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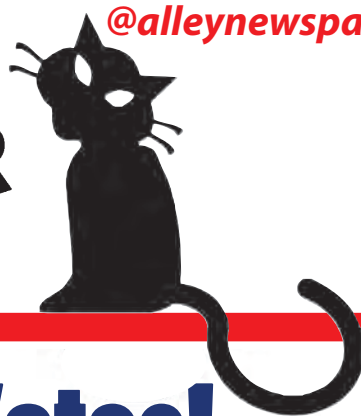
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April Pools: The Park Board **FINALLY SORTA KINDA** Votes!

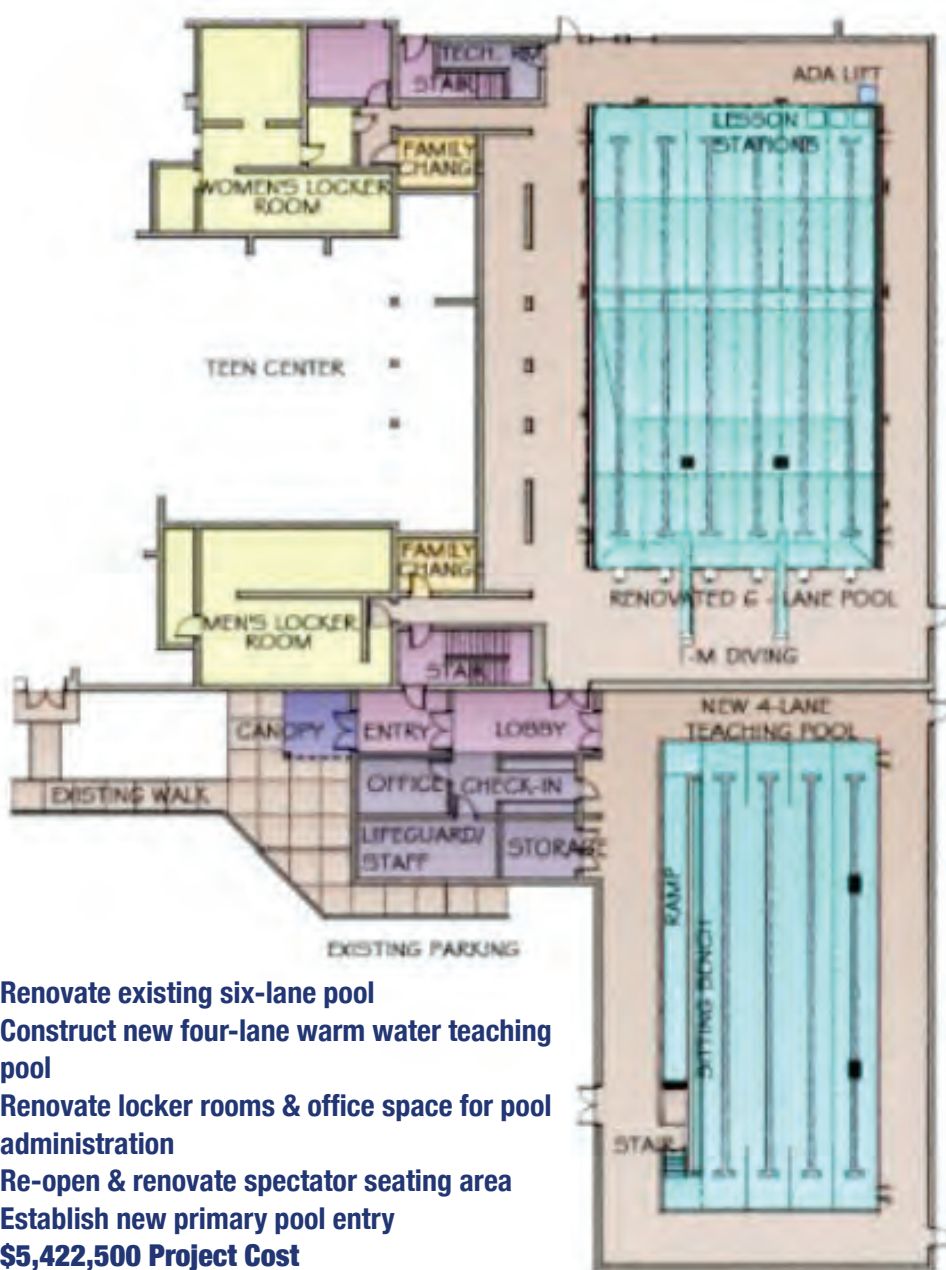
BEFORE THE APRIL FIRST MINNEAPOLIS PARK Board meeting Wednesday night, rumors were afloat that the Phillips Pool Project could sink into oblivion! The meeting itself was truly a sparring match between Commissioners insisting that the pool promises must be kept as close to “full” as possible, while others said that the financials for the project just don’t add up! To those of us in the gallery, it took most of the scheduled time before we could figure out where the votes would be.

