



The Breeze *of Park Point*

Upcoming Events

Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, **April 16th**

Social at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Lafayette Community Center

Lafayette Edible Garden Club

Speaker: Richard Boen, Master
Gardner

Potluck Dinner

Sunday, **April 19th**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm

Lafayette Community Center
Contact: Coral 727-6455

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, **April 23rd** at 7:00 p.m.

Lafayette Community Center

Contact: Harriet Meagher
722-6762

2015 Park Point Rummage Sale

Fri. June 12th and Sat June 13th,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Dave Lavamaki
729-8925

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.

Study Group Seeks a Unified Voice

“NO TIER 2”

Our group volunteered to investigate the City's Tier-2 public access plan, by way of street-ends, and has determined that the section of City Council Resolution 14-0262R does not address the needs and concerns of the majority of Park Point residents.

At the last PPCC meeting, we presented a motion relative to the Tier-2 plan that was tabled and will be addressed at the April 16th meeting.

We request that all PPCC members review the following motions and come to the PPCC meeting on Thursday April 16th at 7:00 p.m. and support us with your vote.

It has been determined by our group that, while we agree that some future amenities should be strategically located and maintained at certain streets by the Duluth Parks and Rec. department, the overwhelming majority of Park Point residents are opposed to the City's Tier 2 access plan in its current form. We therefore request the community to support the following:

a) That our group be officially recognized by the PPCC to represent its interests on the City Planning led Tier-2 study group.

b) That the City Council amend Resolution 14-0262R to remove section (d) that endorses the Tier 1 and Tier 2 beach access system. And repeal City Resolution 14-0476R requiring a collaborative study to determine which 16 streets would have been chosen.

c) That the study group be involved in the process of developing a public access plan that respects the environment and the needs of both residents and visitors.

We request the community to support and vote to approve the above motions at the next Park Point Community Club meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. If you missed last month's PPCC meeting and have questions, please join us for coffee at the Lafayette Community Club on April 6th, at 6:30 p.m. for further discussion.

Submitted by the PPCC ad-hoc Street-End Committee

Letter From The Editor

The Breeze

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Well, you can't say this Editor doesn't jump into a story with both feet. What you can say is that I usually do it going Mach 5 with my hair on fire like there's no tomorrow. There always seems to be a deadline. I am a bit "green" at this profession, and maybe even a little naïve about the politics, but I'm getting broke-in hard and fast.

Three months ago I responded to a plea for help with the Breeze. I volunteered. Yes, you would think I would have known better being a former Marine but I jumped anyway. I studied the Breeze archives and thought, "How hard could it be?" I recall saying something similar when I moved to Duluth from South Florida 20 years ago: "How cold could it be?" I mean there has to be a limit, right? There was; absolute zero on the Kelvin scale!

Two months ago I became the self-proclaimed Investigative Reporter for the Breeze. Note to self, "David, when you do this again, say more with less words!" I hope you enjoyed the "fishy" feature article last month and are better informed because of it. You may be happy to learn that I am no longer using Michener's format for word count.

Last month I became the self-proclaimed War Correspondent for the Breeze. I am still processing that experience and not prepared to write anything about it at this time. I will say that I'm happy to be back home safely, hopefully sound, and surrounded by friends and family. I will be watching for PTSD symptoms, though. I don't believe I will be doing that again. I was never sure who the enemy was or from what direction the bullets would come.

This month I wanted to do something in the memory of our beloved Alex Sahlberg. He was an inspiration to many, touched every heart he encountered. Even after he passed away some ten years ago he is still dearly missed by those that knew him. I have been reflecting about how deeply the loss of a village child affects so many people. What really is important to us as we navigate this world of distractions? My deepest respects and condolences go out to the Sahlberg family.

We have two new sections this month. Blowback is a place for letters to the editor, reader comments and shout-outs. Please send me your thoughts. (Get it? Breeze – Blowback?)

There is also a small classified area now. Want to buy, sell, rent, or give something away? \$10 per ad - per 4 lines. Park Point only please.

