



The Breeze

of Park Point

Lafayette Edible Garden

Monday, June 26, 6 - 8 PM
Potluck Dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 7 PM,
Social at 6:30
Lafayette Community Center
Guest speakers from SEH and
the Duluth Airport Authority.
(See page 10 for more
information.)

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday June 26, 7 pm
**33rd Annual Park Point
Rummage Sale**

Friday & Saturday
June 13 & 14
8AM - 5 PM daily
For more info call
Charlene Shimmin
722-6828

**44th annual
Park Point Art Fair**
Saturday & Sunday
June 28 and 29
10am-5pm daily

The mission of the Breeze is to
serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

The Park Point Community Club proudly presents the 44th annual Park Point Art Fair from 10am-5pm June 28 and 29 at the Park Point Recreation Area. Admission and parking is free. The art fair showcases the juried fine arts and crafts of 115+ premiere artists from the region and beyond who display and sell their work. In addition to an outdoor gallery and food court, the Art Fair will feature a variety of award-winning Minnesota performers and demonstrations:

- Saturday: guitar/flutist/singer Michael Monroe and storyteller Elizabeth Nordell
- Sunday: Ryan Frane's UMD jazz trio, singer-songwriter Jamie Ness (of the Boomchucks), Erik Berry (of Trampled by Turtles)

Free interactive arts experiences each day:

- Jug band tent with de Elliot Bros. and Lee "Colorblind" Johnson; and dulcimer music by Paul Imholte
- Artist demos in hot glass (Dan Neff), plein air painting (Dave Gilsvik), wood turning (Cooper Ternes), Duluth Fiber Arts Guild, as well as ceramics, drawing and other processes
- Make-and-take art tent (donations accepted)

Get the latest and share with friends at facebook.com/parkpointartfair and parkpointartfair.org

The 2014 PPAF is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (2 Hour Time Blocks)

FRIDAY June 27

- Set up art fair grounds
- Artist registration

SATURDAY June 28

- Greet guests and hand out maps
- Engage visitors with a survey
- Provide relief for artists
- Children's Make & Take
- Keeping grounds clean

SUNDAY June 29

- Same as Saturday
- Break Down Fair Grounds

All volunteers are invited to the Artist Awards Dinner on Saturday evening.

Please call Diane Gould at 727-4067 to schedule times.



The Park Point Community Club is a nonprofit organization that supports people, parks, civic involvement and more—to the benefit of not just the local neighborhood, but the larger Twin Ports region it belongs to. Our volunteers and supporters make this amazing event possible.

"For decades, we've come together—as visitors, artists and volunteers—in a truly unique setting here on the shores of Lake Superior. As a community of volunteers giving back to sustain Park Point, we welcome everyone to join us in celebrating this Duluth gem," said Carla Tamburro, PPAF coordinator. "Thank you for helping make it happen!"

The Breeze

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From the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

After the last Small Area Plan “Advisory Committee” meeting, I felt that City Planning could not clearly answer my questions about how my neighbors and I could use the platted rights-of-way on Park Point. Seeking clarity and resolution, I sent off my questions to Ms. Lori Swanson’s team. I’ve included the response I received from the Attorney General’s office at the request of members at our May PPCC meeting. Please contact me with any questions. All documents are posted on our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org

Re. the recent City Council meeting and the Park Point Small Area Plan resolutions:

Sadly, I heard that several Park Pointers were heckling the councilors at the May 27th meeting. How does behavior like that affect our broader community relationships?

As we move forward with the resolutions that the City Council passed, it is my hope that we, as neighbors & Duluthians, can “recalibrate” on respect and civility, find common ground, and think the best of each other and our guests visiting Park Point.

My recent encounter with a visitor to our island:

Two weeks ago, at about 11pm, I was cleaning up my kitchen and noticed a weird light out in the parking lane in front of my house. Sure enough, it looked like someone was rifling through a large SUV using a flashlight to locate potential booty. Seemed silly for a prowler, as it was quite the light show. As the adrenaline flowed, I flipped on my porch light and stuck my head out the door to do a little re-con, my big dog at my side and dialled 911 on the i-phone. I called out to the figure in the SUV, “Who are you, and what are you doing?” Turned out that it was just a waif of a pre-teen kid whose big ears had gotten cold while fishing with his parents. He called out to me, “It’s just a kid” in a smallish voice that made me chuckle, since I had conjured up a totally different scenario in my head. He had headed back up from the brisk beach and was searching for his black winter hat that was hard to find in the dark truck. We had a nice little chat about the joys of smelting and the half-full bucket of smelt he had netted so far. He found his hat and promised me that he would make sure all their trash would be picked up packed out.