A more cost-effective solution which would have put water in the pool and polished the place up a bit was called *Option A (Reduced)* [not shown here] for a mere \$2,613,000 cost. It ran into a design problem because the State bonding legislative criteria required two separate pools to meet the intent of the funding opportunity.

Rather than try to tinker with the intent or modify the directive, MPRB’s Commissioners chose *Option ‘B’ Reduced* at a project cost of \$5,422,500. That plan would allow for the same renovations with the main

After more than five years, a Phillips Community Center swimming pool plan is finally chosen

DESIGN OPTION ‘B’ REDUCED



- Renovate existing six-lane pool
- Construct new four-lane warm water teaching pool
- Renovate locker rooms & office space for pool administration
- Re-open & renovate spectator seating area
- Establish new primary pool entry
- \$5,422,500 Project Cost



Buster Keaton looking for the Pool in 1924 (see page 6) similarly to neighbors waiting for their Phillips Pool since 2010.

pool, but the other pool would be significantly larger, than Option ‘A’s smaller design. Commissioner Scott Vreeland’s position was primarily aimed at getting the rest of the Board to formally commit to at least the \$4,270,500 *Option A* pool so the community would understand the MPRB’s true commitment. However, Commissioner Olson was adamant that the Park Board step up and vote for *Option ‘B’ Reduced* proposed at the meeting. He asserted that At-Large Commissioner Annie Young’s position that *none of the pools would cash flow* was beside the point because all kinds of activities the Park Board currently promotes do not provide sufficient revenue and should be stopped if that logic were pursued.

After a number of substitute motions and options on the table were sorted through, it seemed as if those who were to vote could become confused over which option would be best. Surprisingly, the Commissioners choice was the more expensive one, even though *Option A* could have met the criteria established by the state legislative intent for its contribution.

As definitive a choice that this suggests, there is one of those “Um... not so fast...” moments that then unfolded in the drama. A sum of approximately \$120,000 in unsecured funds were needed to prepare the plan to go to a next step in this process.

Commissioners had to find the funds in another budget. Options were then proposed, debated and a choice was finally made to help move this project to a conclusion. Funds must be borrowed in order to fully fund the project and that’s where tomorrow’s debate will be. —Robert Albee

MPRB President Liz Wielinski’s Druthers...

During the April 1 MPRB Pool Planning discussion, Commissioner Wielinski told the group that Minneapolis Mayor Hodges just pledged \$24 million to the Target Center from State funding. She said that the Park Board staff’s first step should be to demand that some of the equity funds should be spent on the true equity projects that Her Honor keeps talking about. Why not \$ Five Million to this pool instead of to those who have privately benefitted from a largess of public funding, she asked.



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Architect Dean Devolis explained Roof Depot Site Plan possibilities at March 28th Meeting at Little Earth Early Learning Center

Environmental Justice Campaign Roof Depot Site
BY JOSE' LUIS VILLASEÑOR

Thank you to those who attended Saturday March 28th to envision a sustainable, safe and healthy future for the East Phillips neighbors and communities!

Below is the group's reflections on what will make a successful community benefits agreement. We are committed to continue doing authentic community engagement to enlarge the representation of the voices of East Phillips residents. This email also has an article that was written by Twin Cities Daily Planet that highlights our great work and gives us a history on where we have been.

Thank you every one for your support.

The project and site outcome must:

- Prevent gentrification and preserve the character of the neighborhood: renters, communities if color, low income families, affordable housing
- Both the building process and the new enterprise must employ current residents - local green jobs

for neighborhood residents and new green enterprise for Phillips – with specific numbers required to employ people of color, indigenous, low income, and youth leaders from the community

- Local small businesses
- Benefits current residents
- Have building be LEED certified, green, geo-thermal, solar panels, alternative energy, self-sustainable building, green garden rooftop (organic agriculture)
- Be worker/community owned. Tie in with community economics – ex. Green energy (solar farm) that subsidizes local low income families energy
- Evict polluting industry – revoke grandfathering – in of all Phillips polluting and industrial enterprises, end economic and environmental exploitation of neighborhood community.
- Rezone Phillips as Green Zone, Green Economy. Have city funds geared towards this designation of Phillips
- Be transparent: people in community impacted the most (closest by) get info and decision making power



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9 a.m.-noon

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9-11 a.m.

