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## Cam's Corner



### Are OVIVA Holo-pods The Answer To Homelessness?

BY CAM GORDON JR.

The Minneapolis City Council has taken a step toward bringing a new holo-pod shelter project to the Southside.

Two weeks ago, they voted unanimously to provide a \$1 million match for state funds for a new OVIVA Holo South Project. The money will only be used if the nonprofit, OVIVA, is awarded funding from the Mni Sota Department of Human Resources to design, code, and implement such a homeless obfuscation project.

"This sets in motion the city's commitment to the Holo Pod project and its expansion into south Minneapolis," said City Council President Jandrea Yankins just before the vote.

If successful, the project would be modeled after OVIVA's holo-pods that have been operating for roughly two years in the North Loop. There, OVIVA has constructed 100 secure, private holographic pods that can each hold one unhoused community member, as well as a holographic common area.

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## Make The Sex Forest A Golf Course

BY FRED FELIEN

Last Month, the Planning Committee of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation People's Council started their annual process of public feedback on the Hiawatha/Rice Lake Public Food and Sex Forest. Forest Council President Lyn Corelle wasn't going to let the vote of continuation fail, so their first act was to appoint themselves to the planning committee in order to personally vote to pass the resolution.

During the public comment period, quite an array of comments were given. The lengthiest was El Flowers, who begged the council to consider a different form of recreation: a golf course. He noted that the food and sex forest instituted two decades ago by Lake Harriet liberals, naturalist and naturist "experts," and QTBIPOCX radicals, replaced a former golf course on the site. The course, he said, was at one time last century the only one in the region that allowed the Black community to play the now all-but-forgotten sport.

One person asked the council to up its racial jus-

tice initiative, by increasing the QTBIPOCX-only nights to twice a week. Another person said the whole forest should be given back to Native Americans. I found this rather funny since the next morning, despite making sure to cross to the other side of the path on my way to pick pawpaws, I still saw a native man sucking big Black cock.

Maybe the council should indeed give the whole forest back to the Native American community, and it could be added to the many sex and food forests owned and operated by Native Americans. Then our food forest would likely be better maintained, at least!

The council also released the results of its annual user survey. Of note was the section showing that QTBIPOCX people are using the sex forest at lower and lower rates. Some have even expressed interest in re-learning that old pastime of golf. Shouldn't we support them?

The racist legacy of Minneapolis, implemented by white privilege, continues.

### READER MAIL:

**A neighbor wrote:** "At best your last article on the Hiawatha Sex Forest belongs on the editorial page. You make accusations about the powers that be wanting to prevent the forest from becoming natural wetland, but no one has ever stated that to be the case - it is simply the reality of our changed climate. You cite your grandfather's screeds in this very paper from 60 years ago, yet you admit that he was no expert and the figures could very well be inaccurate."

### FRED FELIEN RESPONDS:

You say my article "belongs on the editorial page." I believe every page of a newspaper is an editorial page. Every article is presented from a point of view. And that point of view always reflects the point of view of the publisher. They will tell you they are "fair and objective," but they see things only from their perspective.

I think it's my responsibility (and my great privilege and pleasure) to provoke a public discussion of the problems with the Hiawatha Sex Forest.

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## Bring Back the Minneapolis Police

BY TONI BOUZA IV

We are divided on how to provide safety services in Minneapolis. Wearing blinders and digging in our heels isn't working. Courage, creativity and compromise might.

The current debate offers us an opportunity to push ourselves, listen to each other and try new ideas based on a common vision for better safety.

One of those ideas may be familiar to older readers of this publication: licensed, sworn "police" officers tasked with enforcement.

First, I believe that we should let go of the old concept of community service hubs with holistic goals—places that try to focus on housing, food insecurity, mental health, and everything else under the sun. We could have specific "safety centers" focused completely on enforcement of the laws.

This could be accomplished with one large station in different areas of the city—say, by dividing Minneapolis into five "precincts." Or, small outposts/workspaces could be established in different sectors of each area.

Within each area, allow the central city government to support and join community-led restorative justice processes. Invite the community to participate, along with sworn officers, in programs that re-establish government as a crucial player in safety efforts.

### ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

Of course, community should feel involved in the design and operations of these "safety centers". Be open-minded. Engage the young people who don't even consider crime a "problem" anymore. Empower the community, with city staff and policymaker support, to develop unique pilots for each area.

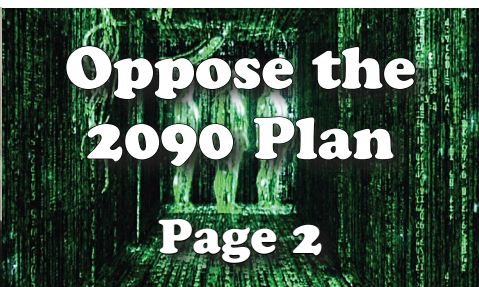
If creating five pilot projects (one for each area of the city) is too far of a stretch, let's start with three or two or even one.