See you out and about,
Dawn and Klaus

PS Please sign up to help with the Art Fair, it’s a lot of fun.
Please dial up Diane G. @ 727-4067 to volunteer. Many thanks in advance.

Letter from MN State Attorney General



LORI SWANSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 5, 2014

102 STATE CAPITOL
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
TELEPHONE: (651) 296-6196

Ms. Dawn Buck
3105 Minnesota Avenue
Duluth, MN 55802

Dear Ms. Buck:

I thank you for your correspondence received on April 24, 2014.

You live on Park Point in Duluth and serve as the President of the Park Point Community Club. You report members of your community have been unable to resolve conflicts with the City of Duluth ("City") regarding property owners' rights and public access to Lake Superior and Superior Bay (collectively "the water"). On Park Point, there are platted public right of ways leading to the water. On the bayside, the Duluth City Charter designates all right of ways abutting the water as public dockage. Many of the residents of Park Point keep their boats at anchorage off of the right of ways and the right of ways are often used for recreational activities. The City is proposing to eliminate the public dockage at the ends of the right of ways, improve the right of ways every four to six blocks, and vacate the remaining right of ways. The City indicates that once the public dockage is removed, no public access will be allowed unless the right of way has been improved. The City has called the undeveloped, platted, right of ways useless. You note that conflicts, including a lawsuit, have arisen when the property owners adjacent to the right of ways have blocked access to neighbors and visitors. You do not agree with the City's determination regarding the rights of the residents to use platted right of ways. You would like this Office to provide guidance to the Duluth City Planners in deciding who can legally use the platted right of ways on Park Point.

While I cannot give you legal advice and while this Office does not have any authority over municipalities, I can tell you the following, which I hope will be helpful:

First, Minn. Stat. § 505.01, subd. 1 (enclosed) provides that lands which are dedicated for public use in a plat, such as a roadway, are held by the municipality as an easement for the purposes set forth or intended. The dedication to the public of a street in a plat, however, does not instantly create an obligation to open and maintain the dedicated street. The case that you enclose, *Bolen v. Glass*, recognizes the "well-established rule of law in Minnesota that one purchasing a lot in a plat may rely upon the dedication of streets and alleys shown therein, and possesses the right to use the same." *Bolen v. Glass*, 755 N.W.2d 1, 5 (Minn. 2008). The Court in *Bolen* concluded that any purchaser of a lot within the subject plat is entitled to use the streets dedicated in the plat, including the undeveloped street at issue. I suggest that you obtain a copy of the plat(s) that are at issue and review the dedication clause to determine the nature and extent of the dedication of the right of ways in the plat. If you do not have a copy of the plat(s), you may obtain a copy from the St. Louis County Recorder, who may be reached at:

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Park Point Community Club Meeting: May, 2014

The Park Point Community Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm on May 15, 2014 by Club President Dawn Buck. The Civility Check-lists focus was to "Be Fair."

April 17, 2014 Secretary Minutes. A motion was made by Alan Dartanyan to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Lynn Bentfield seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report by Al Robins

Beginning Balance

	PPCC	Art Fair	Total
April, 2014	\$47,437	\$21,123	\$68,560
May, 2014	\$45,831	\$21,772	\$67,603

Don Freimuth made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Nancy Olson seconded the motion. A vote of the membership resulted in all ayes.

Slate of Officers were read for vote:

President	Dawn Buck
Vice President	Jake Kapsner and John Sargent
Secretary	Deb Strange
Treasurer	Al Robins
Youth Committee	Judy Dwyer

A vote of the community club members resulted in all ayes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Monthly potluck - Monday, May 19th. 6 to 8 PM

Rummage Sale - Charlene Shimmin & David Lavamaki

The sale is ready to be held on Friday and Saturday, 6/13 and 6/14.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Ted Buck birthday card

Mary Kellner thinking of you card

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you for continuing to provide the community club meetings with refreshments.