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9-11 a.m.

Anoka Middle School for the Arts - Fred Moore Campus
1523 S 5th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cambridge Medical Center
701 S Dellwood St, Cambridge, MN 55008
9 a.m.-noon

Cimarron Youth Center
875 Lake Elmo Ave, Lake Elmo, MN 55042
9-11 a.m.

Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners
1605 County Road 101 N, Plymouth, MN 55447
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Midtown Exchange
920 E Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55407
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Owatonna Hospital
2250 NW 26th St, Owatonna, MN 55060
9-11 a.m.

Regina Hospital
1175 Nininger Road, Hastings, MN 55033
9-11 a.m.

Richfield Dual Language School
7001 Elliot Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55423
9 a.m.-noon

River Falls Area Hospital
1629 E Division St, River Falls, WI 54022
9-11 a.m.

Spring Lake Park High School
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Family Storytime

Fri. 10:30 am. All ages & their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write & play together.

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Make This: Jewelry

Wed, Apr. 1, 5-7 pm. Grades 7-12. Make your own beads, belts, rings, headbands, bracelets, necklaces or pendants. Materials provided.

Urban 4-H Club

Tues., 5-7 pm. Urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed, Apr 8 & 22, 4:30-6 pm.

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Young Achievers

Thursdays, 4:30-6 pm. Want community involvement? Bring your friends; come for poetry, arts, games & more!

Adult Programs

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Mon, April 13, 1-2 pm. Monthly discussion of problems in education & possible solutions,

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

April 2nd (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government, Business Partners, Senior Community Services, Minneapolis Public Works regarding the repaving and construction of bike lanes assessments to residents on 26th & 28th Street, Residents, and Minneapolis Police. This meeting



Programs at the Franklin Library

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based on the writings in Knowles Dougherty's blog: [educationspersistentproblems@wordpress.com](http://educationspersistentproblems.wordpress.com).

Memoir Writing Group

Thurs, Apr. 16, 1-3 pm. Create a record of your personal history. If you've started, bring it. If not, come anyway.

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will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off Oakland Avenue. Free Delivery Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com

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Richard Herberg November 18, 1915 – April 1916

Era causes of death reflect medical knowledge

Richard Herberg’s death certificate lists his cause of death as “dentition.” By the time that he died in April 1916, dentition was rarely recorded as a cause of death. It was an old-fashioned medical term and one that had been called into question as a “real” disease. That was not always the case.

DENTITION: The natural teeth, considered collectively, in the dental arch. The type, number, and arrangement of a set of teeth. The process of growing new teeth; teething.

A baby boy, known only as C. M. Miller, was thought to have died from “teething and flow” in 1864. “Teething” as a cause of death had a long, though not, as it turns out, very accurate history. Hippocrates referred to it in his writings almost 2,500 years ago and the medical community didn’t change its thinking on the subject until some time in the late 1870s or early 1880s. Cemetery records list teething or dentition as a cause of death several times in the 1860s and early 1870s but only three times after 1885.

There are 19 infants in the cemetery who were thought to have died from teething. Another ten died from “dentition,” a more scientific-sounding name for the same thing. Those 29 children had several things in common—their ages ranged from four months to a little under two years old, the age when children are, in fact,

teething. One other thing that is shared by many, though not by all of the children, is the time of year in which they died. Eighteen of the 29 children (62%) died in mid-to-late summer (July, August or September).

Modern-day medical historians who have looked at the high rate of teething deaths in the mid-to-late nineteenth century believe that teething was not really a cause of death at all and regard it as a “questionable diagnosis.” They believe that the children died from some other cause and the fact that they were teething at the time was merely a coincidence.

