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Hale, Page, and Diamond Lake Community Association

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Semi-finalists for the Gateway Art Project *from page 1*

At this meeting we only needed to narrow the field to five semifinalists, which we did after careful discussion and a very fair voting process. The Arts Commission, a Council of Advisors, and the HPDL Gateway Arts Steering Committee together cast 11 votes to select semifinalists. Neighbors, especially those adjacent to the site, were invited to attend the meeting in order to influence design selection.

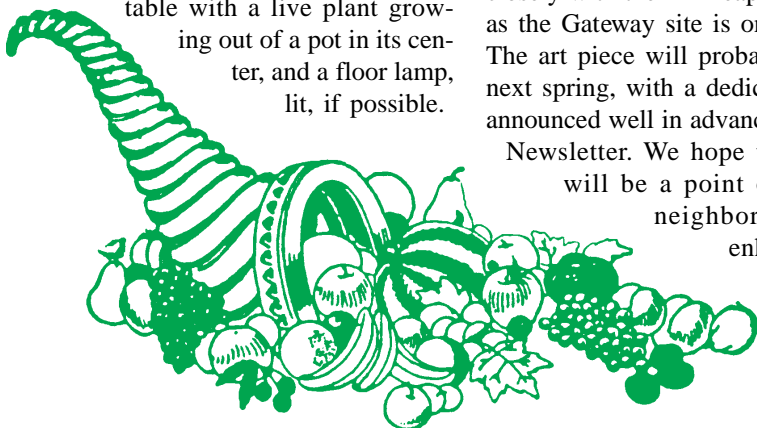
The semifinalists are, by name and with a brief description of their entries:

Jeff Barber— a cast bronze realistic sculpture of a rabbit, reclining, 11' long and 7' high. Mr. Barber has created impressive bronze sculptures of natural subjects in the past. He notes that the sculpture will invite children to clamber upon it.

Darcy Ferrill— a kinetic sculpture of fish (a mobile) suspended from an archway made of two metal arched legs connected at the top, one depicting Minnehaha Creek and its nearby houses, and the other, marsh grasses. The archway is placed on a round, stone plaza with benches for seating.

Susan Fiene— a “cloud-viewing pavilion” — a roofed structure of 4 wood pillars, with shake roof surfaces, the center cut out to allow observers to watch clouds while lying on a grassy square in the center of the concrete platform beneath. Susan is the artist who, among other accomplishments, designed the “tea house” gateway art piece on Powderhorn Lake.

Carla Stetson— “Outside In”, a living room scene with overstuffed couch and armchair finished with sandstone, paving or roof tiles, a flagstone carpet, a back “wall” of espaliered trees; a brick coffee table with a live plant growing out of a pot in its center, and a floor lamp, lit, if possible.



Steven Woodward— a low archway that appears at its center as an open book, in length, 12 feet, by 30 inches high, sculpted either as a single piece of granite or of several interlocking pieces. This piece is meant for seating. Natural stone pathways and landscaping surround the piece. Mr. Woodward’s previous stone sculptures were very impressive.

Discussing the artists’ submissions was both fun and serious work—practical aspects of some of the designs were considered, as well as the ability of each artist to execute the pieces well, given their past accomplishments and the proposals themselves. We determined that these five artists will be the ones who will be given an allowance to create more substantial mockup designs to be viewed at a meeting in approximately 8 weeks, when we will choose the finalist.

Before they prepare their mockups, however, we will hold another meeting in about two weeks, when we can meet the artists, ask them questions, and present any concerns we have with their present design ideas.

Again, those who wish to are encouraged to attend this meeting. Call the HPDL office to learn the date and time for the meeting, as yet undetermined. Your participation is welcomed in the art selection process. If you have further questions or comments, please call or email the HPDL office at 824-7707, hpdl@juno.com, or call or email the Steering Committee Chair, Gail Von Bargen, at 729-4228, GvonBargen@aol.com.

When the final selection is complete, the Minneapolis Arts Commission will work closely with the Minneapolis Park Board, as the Gateway site is on Park property. The art piece will probably be installed next spring, with a dedication ceremony announced well in advance via the HPDL Newsletter. We hope this installation will be a point of pride to the neighborhood and will enhance our community spirit.