Program Committee - David Poulin and Rory Strange

Airport Authority updates for next meeting.

Watch Committee - we are all chair people

Dawn suggested we check the City of Duluth crime website to become aware of the types of crimes being committed, how many and where.

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro

June 28th and July 29th (Saturday and Sunday) are the dates for the Art Fair. Carla reported the trees that had been planted in the way of the exhibitors were being moved by the city. 118 artists have signed up to participate. Applications were up 30-40% over last year. Carla is lining up artists for demonstrations and hands on projects for the attendees. Volunteers are needed for garbage collection, delivering posters, helping with the Artist's Dinner & etc. Please contact Diane Gould at 218-727-4067 to sign up.

Youth Committee - Judy Dwyer

Youth Program to run from June 9th to August 7th.

There is information in the Breeze about registration. Applications to attend the Park Point Community Club Youth Program can be found on the website.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Dick Gould said 300 trees that were ordered are here and are going to be planted on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 AM by the beach house. Buckets and a shovel are needed.

Old Business -

No pending old business

New Business

Brian Nelson made a motion that the Park Point Community Club go on record stating that it opposes changes to the current location of the S-curve. J.C. Curtis seconded the motion.

A motion was made and seconded for the Park Point Community Club to go on record as supporting strategically placed garbage cans and recycling containers on Park Point where they are needed. A membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Alan Dartanyan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. Liz Mackay seconded the motion.

**Looking for babies or toddlers on Park Point for
a 10 yr. old girl to volunteer as
"Mommies helper".**

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Driving out of William O'Brian State Park, which is just north of Marine on the St. Croix, there is a sign with an important message. It says, "Just as in baseball, the most important thing is to reach home safely."

As summer arrives and activities and joy increase, we here at St. Andrew's hope you keep that message in mind, reaching home safely is the most important task of the summer months.

Be safe and have fun!

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Fr. John Petrich

THE POOR

A student once asked the great German theologian Karl Rahner "What books should I read to strengthen my faith?" Rahner replied, "No books. Instead go out and help the needy people in your community."

Our Lord told us that we will always have the poor with us. Thank God. Oh, it is no comfort being poor and we must do our best to alleviate this injustice. Yet, I still say Thank God. This allows us to see the world as God sees it. God has a special place in His heart for the poor. When we care and love them, we become Godlike. We learn to have a heart like God. No book can teach that. When the opportunity presents itself, help the poor. In doing so, you will find God. That's not a bad trade-off.

Father of the poor, I want to grow in faith. I want to experience you firsthand. Let me share in the gift by sharing with the less fortunate. I pray in the name of Jesus, who was born, lived and died poor. Amen

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Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at 7:40*

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Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Save these dates for future monthly potluck dinners:

- Monday, June 23, 6 to 8 p.m. Pam Thompson, of The Giving Ground, will speak about herbs and herbal remedies. She will have products available for purchase.
- Monday, July 21, 6 to 8 p.m. Jamie Harvey speaks on bees and pesticides. Let's have a safe environment for bees by increasing pollinating plants and encouraging Park Point to be pesticide-free.
- Tuesday, August 5, National Night Out. Details to follow.
- Sunday, September 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Angela Krick will teach us about fermenting, an activity she and her family have been doing for several years. She teaches fermenting classes at Whole Foods Co-op.



The big news at the garden this season is that gardening could be hazardous to your health. It seems that some of our neighbors have thrown their backs out tilling and toiling in the soil. Park Pointer Scott Wolff recommends reading the book Seven Steps to Living a Pain-Free Life, by Robin McKenzie, if you are experiencing back pain from gardening, or any other cause.

To learn more tips about gardening and network with your knowledgeable neighbors, join us at our monthly potluck dinners at the Lafayette Square Community Center. You will also find out about our current garden experiments. Last year, we tried some straw bale gardens. This year we will do a small square-foot garden and build a huglekulture garden. Our dinners are open to all Park Pointers, not just gardeners. For more information, contact Coral at 727-6455.

Garage Sale Time:

Our fund raiser this year will be participating in the Park Point Garage Sale in mid-June. If you have gardening- and cooking-related goodies to donate for our sale, please pre-price them and bring them to the Rutherfords' garage at 3205 Minnesota Ave. the week prior to the sale. We are also looking for a new/used picnic table for the garden, so if you are thinking about selling one in your garage sale, please consider donating it to the garden instead. You could still come visit it there.