A more likely cause was something that at the time was called “cholera infantum,” another now-outdated medical term. In the nineteenth century cholera infantum was one of the most commonly reported causes of death for children under the age of two. There are over 900 infants who died from cholera infantum or, sometimes, though less commonly, called “summer complaint” buried in the cemetery; more than 780 of them (86%) died during July, August and September. Cholera infantum is thought to have been a bacterial infection caused by poor sanitation or contaminated food and water, and those deaths occurred at a time when Minneapolis did not have a municipal water supply and any way of refrigerating their food.

Tales from Pioneers & Soldiers Cemetery

SUE HUNTER WEIR

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CHOLERA INFANTUM acute noncontagious intestinal disturbance of infants formerly common in congested areas of high humidity and temperature but now rare

So it was somewhat unusual for dentition to be listed as a cause of death as late as 1916. Medical thinking had changed by then, but not all doctors would necessarily have known about or accepted that change. It may be that the doctor used the term simply because he wasn’t sure why Richard had died.

What we know about Richard is that he was the four-month-old son of Frederick Axel and Caroline Herberg. Richard was born on November 18, 1915, and had a twin brother, Russell. His parents were immigrants—his father from Sweden, his mother from Norway. Frederick and Caroline married on May 6, 1911. Richard and Russell were their first-born children. Their daughter Bernice was born in 1917 and their son Wallace was born in 1920. The family lived near the cemetery, at 3209 24th Avenue South, for many years. Frederick worked as a teamster. Russell, Richard’s twin, lived to be 73.



Richard Herberg was the four-month-old son of Frederick Axel and Caroline Herberg and the twin of brother Russell. Their family lived at 3209 24th Avenue. Richard is buried in Lot 24, Block N.

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Threats of More Pollution Galvanize East Phillips

The City's effort to purchase the Roof Depot Site to relocate the Minneapolis Water Yard, moving their 68 vehicles into our already polluted neighborhood, has galvanized the community to action. This effort completely ignored the Neighborhood and the City's Core Principals of Community Engagement.

The Roof Depot, located at 1860 E 28th St, Minneapolis, MN, has been a more or less benign neighbor for years in this heavily polluted inner city residential neighborhood. The sources of much of this area's pollution are Bituminous Roadways and Smith Foundry located across E. 28th St. from the Roof

Depot. Another source of this area's toxic air is the fact that Greater Phillips is surrounded by heavily traveled freeways and thoroughfares – namely I 94 on the North, Hiawatha Ave. on the East, Lake Street on the South and I 35W on the West. The possibility of the Water Works' additional 68 vehicles adding to this area's polluted congestion along with recent health revelations about what this toxic air is doing to our people & children was the tipping point for neighborhood action.

After many meetings held by EPIC, Tamales y Bicyetas and block clubs with advice from Rep. Karen Clark, Dean

Join us – EPIC Annual Meeting:



Saturday, April 25th 2015

Don't miss this EPIC EVENT!

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center
2307 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

Free Breakfast, Door Prizes, Update on EPIC Projects, Board Elections, the Grand Door Prize & more.

Board Member Election Forms

Go to - eastphillips-epic.com

Click on - About EPIC

Dovolis, Russ Adams and others, the following demands were included in a petition to the Mayor & City Council:

- 1) To be heard, listened to and negotiated with.
- 2) Include a Community Benefits Agreement in any discussion of the proposed Water Yard move.
- 3) The City must address and work with us to end our serious pollution issues.
- 4) The City must help in creating a sustainable neighborhood for our families.
- 5) The inclusion of the East Phillips' neighborhood's vision in the City's overall Plan for Sustainable Growth.

To get your petition – Call Carol Pass at 612-280-8418

For your Calendar:

EPIC Board of Directors meets:
Saturday, 4/4/15 & 5/2/15 At 10:00 AM

EPIC General Membership meets
Thursday, 4/9/15 & 5/14/15 At 6:30 PM
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution Crime Initiatives, and updates on EPIC projects

EPIC Annual Meeting:
Saturday April 25th at 9:30 AM
Free Breakfast, Door Prizes, EPIC updates & Elections

East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets
Tuesday, 4/28 & 5/26/15 At 11:30 AM. Lunch is served
Agenda includes updates on EPIC's Free Financial & Computer Literacy Classes, the East Phillips Summer Fest & Programming Partner Events & News.

All meetings are at the:
East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center
Located at 2307 17th Ave. S.
The Center is wheelchair accessible

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AGENDAS:

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday April 14, 6:30-8pm.

Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- Approve minutes of 3/24 community meeting (5 min)
- Discuss top priorities of the board for 2015 (50 min)
- Brainstorm goals regarding: Community Issues, Staffing, Committee Formation, Events promotion, Community Outreach/Partnerships.
- Follow up with Council member Alondra Cano at May 12 board meeting.
- Funding contracts overview (15 min)
- Set date for next executive meeting (5 min)
- Public comments (15 min)

APRIL COMMUNITY MEETING

Public attendance encouraged for community discussion/awareness of local issues.

Tuesday April 28, 6:30-8pm.

Stewart Park (Multi-purpose Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- Approve minutes of 4/14 board meeting (5 min)
- KALY-LP 101.7 FM Somali American Radio Announcement (10 min)
- Ash Canopy Replacement Plan and Arbor Day Tree Planting in Stewart Park Announcement (25 min)
- Midtown Crossings—2939 11th Ave S Discussion; Construction of a 5-story mixed-use building with approx. 55 dwelling units. (25 min)
- CEPRO site – updates and discussion on contract status, community engagement strategies and short and long-term planning with Crystal Myslajek and Lisa Middag, Hennepin County. (25 min)

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While the station's studios are being developed, we will be recruiting volunteer programmers to help develop initial and ongoing programming and obtain program underwriting to fund our operations and provide a sustainable level of revenue to keep the station going.

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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Attend Ventura Village's General Membership Meeting - Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM

VENTURA VILLAGE TO HOST BOCCE BALL +



Ventura Village was recently awarded a grant by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to introduce a series of “grass” court games that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. These organized community activities will not only feature *bocce ball* from Italy, but also *Molkky* from the Norseland and *Rollors*, invented right here in Minnesota. *Watch for us this Spring as we rollout these games!*

The request for the funding was to find creative, fun and healthy ways in which older and younger people can get together and compete on the same team against others. These games will be set up in various parts of the Greater Phillips area with its home base being the **Phillips Community Center** and **Peavey Park**. So look for us at Open Street Events, Fourth of July and other community events. We'll post fliers and send out schedules. By next year, we hope to have neighborhood teams competing in what we will call the **“ELDER/YOUNGER GAMES”**.

—For more information, contact Robert Albee @ 612.812.2429

Ventura Village Board Approves 2015 Neighborhood Priority Plan in March

As noted in previous articles in the *Alley News*, Ventura Village is currently participating in the Community Participation Program (CPP) for the City of Minneapolis. CPP is a city program designed to give residents and property owners the ability to (1) identify and act on neighborhood priorities; (2) influence City decisions and priorities; and (3) increase involvement.

The goal of Neighborhood Priority Plans is to identify, preserve, and build on the existing assets and positive qualities of a neighborhood, or identify opportunities or problems to be addressed. The Plans can also identify major initiatives for the neighborhood organization, and to communicate neighborhood priorities to the City and other partners. Neighborhood Priority Plans must be developed and adopted through a neighborhood participation process.

Approved Neighborhood Priority Plan Document

Based on the results of the Neighborhood Priority Plan process and the report generated from that process, Ventura Village proposes to use Community Participation Program funds allocated to the Neighborhood Priority Plan to *enhance the public realm and the quality of life* of the Ventura Village neighborhood. Specifically, the proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan would include the following examples:

1. Public park renovations, upgrades, and improvements in partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Two parks exist in Ventura Village: Peavey Park and the Phillips Community Center.
2. Street scape enhancements and improvements to the economic vitality, such as public art, signage, gardens, and green spaces. For example, potential partners include the Franklin Area Business Association, Local Food Resource Hub, 24th Street Urban Farm Coalition, and the Native American Community Development Institute.
3. Street safety improvements, such as enhanced public lighting, and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Why Is Park Planning So Problematic?

Mary Watson represents the four Phillips Community neighborhoods as a member of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's South Service Area (SSA) Master Plan *Citizen Advisory Committee* (CAC). The process was established by the Park Board to elicit resident concerns, thoughts and ideas related to the parks scattered throughout south Minneapolis. In addition to the Park Board staff, consultants were hired from *PROS Consulting*, *292 Design Group* and *Confluence* to assist in the planning effort. According to the Park Board, *Master Plans* “provide a common vision and organizational framework for implementing improved park services, programs, and new facilities through the park system of neighborhood parks.