Farewell From The Chair

by Scott Benson

I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Chair of HPDL during the past year. As a community, you can all be very proud of the work accomplished by the HPDL Board, committee members and other volunteers.

At the beginning of last year, the HPDL Board set three goals to accomplish. First, we sought to make a definite finance plan for the current fiscal year. This goal was accomplished when the HPDL community met in March and approved a finance plan that moved funds from budget categories that had originally been appropriated but never spent to fund budget categories which had definite plans for using the money. In May, the HPDL Board approved



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a budget that provided for funding through the end of May, 2000.

Second, the HPDL Board sought to prioritize the neighborhood's goals. During two well attended community meetings, we established goals and priorities for the second five years of HPDL's existence. The groups brainstormed for ideas, categorized major concerns and prioritized their hopes and dreams for the future of our community. The next step is to complete a survey of the neighborhood which, although temporarily delayed, should be delivered to your home in the next few months.

Finally, HPDL's Board sought to evaluate the success of the current five year plan and begin drafting a second action plan. The Board and the HPDL Future Planning Committee did a good deal of evaluating con-

cerning the prior action plan. We have started the process of working on a second action plan which will need to be completed in early 2000.

HPDL obtained a significant grant this year for a "Gateway Art Project." The project seeks to add public artwork at an entrance to the city. HPDL competed with two other neighborhoods in the 11th Ward and won the grant. The art will be placed at Portland Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway.

The programs initiated in previous years continue to gain strength. Through the hard work of what I think are the best volunteers in the city, HPDL enjoyed successes with Clean Sweep, Picnic in the Park, Frost Fest, the Walk Patrol, the Bike Patrol, installation of a crosswalk on Portland, block grants and many other activities. To the many vol-

unteers who do the invaluable work of your community, I say thank you.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for the outstanding leadership demonstrated by the board during this past year: Kate Price-Achhamer, vice chair; Gail VonBargen, treasurer; Flannery Delaney, secretary; Doug Frevert, Krista Hong, Kay Hughes, Buck Humphrey, Greg Mook, Ray McCabe, and Greg Sanderson.

Thanks also to our wonderful, dedicated staff, Rosie Doege, Viola Carlson and Valerie Powers who help keep our neighborhood association strong and focused. Additionally, I am excited to welcome Judy Cooper-Lyle to our staff. Judy will be taking Valerie's halftime position with HPDL as Valerie was recruited to work for another neighborhood association.

Need an "Angel" to Give You a Break?

One in three Americans voluntarily provide care each year to one or more ill or disabled family members or friends. Often it is an adult helping an elderly parent, or a spouse caring for a spouse. Providing care for a loved one can be rewarding—and it can often be demanding and exhausting for the caregiver and the caregiver's family.

Medical experts agree that caregivers run the highest risk of getting ill, due to the constant pressures of caregiving. Caregivers need time off for themselves at regular intervals, to avoid "burnout."

Respite Care can provide that "angel" that will provide temporary relief for caregivers by coming into your home to spend time with the care receiver while the caregiver takes a break. The "angels" providing Respite Care will do activities, go on walks, bake, and laugh with your parent/spouse, in your home.

Call Nokomis Healthy Seniors today at 729-5499. To be eligible for Respite Care, the person being cared for should be at least 60 years of age. (We need more "angels"! Please call if you'd like to offer your wings to someone that needs to be uplifted.)

Open Seat on the HPDL Board of Directors

If you have thought about becoming more involved in your community, now is your chance. The HPDL board has a two-year position open for a Diamond Lake or Page neighborhood resident or business owner. This group oversees the operation of committees and monitors the sixth year of implementation for our Neighborhood Action Plan. We have a dynamic board this year, and we invite you to join the team.

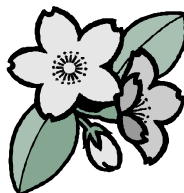
Monthly Free Lunch for Seniors

Ebenezer Lutheran on 41st & Cedar offers a monthly free lunch for seniors. The next free lunch is on November 16th. Lunch will be served at 12:30, and the parish nurse will be available for blood pressure checks and consultation after lunch. Bible Study is offered from 2:00 - 3:00. Rides are available to and from Ebenezer, before and after lunch, and again after the Bible study.