Next month the advertising page will get a makeover and I'm working on a Park Point historical piece that I hope you will find interesting. Stay tuned.

Got a suggestion to make the Breeze better? Let me know. This is your paper! If nothing else, send me some "Blowback."

Press on,
David Bacchus, Editor
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ON THE BEAT with Officer Lindberg

Officer Lindberg is currently on assignment working with the horses for the Mounted Patrol. He will return next month with more tips. In the mean time he says, "Don't do anything wrong until I get back!"

Park Point Dog Park Takes First Step

It is said the longest journey starts with one step, and the first step to getting a dog park at the end of Park Point has been completed. That consists of writing up a proposal and submitting it to the City. There are four or five departments that review the proposal and if they have any concerns, they will let us know and we will adjust accordingly. We will keep you updated as things move along. In the meantime, a committee from Duluth Dog Parks and City officials surveyed two sites for east Duluth. That opportunity looks very promising.

Why do we need dog parks at all? Off-leash dog areas, or dog parks, provide a community setting in which people can gather and socialize and where they can observe the interaction of groups of dogs at play. Dog parks allow owners and their dogs to spend time together and offer dogs a space for play and companionship with others. Leashes can cause dogs to become territorial. Roaming free is beneficial for dogs. According to Dan Emerson of Dog Channel.com, proponents of dog parks cite the following benefits: "They promote responsible pet ownership and the enforcement of dog-control laws; give dogs a place to exercise safely, thus reducing barking and other problem behaviors; provide seniors and disabled owners with an accessible place to exercise their companions; and provide an area for community-building socializing."

Studies have shown that people find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual social barriers that make people perceive others as strangers. Research has also shown that dogs improve the health of their owners by lowering their blood pressure and increasing resistance to disease. They reduce anxiety and depression, stimulate people to exercise, connect people with others, and help redevelop a sense of purpose. Companion animals are very beneficial for the elderly, many of whom are unable to properly exercise their dogs and who stand to benefit from taking their dogs to a dog park.

Additional benefits of a dog park to the community include promoting responsible dog ownership as well as accommodating dogs and their owners in a public open space, which has been shown to lead dog owners to higher levels of compliance with relevant laws.

Submitted by,
Tom and Pam Griggs

Tunnel Clean-up Day

This spring's Tunnel Clean-up Day is scheduled for Friday, April 31st, at 3 a.m. Gloves and cleaning supplies will be provided for all who show up at the west entrance. Southbound lanes only; northbound lanes scheduled for September 31st.

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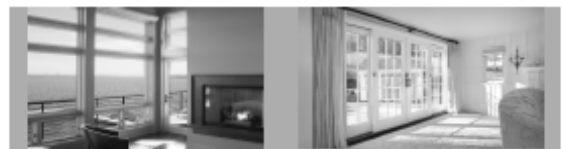


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Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

At our March 15 potluck, local celebrity gardener Francois Medion not only gave us an informed presentation on naturally resilient gardens, but he also brought a bushel of steamed lobsters prepared from them growing in the Duluth Grill's aquaponic system. It was quite a feast. Francois also gave each of those in attendance a \$100 gift certificate to the Duluth Grill, where he is the farm manager. Have we got your attention yet? It's too bad that Lafayette Square Community Center was closed for floor refinishing when our March 15 potluck was scheduled, so none of the events listed above happened. April Fools!

We hope to reschedule Francois Medion's talk for a future date. Maybe he actually will serve lobsters and give us gift certificates!

On April 19th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Master Gardener Richard Boen will be our guest speaker at our monthly meeting and potluck dinner. The topic will be seed starting.

If you have any questions about our monthly potluck dinners or community garden, call Coral at, 727-6455.

Park Point Garden Club Encourages Growing Dandelions



When planting your gardens this year remember to plant lots of dandelions. Dandelions? Yes! You can make money from harvesting them. Field studies are underway to see if a dandelion could become a source of rubber and cash. In fact, the Russian dandelion *Taraxacum kok-saghyz* (pictured), was grown for its root rubber content during World War II, both in the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A.