According to Mary, “They only wanted us [CAC members] to talk about the parklands *outside* park buildings and then not about equipment or facilities. They call it *visioning*, but I'd call it something else!” The neighborhoods don't send us to talk about visions, but rather actual parks with all the facilities and equipment included.



Mary described how MPRB staff/consultants gave her small group task of grouping South Minneapolis parks into smaller groups that share demographic characteristics, and concerns based on proximity, program or activity, but then were reluctant to accept our ideas. So staff ended up creating the groups themselves. There's no true community engagement in the way they're going about this,” she said.

Despite data showing a trend toward older people becoming a larger demographic group to be served in the future, the SSA Master Plan draft's *Key Findings Section* described the Aging Population as follows: “*The 55+ age segment is growing rapidly in both the SSA and Minneapolis, more so than any other ages segment.*” Yet that was the only sentence devoted to aging in the entire plan language. Instead, a bullet point of the Plan lists under Community Needs reads: • Involving children + youth in positive activities. Thus, the focus continues the traditional youth and kids *drop-em off* mentality.

The Park Board could have used the word *family* instead of *children + youth*. In communities such as Phillips, many immigrant and low-income families depend on public parks for recreation and gatherings because most rental housing units lack inside space for larger families to gather and provide hardly any outside space for extended family recreation. Many immigrants have extended families where 30 or more people who often gather together and only the parks offer the kind of available free space needed.

Perhaps Mary Watson's biggest overall objection is that there is no policy language that addresses partnerships and collaborations in which investments can be made *directly into* parks even when the MPRB lacks the funding itself to make that investment. In 2013 Ventura Village bankrolled a total conceptual re-design of Peavey Park and *Friends of Peavey Park* provided several computers and wi-fi for the Park building.

To read the South Service Area Master Plan draft for yourself, go to MPRB's website at www.minneapolis-parks.org. Then under Search, type South Service Area Master Plan. — Robert Albee

VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

2nd Wednesdays: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM	2nd Wednesdays: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM
1st Wednesdays: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM	Last Thursdays: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM
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COMING SOON TO CEMETERY CINEMA

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Saturday May 23rd at Dusk



Buster Keaton

BY ROGER EBERT

EXCERPT FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2002 ARTICLE

The greatest of the silent clowns is Buster Keaton, not only because of what he did, but because of how he did it. Harold Lloyd made us laugh as much, Charlie Chaplin moved us more deeply, but no one had more courage than Buster. I define courage as Hemingway did: "Grace under pressure." In films that combined comedy with extraordinary physical risks, Buster Keaton played a brave spirit who took the universe on its own terms, and gave no quarter.

I'm immersed in his career right now, viewing all of the silent features and many of the shorts with students at the University of Chicago. Having already written about Keaton's "The General" (1927) in this series, I thought to choose another title. "The Navigator," perhaps, or "Steamboat Bill, Jr.," or "Our Hospitality." But they are all of a piece; in an extraordinary period from 1920 to 1929, he worked without interruption on a series of films that make him, arguably, the greatest actor-director in the history of the movies.

Most of these movies were long thought to be lost. "The General," with Buster as a train engineer in the Civil War, was always available, hailed as one of the supreme masterpieces of silent filmmaking. But other features and shorts existed in shabby, incomplete prints, if at all, and it was only in the 1960s that film historians began to assemble and restore Keaton's lifework. Now almost everything has been recovered, restored, and is available on DVDs and tapes that range from watchable to sparkling.

It's said that Chaplin wanted you to like him, but Keaton didn't care. I think he cared, but was too proud to ask. His films avoid the pathos and sentiment of the Chaplin pictures, and usually feature a jaunty young man who sees an objective and goes after it in the face of the most daunting obstacles. Buster survives tornadoes, waterfalls, avalanches of boulders and falls from great heights, and never pauses to take a bow: He has his eye on his goal. And his movies, seen as a group, are like a sustained act of optimism in the face of adversity; surprising how, without asking, he earns our admiration and tenderness.



Who makes MayDay? YOU DO!

When you attend community meetings to brainstorm the Parade's timely theme, when you form clay and papier-mâché at a Parade workshop, when you cheer the Parade as it ambles down Bloomington Avenue, and when you unite your voice with your neighbors and friends to welcome the Sun and lift the Tree of Life in Powderhorn Park, you are making MayDay!

Just as the Parade rises from the participation of many hands, contributions from many individuals build the MayDay fund to cover our \$250,000 costs.

Please give today.

