LESS, OR NOT BUYING NECESSITIES. AS GOOD NEIGHBORS, WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP PEOPLE AFFORD SHELTER.

WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

The federal government defines affordable housing as housing that does not take more than 30% of a household’s income. The rent or home price that is considered affordable varies from one household to another, but the need to have housing affordable may change from one household to another. The amount of income that qualifies as low income is determined by the federal government. The federal government defines affordable housing as housing that does not take more than 30% of the area’s median income. The county’s median income ($118,200 for a family of four) is a poor metric to base affordability for Minneapolis residents since it’s much higher than the city’s median income ($70,099).

WHAT ARE RENT PRICES THESE DAYS?

The vast majority of available rental units that are considered in this 30% AMI bracket at any given time is currently zero. That’s right. Zero. So many are forced to pay higher rents due to a simple lack of places to live that are considered “affordable” by the federal government. Making matters worse, because Hennepin County is a large area that includes many wealthy communities, the county’s median income is much higher than the city’s median income ($70,099).

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WHAT ARE WE GOING ABOUT?

Nokomis East Neighborhood Association is teaming up with Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) to raise funds in 2023 for direct rental support for Nokomis East renters.

Selected applicants will receive $900 in rental assistance. Renters will be able to choose either three monthly payments of $300 or a one-time payment of $900. Those selected can then choose to receive payments via PayPal or a mailed check.

Applicants will be selected through a randomized lottery and there are no restrictions on how selected renters can spend the money. One goal of the program is to provide a low-barrier, flexible and efficient program for neighbors to access needed assistance. Once the funds are raised, eligible applicants will need to:• live in one of the four Nokomis East neighborhoods• spend 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Apply for Longfellow Community Council Board of Directors

LONGFELLOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BY ANDREA TRITSCHLER, communications andreala@longfellow.org

Longfellow Community Council is excited to announce that we’re looking for candidates to apply to our Board of Directors!

Historically, governing boards have not been accessible spaces for everyone. It’s a volunteer position that continues to operate under antiquated ideas of how a neighborhood Board functions – monthly meetings with formal rules that create space that is largely dominated by White, home-owning, affluent voices. How do we build systems of change focused on equitable engagement and expand the possibilities for our community when the beautiful diversity of our community isn’t fully at the table?

As the neighborhood organization for the Greater Longfellow Neighborhood, Longfellow Community Council’s Board of Directors should reflect our neighborhood – queer, disabled, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, working-class, youth, folks, immigrants, renters, and unhoused folks. We know that we can’t increase involvement with LCC without making some sweeping organizational changes, including who is on our board and how they operate. It also means making changes to how we operate as staff and as committees to minimize barriers of participation and focus on how we can show up and support our community. There are people in our community who need rental assistance and a food shelf within walking distance. We want to be able to connect unhoused people and encampments with the resources they need. We want to support our immigrant neighbors, and help empower them to organize around those issues. We want to address the environmental, housing and racial injustice in our communities.

Our board is made up of dedicated members of our community who volunteer their time with our organization. We are immensely grateful for their service and all the time and energy they have dedicated to our neighborhood. This year, in making a call to our community for new board members, we want to let you know who we need at the table. We need members who are committed to the idea of equitable representation – we need change makers who are committed to working on behalf of the community. We need to do away with the historically classist and prohibitive models of engagement. We need to advocate and organize for our community in ways that bring real and meaningful change to people’s daily life.

If you’re interested in running, we have open seats in Howe, Cooper, Hiawatha, and Longfellow, as well as a couple of community seats and a business representative seat. Find the application on our website (longfellow.org/our-board) or email Executive Director Rachel Boeke at rachel@longfellow.org for more information.
Becketwood to boost electric vehicle access

By IRIC NATHANSON

These days, Nancie Hamlett has an easy, hassle-free way to recharge her Chevy Bolt. She can drive into Becketwood’s basement garage and plug her all-electric Bolt into a standard 110 outlet.