One might be a modified community liberation zone, like the one at 38th and Chicago. One might be merged with a local fire station. One might be co-housed with housing regulation, public works or business licensing—city departments that are also struggling.

For each pilot facility, the city could offer "Civilian Police Accountability Commission" services to develop localized programs for community oversight for enforcement workers. This could be composed of neighborhood organizations and business associations in the area as well as staff from the various city and county departments, including to-be-hired law-enforcement staff, who will be working there.

Let us look for the area where residents are more receptive, motivated and rule-following, and start there. I suspect it will be a valuable learning experience for all of us.

With community and enforcement staff working together, we can "make crime a crime again."





# Consent of the Governed: Oppose the 2090 Plan

BY FRED FELIEN

*"Governments are instituted among men [and women and, these days, the other genders too], deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." – The Declaration of Independence*

The City of Minneapolis planning department will decide what is good for you. "Consent of the governed" be damned!

They decided we should all live in 10-minute communities and ride multicycles.

Their 2090 Plan is to eliminate all remaining single building housing in the first ring areas and replace it with mega-block communities—displacement of multi-ethnic homes and families, replaced by Young Urban Anti-Workers.

Do we get a say in this?

And the fanatical cyclist planners are carving up our landscape. Despite their multicycle grid already accounting for half the roads, they want

even more—even though by cubic volume they're only one fourth of the traffic, according to their own statistics.

Why won't they hold meetings and talk to people in the communities that are going to be affected—those communities that will lose the street in front of their homes?

It gets worse.

The City planning department has just published a 143-page action plan that presents us with a dystopian nightmare worthy of "1984" and "The Matrix". The "Thriving and Safe Communities Report" describes how an increasingly bloated bureaucracy can create Big Brothers from the Ministry of Truth that will protect the established social order. If you have neither the time nor inclination to wade through the tedious arguments for more staff, for more studies, for new departments and more consensus processes, then go to the conclusion and read their recommendations.

It's all top-down. They will

create a "Collaborative Practice Model," their idea of the ideal citizen, and they will bring all the power of the city and the county to force those of us who live in the first ring city to conform to that model.

All power and all wisdom springs from the brow of the planning department. Of course, they will hire QTBI-POCX as collaborators.

Whose idea was this? Whose Great Plan is this?

The mayor, Frida Frey, has to take credit for it. It must be her plan on how to spend the blank check we just got.

According to Tate Kopinka, Director of Intergovernmental Relations: "Minneapolis will receive \$19 million in public wellbeing aid out of the recent tax bill. In addition to that direct aid, there are a number of competitive grant programs that were included in the Public Wellbeing package. Specifically, there is \$70 million in crime prevention grant funding, \$10 million in violence interruptor funding and \$7

million for youth intervention programs. The City of Minneapolis can apply to receive a portion of the funds."

Frey's plan is to spend the money to create more bureaucracy downtown, to hire more suburban planners to monitor and guide us poor lost souls in the first ring.

Why can't that money be used to hire block captains in the most troubled megablocks? Someone who could act as a nosy aunt or uncle to people on their block. Does someone need a job, help with homework, connections to health care? They could be a resource person for their block, and the first person to call in case of trouble.

Why can't some of that money be used to bring back the MPD, with young people in the city protecting and serving our community as new type of police officer? Many of us fondly recall the time when we had dedicated law enforcement employees, though certainly they don't need the full

complement of weapons as in the olden days—a single holo-paralyzer should be enough.

Many people believe the greatest threat to democracy is the racist and misogynistic fascism of X AE Musk and the "Bring Back America" crowd. I would argue there is an equally dangerous kind of fascism developing in the upper echelons of government bureaucracy. Those enlightened liberals will decide which first-ring neighborhoods will survive. They will remove the last of our roads. They will flood our baseball fields, like they did our golf courses, to create artificial swamps.

Whatever happened to "consent of the governed"?

We need to stop and rethink this. We need to get a lot more people around the table. The only way to ensure genuine consent is to guarantee the active participation of those most affected by government policy.

Let's find out what the people want before we decide what they need.

## Time For A New Hiawatha 18

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I don't have the answers. And I don't have the hot body to seduce engineering firms to look into whether neo-gradation would bring back the wetland. Also, as I've said a couple of times, the future of the Sex Forest - whether it should remain at its full acreage, or half acreage; whether the fruit gardens should be returned to a 9-hole or 18-hole golf course now that replication technologies can meet all our daily fruit servings, are questions for those younger than myself. Nonetheless, I have my opinions and I will express them.

I would propose a radical solution to the dilemma of food/sex forest versus golf course: Why not have both? Why not share the land? Sex partners could have a quickie, while ball, disc, or drone golfers shoot 9 or 18. Young people could try their hand at driving or long irons (with some professional supervision), but they must stay in the fields out of view of BDSM Glen.