And consider participating in our new monthly sustaining opportunity called "Heartbeats," which will provide us with a stable source of income and consistent funding. Thank you!!

DONATE NOW to SUPPORT MAYDAY!

MayDay Workshops Begin April 4!

MayDay Workshops: April 4 - May 2

Where: The Avalon Theatre, 1500 E. Lake St.



When: Tuesdays: 7-9pm; Thursdays: 7-9pm; Saturdays: 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm

How much: Workshops are free, although donations are graciously accepted, always welcome, and much needed.

More information: <http://hobt.org/mayday/mayday-workshops/>

Supplies needed! We'd love to turn your recycling into puppets and masks and floats! Bring small plastic tubs with lids, brown paper bags

and newspapers if you can.

Be a MayDay volunteer!

We need hundreds of volunteers to make MayDay. We need helping hands throughout April at our community builds and lots of assistance on the day of the event. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator scottie hall at volunteer@hobt.org for details.

Join us at the 41st Annual MayDay Parade and Festival on Sunday, May 3!

Join in the Fun, Register for a Summer Camp!



Build a puppet, learn to stilt, create a parade, make a costume, join the circus!

HOBt is offering week-long day camps this July for kids ages 4-18. Minimum enrollment for all camps is 10 students. More details at <http://hobt.org/education/summer-camps/>.

July 6-10, 9:30am-12pm

Butterfly Camp Ages 6-12

Teaching Artist: Laurie Witzkowski

Tend a butterfly garden and make a caterpillar puppet, a chrysalis that opens, and a butterfly mask and wings that you can dance in! Become an expert on the magical life cycle of the monarch butterfly. \$150

July 6-10, 1pm-3:30pm

The Amazing Dancing Hands

Ages 8-12

Teaching Artist: Sandy Spieler
Create a hand puppet and learn to help it sing, dance, tell jokes, fall down and get back up with HOBt's talented Artistic Director, Sandy Spieler. \$150

July 13-17, 9:30am-12pm

Urban Stilt Walking Revolution!

Ages 8-18

Teaching Artist: Nicole Amaris
Learn basic and intermediate stilt walking skills with an introduction to the use of stilts in other art forms such as performance art, costume design and mural arts. \$175

July 13-17, 1pm-3:30pm

Box Troll Boxventure! Ages 8-12

Teaching Artist: Seth Eberle

In this fantastic, magical Boxventure, you'll create your

own box troll world - complete with box troll outfit and your own box troll name. Make cogs and gears to tinker like a box troll does and show off your creations at the end of the week in the box troll underground workshop! \$150

July 20-24, 9:30am-12pm

Stilt Walking 101 Ages 8-18

Teaching Artist: Nicole Amaris

An introduction to stilt walking for beginners! Learn how to get up, walk tall, fall and get down safely! \$175

July 20-24, 1pm-3:30pm

Make-A-Parade Ages 8-12

Teaching Artist: Angie Courchaine
Leading up to an energetic sidewalk parade, participants will collaborate on a theme and spend the week creating parade elements such as floats, puppets, masks, and movement. \$150

July 27-31, 9:30am-12pm

I Love a Love Parade Ages 4-8

Teaching Artist: Esther Ouray
Here is your chance to be in a parade! Spend the week creating costumes, headdresses, jewelry, instruments, and banners so you can dance in the Love Parade! In the tradition of MayDay, Rose Bowl, Macy's Thanksgiving and Mardi Gras parades....coming soon - The Love Parade! \$150

July 27-31, 1pm-3:30pm

Join the Circus Ages 8-12

Teaching Artist: Esther Ouray
Make a circus! Magic tricks, puppet animal training acts, silly acrobatics, popcorn! \$150.



One Day...

March 17, about 3:10 p.m....
Picked up Camila for a 3:30 rendezvous with CTUL. Camila is a “red-diaper baby” of Chilean descent, recently returned from a tour of Cuba. Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) is a worker’s center which rallies the community in support of vulnerable low-wage workers. We drove down Lake Street to the Uptown McDonald’s.
It was protest, not burgers which moved us to follow our bold leaders. At long last the chanting brought forth a manager. We then politely requested decent wages and respect for all workers...