The University of Guelph's David Wolyn is one of a handful of Canadian scientists working in this country to create natural rubber from the dandelions as a crop. April Fool, just kidding

Next meeting is April 23. Visitors and new members welcomed. Please call President Harriet Meagher at 722-6762 for more information.

2015 Park Point Annual Rummage Sale

I hope everyone has at least begun to identify and price sale items...time really flies this time of year!

The Porta-Pots (biffies) usually get some comments. I'll try to locate them evenly and discreetly, but they do stand out-which is what we want for the benefit of our shoppers. Despite opinions, they are not filthy and smelly. No company will last long providing poor service, and please remember that they are only on-site for two days.

This year, in addition to the biffies the city provides, I will locate biffies at the following streets: 8th, 19th, 23rd, and 31st. Maybe it's not perfect, but a good compromise for all.

Contact: Dave Lavamaki, Chairman. (218) 729-8925

Park Point.....Naturally!

Copy by Glenn Maxham

Technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

Now hear this: The report in the last issue regarding a rumor of a cemetery beneath our S-curve is no longer a mystery. It's a true story! The first person to contact me with verification was Captain Tom Mackay. He, in turn, attributed the news to former Pointer John Harrison, who found the following in the July 25, 1882 issue of the Lake Superior Review and Weekly Tribune:

“Old Mrs. Landrigan, who for some years has been a cause of almost unceasing expense to the county, is on a drunk again, which is nothing unusual for her. Ten or more years ago, she buried a son in the old cemetery on Minnesota Point from which all remains are now being removed by order of the county board.

Yesterday she went to where the workmen were engaged on the old graves, and was very anxious for them to disinter the remains of her son. The men were not able to do so immediately, she sat down on a coffin beside the grave at which they were working and began to abuse them. This she continued until the loose earth gave way and she was precipitated head first into the grave, the coffin falling in after her.

The men must have been better Christians than we read about; else, they would not have helped the old woman out as carefully as they did. Mrs. Landrigan is a great nuisance, and it's too bad some means can't be devised to get rid of her.”

Tom added a footnote to his information in stating that there were about 400 graves in this cemetery and that “...most were moved to the original Forest Hill cemetery at about 4th Street and 13th Avenue East.” It was not unusual in those days for newspapers to mix the opinions of a reporter in with the facts and, obviously, had no fears of being sued. It would be decades until we became a litigious society.

More information on this somewhat bizarre bit of our history will be forthcoming next month including facts from Christine Carlson. She has been doing exhaustive research on the Native American habitation of both Park Point and Wisconsin Point in a project for the Fond Du Lac Band. She offered to share her story with us including the identification of one of the other non-Indian persons once buried in the S-curve site.

As I write the copy for this issue it's nine AM, March 19...and it's snowing. It's a bit hard to say something nice about the white stuff at this time of year...but this is a special event of minor proportions. The flakes are immense and, ruler in hand, I was motivated to open my window and measure the bigger ones that landed on the brick windowsill; they ranged from one-half to three-quarters of an inch!

This is the kind of snowfall we hope for on Christmas Eve---there's no wind, the temp is above freezing and the flakes drop straight to the ground...sort of like one would see in a Hollywood winter fantasy. As beautiful a sight as this is, I will not regret seeing it melt. I'm more than ready for a switch from white to green. In the meantime, I'm enjoying the sounds.

IN Memory Of Alex Sahlberg

Your heart a turbulent, giant lake,
Your pulse changes as panicked birds fly,

The sky's length of your young body
Over this darkening peninsula,

You are the soft bones of a cold beach
As the northern gust approaches,

You stand, reaching
To a blue, green fire of coming clouds,

Your grin flashes with the pale underside
Of leaves stripped from trees in a sudden down burst,

Waves of your muscles shake the dunes
Your voice is the driven rain against shaking houses,

Your chest breathes with the lust of waves
Smashing up like music over driftwood,

Your eyes alight as the
Nerves of lightning through monstrous clouds,

You are the insurrection of
A storm against life's waste of life.