Scarecrow Supplies Needed:

Soon the kids involved in the Park Point summer program will be assembling scarecrows for the community garden. If you have goofy old clothes, hats, gloves or shoes to donate for this project, drop them off with Joy at the basement door of the Lafayette Square Community Center.

Susan Peters



Park Point Garden Club

The PP Garden Club suggests, "Purchase plants grown without pesticides that are bad for bees."

The Lake Superior Beekeepers surveyed garden centers to determine if individuals could buy plants that have not been treated with insecticides. To see survey results go to <http://lakesuperiorbeekeepers.org/bee-friendly-garden-centers/>

In particular neonicotinoid insecticides get into all of the plants' systems, including the pollen and nectar that bees eat. Neonicotinoids, such as imidacloprid and clothianidin, are blamed for "Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD)." The insecticides impair bees' neurological functioning and they desert their hives and eventually die due to the harsh cold. <http://www.universityherald.com/articles/9417/20140515/neonicotinoids-honey-bee-colonies-winters-harvard-insecticides-health.htm>

There is also a contradictory belief that fungi and parasitic mites are to blame for CCD see <http://pesticidetruths.com/2013/05/23/bee-colony-collapse-disorder-chemo-phobic-anti-pesticide-groups-want-to-prohibit-neonicotinoid-insecticides-paul-k-driessen-bee-keepers-harm-bees-and-not-pesticides-2013-05-20-13/>

Interested in flower gardening? Contact President Diane Gould 727-4067 for details.

On Sunday, May 17th, we reveled in near 70 degree temps, and it seemed everyone in the city was out for a drive. The parade of vehicles, in which I was one of the links, came to a halt on the approach to the bridge...that's to be expected as the busy shipping season begins. But, when the bridge stayed aloft to allow passage of a second watercraft (a lengthy barge), my thoughts once more focused on our inexcusable lack of emergency service. Removal of the Fire hall, its personnel and equipment, has perhaps helped the budget goal of the Fire department... but has left Pointers with a permanent sense of being seriously at risk.

Twenty minutes passed, the barge cleared the canal but the bridge didn't budge. Another lake carrier had to be served! I imagined a scenario in which an ambulance and a rescue squad might have responded to a call for help just before the lifting, but were trapped somewhere down Minnesota Avenue---maybe with a desperately ill patient on board but unable to get to a hospital in time. As I was pondering that nightmare, the third boat passed under the span. Still it didn't come down fully. It was stopped at about the three-quarters mark to accommodate a small fishing boat with a tall profile. Yes. Four boats in succession!

I don't know how many cars were lined up behind me, but I counted those coming towards me as I crossed over to the Point...105 of them! Finally, I thought about the possibility of a scene of a half-dozen fire trucks sitting immobile, with frustrated firefighters waiting for the bridge to descend...not a likely event, but it could happen.

I could imagine their anxiety if the smoke and flames were visible from the burning building they were trying to reach---then finding the house, business or hotel couldn't be saved due to the delay. The millions of gallons of water that surround us would have been worthless without firefighters and the hoses to pour water on the flames. (Excuse my sarcasm, as I wonder whether the Fire department would like us to form a bucket brigade to fight our fires, as was done in colonial times.)

I have no sure solution to the chronic problem but am convinced we cannot, in clear conscience, permanently accept the status quo. I believe we must reopen a dialogue with the city administration and fire officials post haste! Our safety supercedes budget considerations.

It's a pleasure to end this column with a brief reference to the widely publicized story of the fox kits born in a den between houses near the south end of the residential area. Television and the News Tribune more than adequately covered the story. All I can add is another cute picture....thanks to photographer Carole Lent.



Park Point Summer Youth Program 2014

Yahoooooooo LouieeeeeeeSummer weather has arrived, summer vacation is right around the corner and the Park Point Summer Youth Program is only a few days away. If you are a kindergarten graduate through 13 years old, come join the fun at the Lafayette Club House: 3026 Minnesota Ave.

We will be there from: June 9th through August 7th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Bring daily in a backpack: breakfast food if you're an 'early birder', lunch, beverage, water bottle, snack, sun-screen, towel and swimsuit. Wear weather appropriate clothing that can get dirty, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and a smile.