Right now, electric vehicle (EV) charging at Becketwood may be convenient, but it is also time consuming. A full charge for Hamlett’s Bolt, which has an average driving range of 230 miles, can take 24 hours. But that will soon change.

This year, Becketwood is upgrading its charging capability in an effort to boost EV accessibility. The upgrade will replace the current system, known as a Level One charger, with the higher powered Level Two charger that requires a 220 outlet. The upgrade has the capacity to cut charging wait time by 75%. A full charge that now takes 24 hours will be reduced to six hours once the new system is in place.

EV access is not a new issue at Becketwood, says Bob Kirk, one of the co-op’s early EV boosters. “As far back as 2000, several of us recognized that EVs represented the wave of the future. We wanted Becketwood to prepare for that wave, but not many other co-op members shared our views. Back then, our board had little appetite to invest in EV accessibility. During those early years, no one here was driving an EV so the issue seemed more abstract than real. Now we have people who are driving all-electric so we have a better understanding of EVs and how much they cost to operate.”

“Attitudes here have clearly changed,” noted John Pegg, who helped promote Becketwood’s new EV plan: “EVs are gaining wider acceptance here and in the broader automotive market. As a result, EV availability has increased as more manufacturers convert their production to all-electric vehicles.”

Bob Ochtrup, who helped draft Becketwood’s policy on electric vehicles and to the community. “Our co-op is purchasing the equipment and installing it, but we won’t be covering the cost of the electricity that powers the charger.”

That will be the responsibility of the EV owners who will pay for the electricity they use through a sub-metering arrangement.

Initially, Becketwood will install a Level Two Charger in a dedicated parking space in the Becketwood garage. EV owners will get weekly access to the charging station on a rotating basis.

“At some point, our board of directors may decide to put a charger in one of our outside parking lots, but that improvement won’t happen for a while,” Ochtrup noted. “Depending on future demand, we may get another charger in our garage. If so, it is likely to be another Level Two system. We are not planning to go with the highest capacity EV charger known as a Level Three. That equipment is incredibly expensive and it can degrade batteries if it is overused. Level Three chargers are really meant for long-distance driving. That need will be met through the new federal incentive programs that are just starting to roll out.”

“In the short term, those programs will boost costs for charging equipment as the EV industry gears up to meet a surging demand,” Ochtrup said. “Because we will face higher costs over the next few years, we decided to purchase and install the new equipment now, before the price increases kick in.”

Ochtrup added that Becketwood’s marketing needs are also prompted the co-op’s efforts to boost EV accessibility this year. “More and more, people are asking about our EV compatibility when they consider moving here. Having a Level Two charger will be a real marketing ‘plus’ for us.”

Glenna Dibrell, who chairs the Becketwood Marketing Committee, agreed. “We need to offer as much flexibility as possible to accommodate our residents. Whether they are living here full-time or part-time, they want to have easy, hassle-free ways to recharge their vehicles.”

PARK NEWS

Sibley and Phelps Parks’ new Recreation Supervisor John Ochtrup, who takes over for Jotika Weitz-Handy, who is now at the Nokomis Community Center. Dahl is a south Minneapolis native and grew up frequenting Pearl Park. After graduating from college, Dahl worked in Aquatics, Ice Arenas, and as a Youth Program Specialist. Dahl grew up in Minneapolis parks and always loved any chance to be outside. He said he feels very lucky to begin his career as a recreation supervisor.

Nokomis Park’s new Recreation Supervisor Jotika Weitz-Handy took over from Maggie Merz in mid-January after Merz accepted a position as a recreation program lead. Weitz-Handy began working at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board in 2001 as a lifeguard at North Commons Waterpark. In 2008, Weitz-Handy moved to Hiawatha School Park and recreation system. That document was presented to the newly created Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Headquarters, 21 17 West River Road. Cleveland was a landscape architect hired in April 1883 to advise the newly created Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Headquarters, 2117 West River Road. Cleveland was a landscape architect hired in April 1883 to advise the newly created Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Headquarters, 2117 West River Road.
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