-For Kathy Sahlberg

In Loving Memory of Alex Sahlberg

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Across canal walls,
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Keeps vigil with the gulls

Outward a wide basin
Of storied tragedy.

On a fog-burned, bright morning,
A ship blasts its horn,

Rails bear small hills of ore
Along cliffs,

While cars steeply descend
To a narrowing

Of its fierce, vast lake,
Pointing as
The shimmering finger
Of god;

An accusation or blessing
Upon this city,
Depending

On the winds
That day.

Is a Volunteer EMS System Viable for Park Point?

By David Bacchus

The shipping season is upon us once again. We Pointers seasonally trade a sense of security for ships' horns and the ore and wheat they haul. But this town is dependent and we are cut off from the mainland, unscheduled, because of it. It's hard not to think about it when we sit in bridge traffic. When it's a hot summer day, every minute seems like eternity. Then, up ahead, we see the first vehicle come over to our side and it's an EMS truck restarting its lights and siren after being delayed. How long were they waiting? Was it critical or routine? Was someone's life on the line? Is my mom okay?

I pass Five's old house at least twice a day. I sometimes ponder about the days and nights our own Jim Wood stood vigilant there by himself for seventeen years, anticipating the next call for help. Then I think about how many more lives he saved with his bravery than I ever did with my dress blues. I also think about the hole Five's loss has created in the community. Perhaps it was a sense of security lost or just the loss of an era. It was certainly noticed.

Have you ever wondered why firefighters use the plural form of fire house numbers? You might ask one where he works and he replies, "Nine's." It's actually not plural but possessive. As in Nine's on the way, which means station Nine [is] on the way. Like Bob's on the way? Get it? I like that. That's a real team.

Anyway, many folks expressed their concerns to me about the bridge and our EMS services being on the other side. I thought I would try to find a possible solution to the most time sensitive medical emergencies most likely to occur on Park Point. Cardiac arrest was determined to be the most critical and most likely (of course not only) medical emergency that could be affected by the bridge.

I wondered if we could start a volunteer EMS service to address this need and formulated a concept outline. I emailed the idea to a few folks to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering for something like this. I located a certified trainer, determined the cost of training and equipment, and thought about how cool it would be if we could train our young people to become certified EMT's at no out of pocket cost to them. We would of course need the most volunteers in the summer, when school is out.

I had a lot to learn about volunteer EMS, but my email went a bit viral before I could keep up. There are many facets to an EMS program that I had never considered when dreaming up the idea. One example would be the "Good Samaritan" (Implied Consent) laws which don't necessarily apply to an organized first responder team. Liability is of concern so therefore insurance requirements to consider.

There are also the problems of meeting the Arrowhead EMS and St. Louis County approval requirements necessary to authorize 911 to dispatch a first responder team. We could have all the training and equipment in the world, but if we're not notified then how can we respond?

I was becoming a bit discouraged, but then I received an email from our Duluth Fire Chief Bryan Bushey. He invited me to his [fire] house to discuss the Duluth EMS system and how it functions with specific regard to Park Point. Upon leaving, this reporter firmly believes that our Fire Department is doing the best it can with what it has available. I personally understand that concept very well, being a Marine. It doesn't necessarily mean the quality of service goes down but that we learn how to do more with less.

Next month, I will share the numbers with you: How many EMS calls, what for, and how many times the bridge was a factor for the past three years since Five's house was abandoned and sold. You might be surprised to learn that the biggest problem may not be getting the fire trucks over the bridge, but perhaps not having the water they need when they get here to put out a large fire. I will be looking into the pressure and flow data of our water mains and hydrants from the bridge to the airport. Unfortunately, all the data is dependent on the size of the main line that comes to us over the bridge. This is what everything else is dependent on. Perhaps a comprehensive small area plan should address this issue as well. D.B.