Cost for the entire 9 weeks of fun: \$175.00 for the first child, \$125.00 for each additional child per family. No need to send bus fare as it is included in the fee. Additional field trip costs are the responsibility of the child.

Our first week's schedule is:

- June 9th: we will be at the site the entire day but may go to the beach
- June 10th: Library and picnic (bring your library card)
- June 11th: A walk-about on the Point
- June 12th: bowling at Incline Station and picnic while bowling. Bring \$5.50 for 2 games of Bowling and shoe rental in a zip-lock baggie with your name on it. Kids are welcome to order from the menu or bring their lunches. Menu and price list will be posted at Lafayette. Vending machine money is OK but please: NO arcade money.

Summer schedules will be available June 9th.

Any questions or concerns, please send me an email.....1234jfouts@

Looking forward to seeing you,

Joy Fouts -

PPCC Summer Youth Program Coordinator

The Summer Youth Program is in need of a digital camera if anyone has one to donate.

PPCC Environmental Committee

The 300 trees are all planted! Thanks to all who helped! They are near 12th, 16th, 22nd, behind Lafayette and just past the beach house. Most were planted on the dunes, although I reserved 25 to plant on Hearding Island. There were 200 Red and White pine, 50 Jack pine and 50 Pin cherry. It was a good year for planting with the sand very wet and cold. We should have good success. Remember A tree gives off pure oxygen while containing up to a ton of carbon dioxide.

Plant a tree!

Dick Gould -

Chairman Environmental Committee

727-4067



• Dave Haavik • Dick Gould • Gale Kerns • Jeri Kerns • Diane Gould

Duluth Sky Harbor Airport Update

Duluth Sky Harbor Airport
Obstruction Removal Environmental Review Process
PPCC Project Update

May 2014



Park Point Community Club,

Staff from the Duluth Airport Authority and SEH will be attending the June 19, 2014 Park Point Community Club meeting to provide a project update on the Sky Harbor Airport proposed runway relocation project. Prior to that meeting, we will also be providing an update to several other governmental and non-governmental groups within the city, including the Duluth City Council, Duluth Planning Commission, and Duluth Tree Commission. Additionally, the Duluth Airport Authority may take action authorizing distribution of the Draft EA/EAW at their June 17, 2014 Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Duluth International Airport, 3rd Floor Conference Room. Therefore, we are providing the Park Point Community Club a written project status update prior to your June 2014 meeting.

General Project Background

Sky Harbor Airport has been in operation on Minnesota Point since 1939 and consists of a single 3,050-foot-long paved and lighted runway with a parallel taxiway, two sea lanes and a seaplane ramp and dock for seaplane access. The airport is home to two businesses, and the unique presence of both a paved runway and water based landing facilities supports aircraft with wheel-type landing gear, amphibian (land and water) landing gear, floats (water only), and skis (snow and ice). The airport is also an International Port of Entry and air charter businesses use the airport as a base for aircraft ferrying passengers in and out of remote areas of Canada. In 2011, U.S. Customs cleared over 500 passengers at the airport.

Over time, old growth pine trees located off the south end of the runway have grown tall enough to be considered obstructions for aircraft on approach to the airport. In 2006, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Aeronautics directed the airport to clear the trees on the approach to Runway 32 in order to maintain a State of Minnesota airport license. In 2007, an environmental review process was initiated to evaluate alternatives to removing trees in the approach.

A Project Scoping Document that reviewed numerous alternatives was published in 2010. This document identified the Purpose and Need of the project, assessed and narrowed the alternatives under consideration, including airport closure and relocation, and identified critical issues to be considered through the development of a federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and a state Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). Four alternatives including the Preliminary Preferred Alternative were identified to be carried forward into the EA/EAW for additional review.

The Preliminary Preferred Alternative (Alternative 5a Short) avoids near and long-term impacts to the old growth forest and SNA by rotating the runway into Superior Bay. However, this alternative results in placement of 7.49 acres of fill in Superior Bay.