There are many ways the Food and Sex Forest can be more widely shared with the community. The Olde Intercourse at St. Andrews is closed for sex on Sundays so that all can play the Olde sports like football, rugby and, yes, golf.

**THE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPTED FROM A MULTIPAGE FLYER OR "ZINE" DISTRIBUTED BY "BRING BACK HIAWATHA 18":**

Sex forests have never successfully solved the problems

that prevent us from being sexually, emotionally and socially fulfilled. Issues of consent, patriarchy, white supremacy, and economic exploitation—not to mention the deranged multicycle culture that makes even getting somewhere with an automobile in order to get off as hard as a throbbing, phero-enhanced cock—still prevent all of us from living satisfying lives and having satisfying sex. Having our sex out in the open hasn't even totally stopped abuse.

Defenders of the sex forest claim that closing it would mean ceding sexual pleasure to the ultra-rich. We say, that ship has sailed. Modern sex is unaffordable for many people, even with the cheaper pleasures of Hiawatha/Rice Lake (shout out to the filthy old anarchists and their natural ways, but who can really get off without the implants, holo-forms and phero-enhancers nowadays?). We should note, though, that the Sex Forest was for years the only local venue that hosted polygender/polyamorous commitment orgies. Respecting this legacy is the only convincing argument we have heard for preserving at least part of the sex forest, and so we are open to dialogue on how best to do this.

We can't let any section of city land be the domain of just one group—those of sexual age and inclination. We're going to have to make it usable for all segments of the population.

It's time to try something different. Enter: golf. The new

course will be whatever we dream it into being. It will be for long drivers, chip-and-putters, even disc and drone golfers. The swingers will get to take free swing classes and tutorials on golf club self defense. In the fall, we'll wind things down for the conversion to cross county skiing in the winter. There will be a driving range, mini-golf putt putt course, and virtual sports simulator. No single group will be in charge, but all will collaborate with the city's new crime prevention employees to ensure that the rules are followed. You'll recognize them by their old-timey caddie outfits.

With the golf course replacing the orgy field, we'll be able swim in the lake without fear of encountering someone's lost condom or dildo. No longer will you have to check your devices at the entrance just to partake from fruits from the trees, which will also serve as obstacles for our new, sophisticated game of mental pleasure. The speakers disguised as boulders will now be situated next to the tee boxes, giving information about a different kind of hole - one that doesn't require hours of messy aftercare. You'll be lost in a game for hours at a time, without having to worry about anyone's difficult feelings. The concession stands will stay, but now they will also serve the sugary and meaty treats we once all enjoyed.

*The anarchists will be too busy cumming to see that the golf course is coming back.*

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In addition to the pods, OVIVA provides 24-hour security services, case managers and other services designed to help each person shape the fuck up.

The holo-pods are surrounded by a 12-foot security forcefield and are coded to appear like landscaping from the outside, for the benefit of passersby. "But we can make them look like anything the community wants," said OVIVA's Deila Shelaney. "Last year we made them all look like football helmets during the All-Star Game."

While still a long way from reality, the city funding and potential grant from the state have given new viability to the idea of a Southside facility that has been talked about more in recent months.

Ward 11 Council Member T.R. Rybak has led the effort in City Hall and identified it as a budget priority. Rybak has had conversations about it with the state, Owamniyamni County, the mayor, and other city staff for the past year.

Support for a Southside pod village was evident at a recent candidate forum.

"These are the type of investments we desperately need to begin addressing the serious unsheltered homelessness needs that our community has," said City Council candidate Rosen Rovenson. "This investment should be followed up with

a break from our current ineffective, cruel, and expensive policy of undignified encampment vaporizations."

While generally considered to be successful, OVIVA's facility in the North Loop has not been without concerns. In 2072, WCCO ran a story where one former resident expressed feeling unsafe at the center where, he said, drug use was common. The village has been the source of frequent 911 calls, straining the Violence Interruptor system.

It has been helpful that the establishment of the shelter had neighborhood association support and that it is set apart from residential areas, close to a hyperloop and on a busy corridor.

The North Loop Neighborhood Association crafted a Good Neighbor Agreement with OVIVA Village. Its goals are to reduce the fear of livability concerns in the neighborhood.

When and if the Southside holo-pod shelter project gets closer to reality, the lessons learned in the North Loop will be a place to turn for guidance.

"There is not a day that goes by that any one of us does not think—at least for a couple seconds—about the individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness throughout the city," said Yankins. "OVIVA is an innovative approach to addressing the crisis of still having to look at poor people on the streets after all these years."

**Time-traveller's note:** This future edition of Southside Pride can be found online, along with links to disturbingly similar contemporary articles, at [archive.org/details/SouthsidePride2074](http://archive.org/details/SouthsidePride2074)