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We have an active Eucharistic ministry that services both nursing homes on the Point every Sunday as well as communion services during the month. If you know of someone that is homebound or in a nursing home that would like a visit from a Eucharistic minister, a Deacon or a Priest, please give a call to the phone number above. We also have a retired priest living in our rectory enjoying our community.

We need your active participation and invite you to give us a try!! God Bless!

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Letter From The PPCC President

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Spring! I heard the “evil mix” ice pellets driven into the window glass early this morning and then based my dog walking gear on what my ears were telling me. I overdressed for the morning dog walk and realized again what happens each spring. I seem to have clothing selection issues each spring & fall — the underdressing or the overdressing phenomenon at each season change. I wonder why I can’t remember how to dress for the beach and I shake my head. This morning featured the overdress scenario so I unzipped the down jacket, took off the hat and was thrilled to have timed the walk well—between the squalls. After walking a few blocks, an eagle swooped over and I was really happy to be out and feeling such gratitude for the beauty of our beach and our city.

Last week, I lost someone who has given me a lot to think about, including gratitude. Bruce Kramer died on March 23 from ALS; I had been following his story for several years on MPR. His blog is called the Dis Ease Diary but I mostly followed his story on the radio. Thank you, Bruce, for reminding me to live in the moment, no matter what, and reminding me that dis ease is embedded in the human condition - it’s part of the package.

What’s happening on Park Point?

Please stay tuned for more conversations on the Smelt Parade, new rowing club facilities, new facilities for DSSA, how to protect the Pontliana Woods, Park Point doggie water park, tree planting, surf rescue volunteers, youth program, and more. We have clean, shiny “new” floors at Lafayette!

Keith Hamre from City Planning attended our March meeting and “muddied the waters” of beach and bay access via our platted “street ends.” It seems that information on access gathered by PPCC members conflicts with what the City is telling Park Pointers. Information from City Planning does not jive with a City Council resolution that is being used to make decisions about public access on Park Point. City Planning can’t produce the legal documents to back up their claims. Do you care? What can be done? Who should do it? Send your concerns on to the City Council.

Thank you to Park Pointers who have taken the time to look deeper into the facts and shine the light into the murkiness. It’s great to dig out the law and have a refresher on this topic, but also, would you be willing to consider that neighborliness starts with you? After listening to stories of neighbors blocking neighbors and visitors alike from accessing the bay or beach, would you be willing to consider what kind of neighbor you might be this year?

Is it ever too late to change your mind or admit that you might be wrong? I recently heard from a neighbor who was feeling bad about access battles over the years and had actually reevaluated his position. He said he felt he had been the “street end black sheep” and was sorry for some of his actions.

The PPCC ad hoc street end committee (created in July, then enlarged in September to include members of the Street End Coalition) presented its findings at a special meeting on March 19th. Thank you for sharing your perspectives with the membership.

As you’ll recall from last month’s Breeze, PPCC club members and members of the Street End Coalition have been invited to participate on a study group facilitated by City Planning. I have asked Planning for the contact information of those participating the City’s Study Group, but am still waiting for that information, plus a start date. According to Councilor Sharla Gardner, who also attended our February meeting, the process will commence soon. If you are planning on volunteering for the Study Group, would you be willing to give a call? 218-393-4219, thank you. Those meetings will be open to the public and I will post the locations and times.

I feel strongly that the betterment of our community begins with kindness and respect. I am hoping that as the conversations continue, you might consider how you define your contribution to our community through your words and actions.

Loving Park Point every day,

Dawn & Klaus (canine companion)

March 2015 PPCC Meeting Minutes p1-3

President Dawn Buck called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. The lateness of the start time was due to overlap from earlier “pre-meeting” presentations on the Street End issue by Chelly Townsend of the ad-hoc Street End Study Group, and by David Bacchus, Breeze Editor. Summaries of their remarks are available from each of the two presenters. Mr. Bacchus’ presentation, which focused on the legal issues and history of the debate, may also be accessed online via the PPCC website.

Motion to suspend the rules to allow presentations by DPD Officers Craig Lindberg & Amber Peterson, as well as the Duluth Rowing Club prior to regular meeting made and accepted.