Call Bruce Ruiz at 612-824-0585, or call Ebenezer Tuesday through Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM at 612-722-0157.

Yes!

I want to help HPDL keep my neighborhood a great place to live.



Here is my tax deductible contribution:

- \$10 \$15 \$25
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form with your check payable to:

HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Thank You!

At City Hall

Council Member S. Doré Mead

Hello to all as autumn gives way to winter.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) is in the midst of updating its noise insulation program boundaries and guidelines. MAC will hold three informational meetings at which a proposed map will be available showing where the expanded home noise insulation program boundaries might be located.

Tuesday, November 30, Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Pkwy., Minneapolis -Wednesday, December 1, Royal Cliff Conference Center, 2280 Cliff Road, Eagan -Thursday, December 2, Courtyard by Marriott, 1352 Northland Drive, Mendota Heights.

Each meeting will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This is an important public input phase for the noise insulation program. It is a real opportunity to make sure that the next map is based on “common sense” boundaries that don’t exclude small parts of any neighborhood from eligibility for the program.

As a gentle annual reminder, please don’t rake leaves into the street. It is much better for traffic and pedestrian safety, and the quality of the water in our lakes and creeks, if leaves are bagged so they can be hauled away by City crews, or even better, mulched and composted in your yard.

I am pleased with recent progress the City and Park Board have made in discussions to solve service duplications that have ex-

isted for years. For example, the City has maintained the grass and trees in the park-like areas it owns, and the Park Board has been responsible for designing and maintaining its parkways and storm sewers. By swapping these responsibilities, the agency that performs that work the best, and the most efficiently, would be responsible. I anticipate that over time, as Park owned infrastructure (parkways and sewers) is repaired and replaced by the City, the tax savings over the long term will be quite significant. The Park Board would then be free to focus on the services it best provides, recreational programming and open space management.

As always, please call me at 612-673-2211 with your news and observations.



HPDL Board for 1999–2000 (left to right): Krista Hong, Gail VonBargen, Kay Hughes, Margaret Sullivan, (back row) Scott Benson, Ray McCabe, Greg Mook, Dana Bacon, Buck Humphrey, and Doug Frevort.

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Welcome All HPDL New Neighbors!

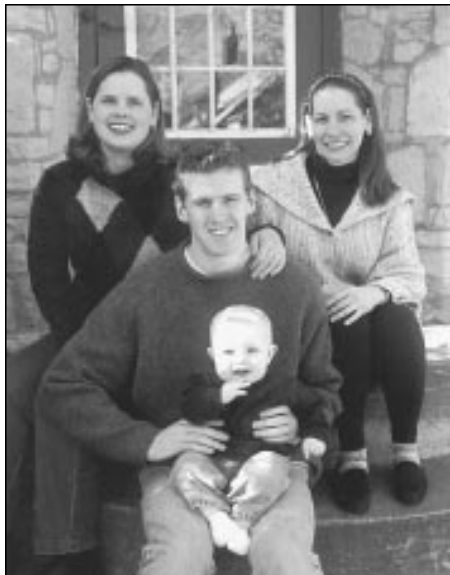
By Laurie Frevert

Are you new to the neighborhood? Do you have a new neighbor? Know someone looking here for a home? What appeals to you about living here? I spoke with Matt Tourangeau & Deb Madir, local realtors specializing in south and southwest Minneapolis. They say most people looking here want homes that have architectural and style integrity. HPDL has a range of desirable housing, with the plus of city living. We have a sense of neighborhood and community. A strong attraction for people relocating here is our developed park system featuring walking and biking trails. The area is safe. For people that moved out of the city, they miss the Minneapolis lifestyle, wanting to be closer to arts, theatre, & restaurants.

Meet some of our new neighbors.

Laura, Nicole, David and Anthony

Nicole, David, and Anthony Martin; and Laura Price moved in at the end of August. Laura, a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, grew up in HPDL. Tired of driving everywhere, they looked for a home in the city. David and Nicole work for UPS, and David has been working on a teaching degree. He also coaches women's volleyball at Augsburg College.