Hey...
There are some 13,000 McDonald’s in the U.S. There is “a family of 2,400 owner/operators.” To join the “family,” a minimum of \$300,000.00 of non-borrowed personal resources is required, with a minimum 25% down. So, with 36,000 McDonald’s on the planet (enough already!), I suggest we place our solidarity with the workers.
Then between 5:00 and 5:30...
With Camila in tow, I slid over to 2104 Stevens Avenue for a presentation by Dr. Jahi Chapell. Jahi is Director of Agroecology and Agricultural Policy for the Institute of Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP). Yes, corporate inspired international trade agree-



PETER MOLENAAR
Raise Your Voice

ments continue to be a serious problem.
Remember NAFTA? Pump chemicals into our soil... export tons of corn to Mexico...ruin farm communities...increase cheap labor supply...export U.S. jobs... force emigration. To which Dr. Chapell adds: the chemical run-off has created a dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico as big as Connecticut.
Jump to HOBT before 7:00
The 40th May Day Parade and Festival is before us. Its content has always reflected community input, i.e., the civilized tension of a democratic process. Sandy is yet to exhaust her patience. Truly amazing.
There was, in essence, a tension between the slogan BLACK LIVES MATTER and the slogan

Frank Reflections

Transference of guilt: right or wrong?

BY FRANK ERICKSON
Abdisalam Adam is a public school teacher and iman from St. Paul and a model for how the White House and U.S. law enforcement hope to avoid an American version of the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris.”—Washington Post
It is amazing that they don’t see the racism in their approach—that they connect the Paris killings to the Twin Cities, not from evidence that someone was planning such an attack, but from Minnesota having the largest U.S. population of Somali-Americans. That or Somali Community could produce such an attack based on religion and skin color and not on

evidence that anyone is planning to use violence.
In a chilling headline, “The time has come for Minnesota Somalis” – he Star Tribune puts the entire Somali Community on trial, on the hot seat. They must see this as acceptable since local analyst Jamal Abdulahi wrote the editorial.
The editorial had a photo of a Al-Shabab video threatening the Mall of America. Abdulahi says, “The threat on MOA presents a moment of clarity for Minnesota’s Somali-Americans.” Yes, it does, if you are a local Somali-American be clear that the threat to the mall may be connected to you, even if

you had nothing to do with it.
This is why a group of Somali-Americans took a trip to the MOA just after the threat to eat, shop, and enjoy the mall; to make a statement that they only want to enjoy and shop at the mall like many other Minnesota citizens. It is sad tha they felt the need to do this, but it probably was a good idea.
Is not the revenge attacks upon the police officers in Ferguson and Staten Island who had nothing to do with the killing of the two Black victims the same approach as killing thousands of Taliban soldiers who had nothing to do with 911?

Calling all artists!

The Midtown Greenway Coalition announces a call for artist proposals for the Greenway Glow to be held on June 20th from 8 p.m. to Midnight in locations in and along the Midtown Greenway. Proposals must be submitted by

noon on April 14th. Submissions will be juried and stipends of up to \$500 will be awarded.
For submission forms and details, please go to our website at www.midtowngreenway.org.
The Greenway Glow is our annual arts festival and bike ride on the Greenway! The duel event will be from 8 p.m. - Midnight on June 20th in the Greenway. The arts festival is free, while the bike ride has a registration fee and donations that raise funds to support the Greenway.

For more information email Janey@midtowngreenway.org.



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This looks like a good place to idle !

Hiya Watta ! Yeah – Most of the neighbors don't complain !

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Arsonic all around !

Arsonic in the ground

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All classes are FREE!

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*CANDO-
3756 Chicago Ave. S. MPLS

*East Phillips-
2307 17th Ave. S. MPLS

*The Exchange-
3405 Chicago Ave. S. MPLS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BYI Definition of Health

- Health is a state of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. It is not only the absence of infirmity and disease.
- Health is a state of balance, harmony, and connectedness within and between many systems – the body, the family, the community, the environment, and culture. It cannot be seen only in an individual context.
- Health is an active state of being; people must be active participants to be healthy. It cannot be achieved by being passive.

The Backyard Initiative (BYI) is a partnership between the Community, Allina Health Systems and the Cultural Wellness Center. The goal of this partnership is to improve the health of the 45,000 residents living in the "backyard" comprised by the neighborhoods of Powderhorn Park, East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, West Phillips, Ventura Village, Central, and Corcoran. There are eleven Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) focused on improving the health through a variety of cultural and community-connecting activities. **For info on the BYI, please call the Cultural Wellness Center, 612-721-5745.**

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