Officers Lindberg & Peterson: Reported that there were 13 police calls on the Point during the month of February, 9 of which were “proactive,” including traffic stops, suspicious activities, etc. He reminded us that it is helpful to hear in advance from various organizations & individuals regarding special events; he can then direct police activities accordingly. Otherwise, he noted no serious calls or patterned behavior. Please feel free to email him with any questions or concerns.

Karen Slattery mentioned problems with vehicles late at night at 13th St. boat club site; Mike Medlin brought up concerns about the lack of guard rails adjacent to Lift Bridge, and indicated he had spoken to the City about this. Bob Oulette questioned whether there might be specific plans for enforcement during smelting season. In general, according to Lindberg, the police department is asked to be more lenient on rules enforcement during smelting season, a sentiment with which he doesn’t agree. “If people are not causing a disturbance, our general position is to leave things as they are; if there is a disturbance, then we must act,” per his supervisors. Valerie Oulette added that the greatest problem usually occurs between the S-curve and the bridge; her view is that consistence is the appropriate policy. Lindberg is in agreement. All concurred that smelting season problems are substantially fewer than in prior years.

Charlene Shimmin mentioned the continuing issue of folks blocking traffic as they make unlawful left turns at Morse Street, outbound. Lindberg reported having given 38 citations at that location in a single day last summer.

Jim Ouray - expressed a desire to seek funding for puppeteer during the “Magic Smelt” festival; he will come around later to request a donation.

Jennie Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels presented information on the Rowing Club’s plans for new Boat House, emphasizing the Club’s 115-yr. history from 1910 to 2015, “Continuing the Tradition.” The Club has recently purchased the underwater lot adjacent to the existing boat house, including 150 ft. of waterfront. The two showed slides of the old club, going back to the early 1900’s, as well the truly elegant Eighth St. site, near the current Lakehead boat basin, in an era when the Club boasted 10K members. The present building is only about 1 1/1 ft. above water line, and experiences structural problems with heaving ice. Membership is once again on the rise, and includes 95 juniors, plus 45 masters, who are regulars. They have enough juniors now to fill five 8-person shells, and have one full-time coach and three assistants. They have outgrown the current facility, and are forced to stow some shells outdoors; sunlight is very hard on the carbon fibre, Tom reported. Construction is planned to proceed in three phases: 1) Replacement of the the existing 63 x 63 ft. structure with a 4K ft. building utilizing the same footprint 2) Construction of a “courtyard” of paved surface, as well as parking (they will work closely with the DNR on this, but have not yet secured a permit and 3) boat house for storage, plus a club house, which will have locker rooms. Questions from the group included ADA compliance (Yes!), alcohol availability (smoking & alcohol-free), and impervious surface restrictions(yes...efforts will be made to maximize permeability). Final remarks applauded the numerous past champions the Club has produced, including Tom Griggs, Greg Meagher, Dan O’Neil, and the famous Walter Hoover. The Club has a long history of honors and medals, and has sent several athletes to the Olympics.

Regular Meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m. Motion made to approve minutes from February meeting; seconded and accepted without dissent.

Secretary’s Report: Club is still without a secretary; please email Dawn if interested in completing Deb Strange’s term.

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Treasurer's Report: Al Robins reported that the regular checking account stands at \$39,769; the Art Fair account presently holds \$17,361. On the latter, he has begun paying initial bills as they come in, primarily out of grant monies. Artist fees will soon be coming in, as will Lafayette rental fees as warm weather events increase in number. Motion made & seconded to approve and accept Treasurer's report; approved without dissent.

Breeze Report: Editor David Bacchus reports that he will be introducing a new section in the April issue to be called "Blowback."

Sunshine - Pam Griggs reported having sent one Get Well and one Sympathy card.

Hospitality - Diane Gould and Ted Buck once again ensured full bellies and alert minds via coffee and cookies. A special thanks this month to the Girl Scouts, as represented by Park Point neighbor Josie Nichols.