Nicole, husband David, mother Laura, and son, David.

Having grown up here, Laura likes the familiarity. They all enjoy the closeness of businesses, culture, diversity, and that you can easily walk down the block to nature. The homes have individual character, are well-kept, and it "feels" comfortable. Nicole and David also find the public schools desirable. Laura says she will be have opportunities to do some volunteer work. They are happy to have nice neighbors and a block club.



Jennifer and Ward Bennett

Ward & Jennifer Bennett

Jennifer and Ward moved here on April 1st. Ward is an elementary school teacher for the Minneapolis Public Schools. Jennifer works in private practice as a psychologist. Jennifer grew up in Minneapolis, while Ward is from Orono. They have lived in Jamestown, ND, home of the world's largest cement Buffalo! They had an apartment in Minneapolis, then bought their first home in Richfield. They missed life in Minneapolis.

They like Lake Nokomis and the nice homes surrounding it. They like that it is easy to get places and that people care for their properties. They have met neighbors and belong to their block club. They feel they belong to our community.



Matt and Laura Pagois

Laura and Matt Pagois

At the end of July during a hot spell, Laura and Matt moved into their new home. They are not from Minneapolis, but they met as college students at Augsburg. They found they enjoy city life and chose to find a home here. They like the older homes and felt that you get a lot of value for your money. It's quiet and safe with many nice places to walk. They felt that the developed park system makes Minneapolis stand out. They have nice neighbors and feel this area has a "small town" feel. They like nice parks with swings and picnic areas.

HPDL Wants Your eMail Address

We want to use email to make announcements of interest to the community. Currently, we send out postcards to announce our bi-monthly meetings. We send them to anyone that has "signed in" at a previous meeting. It costs several hundred dollars for each meeting. HPDL will save some of that cost by emailing meeting notices instead of mailing the notices. At the October HPDL Board meeting, the Board decided to create an email address list. We also expect that email will allow us to send notices more frequently.

Pedestrian Safety

By Ray McCabe

A major step in safety for pedestrians crossing Portland Ave. is now complete. A pedestrian crosswalk has been installed on Portland by Diamond Lake Church. The crosswalk's bright green look is now the standard in Minneapolis. We consider this a big step for safety, especially for children who need to cross Portland Ave. The sign's flashing yellow lights are pedestrian activated. The Department of Transportation (MnDOT) urges you to use caution when crossing. A pedestrian crosswalk is no guarantee that cars will stop. Minnesota recently raised crosswalk violations to misdemeanors with up to 90 days in jail and/or up to a \$700 fine.

HPDL's Crime & Safety Committee continues to work with MnDOT concerning safety issues in our neighborhood, including the legal speed limit (35 mph) on Portland. Two surveys conducted in 1998 show that the average speed of cars traveling in either direction is 40 mph. HPDL continues to pursue a reduction of the current legal speed limit to 30 mph.

Mentoring Opportunities

"Give a child their first opportunity . . . Become a mentor."

The Employment Action Center of Minneapolis, 2104 Park Avenue South, has offered employment training for adults and youth for the past twenty years. They also provide a support system for youth to increase academic success and deter delinquent behavior. For more information on how to become involved as a mentor, call Edward Fagin at 752-8816.



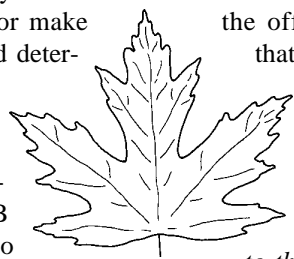
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Citizens Advisory Councils and HPDL

By Kay Hughes

HPDL and other organizations are always seeking volunteers for projects or for input for projects in the initial phases. Notices come through this newsletter, post cards and letters from agencies, or notices in the newspaper. When you receive these notices, read them to see how these projects will effect you and your surroundings. Call to sign up or make inquires. Go to meetings and determine if you are being represented. For instance, at a Minnehaha Trail Meeting, people came via an additional mailing from the MPRB who professed they had no idea these meetings were taking place.



presented, find out why, ask the organizers, and call the office. Better yet, when you receive a meeting notice, call the HPDL office and find out if the community is being represented. You can get the ball rolling, get out the information about the meetings, and report any outcomes. Please inform the HPDL Newsletter staff or the office staff. It is important that you participate and keep us informed.