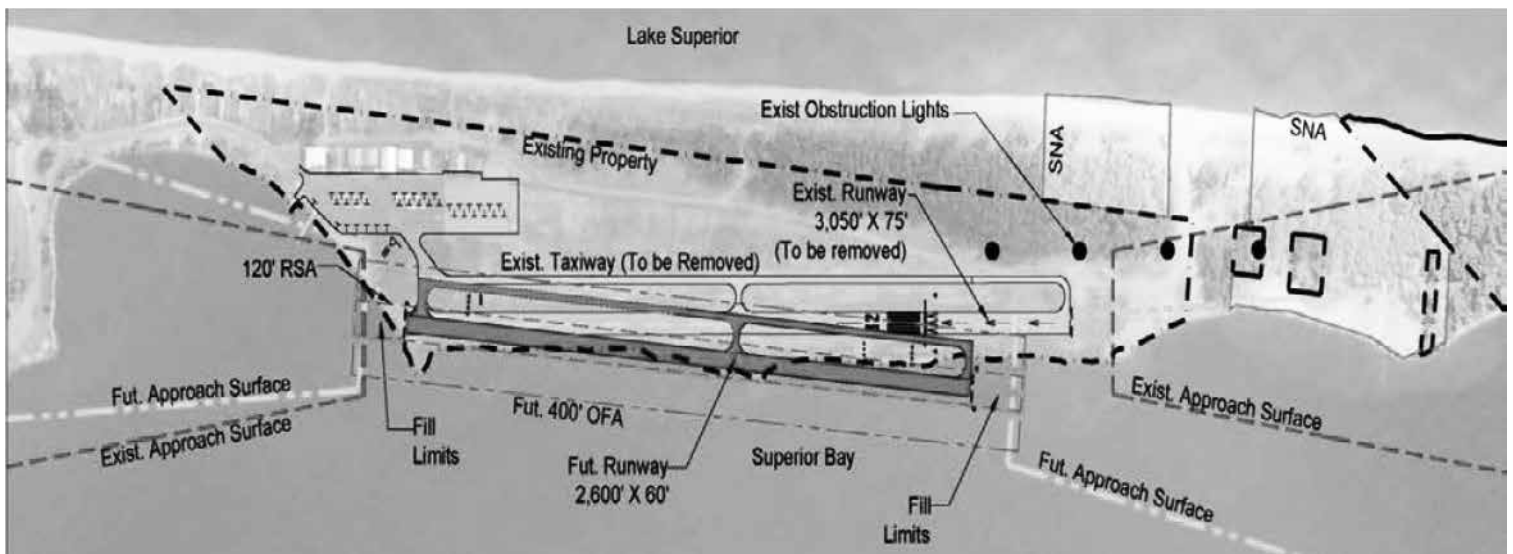
Alternative 5a Short (Preliminary Preferred Alternative)

2,600 foot long runway with a 5 degree rotation into Superior Bay

Current Project Status

The Duluth Airport Authority, FAA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the intent to preclude the need for routine revisiting of decisions that have already been agreed to earlier in the EA/EAW process, to encourage early substantive participation by the agencies, and to ensure that the information is adequate to address each agency's regulatory requirements.

In addition to the three signatory parties of the MOU, there are several non-signatory participating federal and state agencies. They include the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State of Minnesota (Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, and Pollution Control Agency).



A joint EA/EAW has been prepared to evaluate the proposed action and alternatives. The FAA will use the federal EA as the basis for either its issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or determination that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. In addition, the state EAW is mandatory for this project because some of the alternatives considered could potentially impact the adjacent Minnesota Point Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) and because the preliminary preferred alternative would result in 7.49 acres of fill in Superior Bay.

The Draft EA/EAW is tentatively planned to be published in June 2014, and a public hearing will be held during the public comment period (at least 30 days after publication).

Staff from the Duluth Airport Authority and SEH are planning to attend your June 19 meeting to provide a project update and answer your questions. We are looking forward to walking through the main elements of the document, discussing the project alternatives and environmental consequences included in the document, and providing an overview of the upcoming EA/EAW publication process.

Additionally, the following outreach meetings are scheduled:

- Duluth City Council – Committee of the Whole – June 9 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall
- Duluth Planning Commission – June 10, 5:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall
- Duluth Tree Commission – June 17, 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 106A, First Floor, City Hall

It is anticipated that the Duluth Airport Authority Board may discuss the EA/EAW publication at the June 17 board meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Duluth International Airport, 3rd Floor Conference Room. A project public hearing will take place at least 30 days after the EA/EAW publication. Currently, a 45-day comment period is planned to allow additional time after the public hearing for agencies and members of the public to submit comments. The public hearing date will be finalized once the exact publication schedule is known.