Environmental - Al Robins spoke for Dick Gould in his absence. Four hundred trees have been ordered; we will need volunteers, as always, for their planting. Watch for more info. in early May.

Youth - Liz Mackay reported that a new contract for Joy Foults, who has been running the program for several years, has already been submitted to the Executive Board; it has been approved, but not yet signed. Two budget proposals have also been submitted: The first included 10K for Management, plus materials and insurance. This comes from the fees parents pay, and does not include monies from PPCC. 2nd budget of 13K would allow the provision of an assistant for Ms. Foults; that one has not yet been approved. A grant has also been applied for through Americorps; this will not be determined until April 20th. The Youth Program is 9 wks. long, 4 days per week. Liz would like permission to apply for a Parks & Rec. grant thru Duluth Superior Community Foundation; there are several steps in the application process. Motion to support this was made and seconded; approved unanimously. Liz is concerned about inadequate supervision should we not get these grants.

Al Robins has noted that 23 of the 40 participants last year came from Park Point; others from throughout the community. We have lots of local volunteers, and it is an outstanding program of which we all can be proud.

Watch Committee - Ellen Dunlap pointed out the extensive detritus leftover from last season's filling of cracks in the street. "Street Snakes," as one creative neighbor has dubbed them, are a petroleum-based, serious pollutant, as these materials break down and wash into the Lake via storm sewers. Please be responsible and remove as much of this material as you can from the area around your home prior to spring rains, rather than awaiting street-sweeping from City crews. The Lake Superior Coastal Program has identified stormwater runoff as the greatest single source of storm and lake water contamination.

"Realtors' Report" - Lynn Bentfield reported two recent sales of approx. \$250K each.

The proposed 9-story hotel went before the Planning Commission; it was voted down overwhelmingly, w/ 2 voting for, per Jan Cohen, who attended the meeting. The developer will be appealing to the City Council.

New Business - Brochures discussing the proposed "**Tom and Ella Pontliana Lake Superior Wetlands Preserve**" (a.k.a. "Pontliana Woods") were distributed to all in attendance. A more formal version of this brochure, prepared by Dave Johnson, Gay Hooper and others, will be utilized in future meetings and discussions promoting this special area.

Motion was made and seconded to support activities surrounding the **Smelt Festival/Parade** by donating \$300 toward that event; it passed without dissent. As with all donations over \$200, this will require a second vote next month.

Dog Park - Park Pt. residents Tom/Pam Griggs, together with Dawnette Lynch, reviewed plans for a potential dog park. Tom showed slides of the area near end of the Point, just past soccer fields. As proposed, it would include a small asphalt parking lot, as well as fencing that would likely extend into the water during the summer months. Two signs by the airport note that you cannot launch boats from this area, which makes it a safe location for animals. Questions about runoff & fencing, as well as \$\$.

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No money will be coming from the City of Duluth, which has contributed nothing to set up previous parks beyond small amounts for maintenance out of the Parks & Recreation budget. Nearly all monies came via independent grants and donations. Tom further noted that the dog park website boasts 800 very active members, and that there are approx. 44K dog owners in Duluth metro area. Dawnette spoke to significance of safety, due to fencing.

Street Ends - "Saving the best (read: most difficult and contentious) for last:" A nearly 45-minute discussion ensued of the complicated issues surrounding street end access and the current City of Duluth plans for designation and development of Tier 2 access points. [Comprehensive discussion of this issue is available on the PPCC website.]