Editor: Kay represented HPDL on a Citizens Advisory Board for the Park Board planning revisions to the Minnehaha Trails.

If a member of your community is on a Citizens Advisory Committee, talk to them. If your community is not repre-

Quilters Update

By Laurie Frevert

The next quilt to raffle at "Picnic in the Park" is being pieced together. The quilters are excited about their new project and are enjoying the process. They met twice this fall and selected a pattern for the next quilt. It is a jewel box pattern, which will allow many quilters to participate. Again, it will be a "scrap" quilt, suggesting the use of cherished fabrics and a vibrant palette of colors. The quilters are a fun, dedicated, and enthusiastic group. If you wish to join them, please meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pearl Park. Just come, or contact the HPDL Office (824-7707) for further information.



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Susan Merrill gladly sold raffle tickets.

Ready for Y2K?

The City of Minneapolis has put together a Y2K Preparedness Plan. This plan was designed through a preparedness task force consisting of members from various backgrounds, including city staff, representatives from the police and fire departments, 911, neighborhood groups and the American Red Cross.

Though the city of Minneapolis is prepared and does not anticipate problems, the following list of resources are available to assist you in preparing for Jan. 1, 2000.

Y2K Questions: (612) 673-3899 or email to year2000@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

The City of Minneapolis Y2K website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

City of Minneapolis Y2K Preparedness Plan Booklet: (612) 673-2123

Fun Times at the HPDL Teen Center

The HPDL Teen Center has wrapped up its fun-filled summer of activities. Though it was a bit chilly, we went camping and tubing in Cannon Falls. We also went horse-back riding in Jordan and played splotball in Hinkley.

Encourage your teens and their friends to experience the upcoming fall and winter events that are planned which include roller skating, an overnight "ski-fest" at Spirit Mountain, rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors, and skiing at Afton Alps.

The teens would like to get involved with some community projects such as neighborhood clean-up, helping businesses deliver flyers, or helping with the Healthy Seniors project, assisting seniors with yard work, grocery shopping, or removing snow. We are looking forward to this season of fun social and community activities! To be on the Teen Center mailing list, please call Rosie at 824-7707.



Teens with their adult leaders on the banks of the Cannon River.

HPDL Needs You!

Several of our committees are in need of volunteers. With winter ahead of us and the committees that make us tick are in need of some fresh faces and new ideas.

If you can spend a few hours a month, have an interest in your community, and want to affect what happens in your own neighborhood, please give us a call. Rosie, Judy or Viola at the HPDL office would love to hear from you – 824-7707.

HPDL Committees

Building Community—Last Wednesday
Business Association—2nd Thursday
Commercial Development—3rd Monday
Crime and Safety—1st Monday
Newsletter—call
Environment—1st Wednesday
Teen Center—1st and 3rd Thursday

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HPDL was formed in 1991. It is bounded by 35W, 62nd Street, Cedar Avenue, and Minnehaha Creek. HPDL serves as a forum/clearinghouse for ideas; provides a meeting place to air grievances, define concerns and develop solutions; provides opportunities to work with other organizations across the city; serves as a conduit between residents and government; and helps us to celebrate our neighborhoods and their own special uniqueness within our diverse city.

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HPDL Community Calendar

Nov. 15	HPDL Community Meeting Plug into NSP	Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 3-4	Teen Center overnight Call to reserve space	Spirit Mountain
Dec. 20	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Teen Center – Rock Climbing Call to reserve space	10 a.m.
Jan. 17	HPDL Community Meeting	Pearl Park, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	HPDL Board Meeting	HPDL Office, 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Frostfest	Pearl Park, afternoon.

Plug into NSP!

Come to our community meeting on Monday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. at Pearl Park (414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.).

Agenda

- 1) Reliability of NSP
 - 2) NSP and Y2K preparedness
 - 3) Question and Answer period
- Questions? Call the HPDL office at 824-7707.



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