We look forward to presenting to the Park Point Community Club at your June 19 meeting. If you have any questions before then, please feel free to contact SEH staff members listed below.

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The Safari

It took some convincing, but finally it is agreed, we are going on safari, myself and two others, I'll call them G and M. We dress carefully making sure that our bodies are covered, hats, scarves, long sleeves. We need to be protected from the fierce flora and fauna. We check to see that we have enough supplies and water. Lack of water could be a problem.

We set off. We reach the edge of the wilds and pause. G boldly takes the lead. M follows, I bring up the rear. We trek down one barely passable trail, then another. Each time we hear rustlings in the bush, we stop. Our ears rise up like antenna trying to discern the cause of the sound. After a few quiet minutes, we again slowly pick our way along, branches and vines catching at our clothes like begging fingers. M is unhappy. "I'm no good at this. I'm never doing this again. I don't like this one bit. Why are we doing this?"

And still we tromp on. Finally we come to a body of water. Scanning carefully for any troublesome creatures and finding none, we gingerly sit on old logs to rest a bit. We eat some of our lunch, being careful to leave enough water for the slog back.

Self assured, G again takes the lead, M in the middle, me at the rear, moving slowly, single file. G marches ahead with brio, leading us up one trail, then down another until the trail becomes narrow, ends, and we are lost. We try backtracking, to see if we can find the trail we came in on, and find ourselves further lost.

I feel nervous and guilty. I was the one who pushed for the safari. We could be safe at home camp now, if it weren't for me. M may never forgive me.

We hear a new noise. Yes, it sounds like a motor. We move toward the sound. Our way is blocked by a steep embankment covered with debris and fallen trees twisting and turning into each other, offering no easy egress. We have no choice. We will have to force our way through. G again goes first, elbowing, kneeing and wrestling through the mass. M follows; complaining all the while, but also makes it through as I give a boost from behind. Then I am trying to work my way through, and there is good old grinning grunting G, with an outstretched hand to help me through the worst of it. Finally we are free and glad to be out of Southworth Marsh and back on Minnesota Avenue.

by Cornelia Dacey

For my granddaughters and fellow trekkers,



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Letter to the editor

Dear Breeze Editor and Neighbors,

"My family has lived on the Point for over 90 years."

"My family has lived on the Point for over 70 years."

"I have lived on the Point for only 20 years, I am a newcomer."

These were voices heard at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 27th. These voices were filled with pride, fear and hope. These were the voices of people who have benefited from their families' desire to preserve Park Point for generations.

Park Point families and individuals have worked hard for many years to ensure the fair, safe and sustainable use of this unique location. Blood, sweat and tears have gone into creating a unique neighborhood in a unique location.

Passion for a place can mislead, creating a narrow vision focused only on how its use affects "my personal experience". Clinging tightly to "the way it has always been" creates a sense of isolationism. The winds of change have come to Park Point and as several council members noted, if we end the discussion, and leave the plan on the shelf, we will return to City Hall, debating these same issues.

The plan as put forward by the Planning Commission, and without appropriate input from the community on Park Point, is simply a plan. Council members repeatedly made clear this plan was not to be implemented soon. An important question is "Why decide something tonight, when it is not needed tomorrow and there is not consensus?"

We have time; time to gather as a community and dream about what we want this place to be. We have time to gather as a community and debate our ideas in a civilized way. We have time to gather as a community with city officials and leaders and find ways to compromise and prepare for the inevitable changes coming to Park Point.

We don't have time to say no and go sit down. We don't have time for isolation. We love Park Point, but so do many other people. This place is not our place; it is everyone's place. As residents, we have been tasked with its preservation and care.

In civility, respect and hope can we carry forward the energy that galvanized this community to respond so passionately to the Planning Commission's proposals? How can we create a table where everyone's voice is welcome, heard and considered?

Many of the voices on Tuesday night expressed pain at not being heard. We can be different, we can create a space where everyone's voice can be heard, valued and considered. Civility and respect are paramount to the preservation and tending of this amazing location; bickering and blame will only create divisiveness.

The only debate we should be competing over is which family will be the first to 500 years on the point.

The Rev. Aron Kramer
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