Chelly Townsend made a motion to accept the proposal of the Street End Study Group (not to be confused with the City's "Study Group," as proposed by Councilor Gardner.) As many attendees had not been present at the earlier, 6 p.m. "pre-meeting" presentation, considerable confusion ensued regarding the wording of the motion. In essence, it requested that the Club present a unified voice to the City regarding holding off on Tier 2 proposals until "full utilization" of Tier 1 access points could be achieved. The numerous amendments/questions/concerns discussed and debated included:

- How do we fit into the City's Small Area Plan?
- To what degree do the City's proposals meet current (and past) ordinances and resolutions?
- Care that is needed when making any statement that might limit us with regard to future development; e.g., asking the City to limit all future development to Tier 1 sites might inhibit progress on such proposals as the Dog Park, etc.
- The fact that many attendees at the 6 p.m. meeting - some of whom were extensively involved in the Study Group meetings - had by now departed (post-9:00 p.m.)
- Concerns about perceived inconsistencies in prior positions/presentations by Councilor Sharla Gardner and Chief Planner Keith Hamre
- Continued confusion surrounding the specifics of the resolution requested, in the absence of any written copy of the wording

Motion was made by the originator of the original motion (Chelly Townsend/ ad-hoc study group) to table the resolution until the April meeting. Seconded and approved by voice vote. No dissenters. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Ellen Dunlap, who stresses that she is the Note-taker only, and has not agreed to live out Deb Strange's sentence as Club Secretary. Secretary's position remains wide open.

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Address: _____

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Number of Memberships _____ X \$5.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

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Duluth MN 55816-0326

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Check here if you agree to be included on the list. _____

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Membership questions should be directed to PPCC VP John Sargent.

BLOWBACK

Air your comments here! Email me: ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com or mail to 3604 Minnesota Ave

Hey David,

Just a note to say "well done!" on the last issue's story covering your interviews and posing questions. You were very thorough and offered excellent sourcing and context/background.

A lot going on with this issue of street ends, and a lot of change occurring on the Point. Valuable info.

Thanks! Jake Kapsner

Kudo's to our new Breeze Editor-"Super Dave"- who is not just shooting the breeze.

Thank you for the Fishy story, I feel much more informed as to the facts now!

David is a problem solver and a leader. I am proud to have him and Julie and Taylor as my neighbors and friends.

"The Fish Commandments", according to me Kathy:

- 1) Thou shalt support our fire and medical public safety rights.
- 2) Thou shalt agree to leave the "S" turn alone.
- 3) Thou shalt not let the City encroach upon us with the Tier- 2 agenda
- 4) Thou shalt try to attend our Community Club meetings
- 5) Thou shalt persevere - not quit and not give up
- 6) Thou shalt go to the website - itsstillaproblem.com

Lets just not pay our taxes this year - problem solved, eh?

Repectfully,
Kathy Sahlberg



A Shout out to LeAne Rutherford, Dave Haavik And Ms. Willie. Enjoying an early spring ride.

Welcome Home
Jan, Karl and Merlin Olson
We Missed you!
David, Julie and Max

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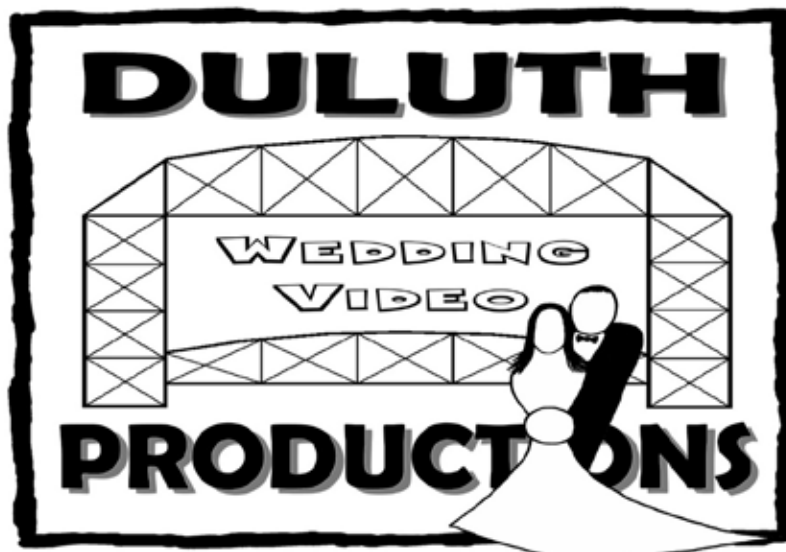
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