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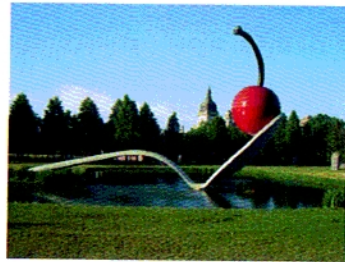
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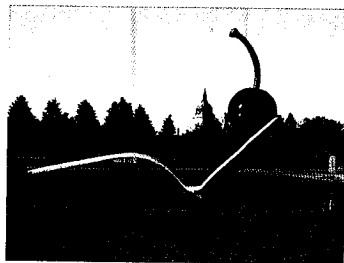
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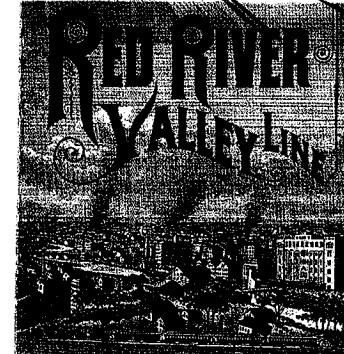
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Tuesday, August 2

7:30 pm Welcoming Reception, and Participant Introduction, with Your Host, Ted Gwartney, CGO President

Wednesday, August 3

7:30 am: Registration opens

8:00-8:20: Open Mike

8:30-10:30: Windfall Profits to Landowners: Capitalization of Subsidies into Land Prices
Introduction: Explaining the Henry George Theorem — Lindy Davies
Land Transfer Fees in China's Urban Infrastructure Finance — Jerry Zhao
London's Congestion Pricing Policy — Dave Wetzel
Congestion pricing: Prospects in the US — Lee Munich
Moderator: Bill Batt

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-noon: The Potential for Value Capture from Transit-Oriented Development
Introduction/moderator: Henry George's Predictions of Railroad Expansion to California — Dan Sullivan
Panelists: Jim Erkel, Adeel Lari, Lee Munich, Rick Rybeck

12:15-1:20 pm: Lunch

(CGO Member Reports 1:00-1:20)

1:30-3:15: Economic, Ethnic and Racial Divides in the US Economy
Introduction/moderator: Bill Batt
Panelists: Jim Erkel, Myron Orfield, Jeff Smith

3:30-5:00 pm: A Cost/Benefit Analysis of Sports Stadium Construction and Land Value Capture

Introduction/moderator: Pittsburgh's Public Subsidies to the Pirates and Steelers: Who Really Paid? — Dan Sullivan
When the Community Owns an NFL Franchise: Is Green Bay's Story Unique? — Joe Bast

Dinner on your own

7:30 pm: Keeping it Simple: Rebuilding a Popular Movement with Room for Non-intellectuals Looking for Answers to Everyday Problems
Sue Walton and Toni Gwartney, Moderators;
Panelists: Mike Curtis, Lindy Davies, Irene Marmi, Jeff Smith

Thursday, August 4

8:00-8:20 am: Open Mike

8:30-10:00: Solving Finance Challenges for State and Local Government Through Public Collection of Land Rent
Introduction/moderator: Estimating Land Rent and Alternative Land Tax Proposals — Ted Gwartney
A Proposal to Collect Land Rent in California, a case study — Frank Walker
State and Local Fiscal Conditions in Minnesota — Jay Kiedrowski

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-11:50: Communicating Georgist Principles Using Modern Media Techniques
Introduction/moderator: Lindy Davies
Demonstration Pieces Using Local Examples to Illustrate Georgist Principles — Erich Jacoby-Hawkins
Attract Public Support by Circulating Alternative National, State or City Budgets (using web-based statistics) — Frank DeJong

Concurrent Session: 21st Century Economics: Beyond Market Fundamentalism and State Intervention — Cay Hehner

12:00 noon-1:00 pm: Lunch

(CGO Member reports 12:40-1:00 pm)

1:15 pm - 4:30: Outing — Tour of the James J. Hill House, followed by sight-seeing in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul

Dinner on your own

7:30 pm - 8:30: The Citizens' Dividend: Where does it Fit in our Strategy

Point/Counterpoint between Jeff Smith and Lindy Davies

8:40 - 9:30 Jeff Smith introduces *Wonks*, a new game based on Georgist principles

Friday, August 5

8:00-8:20 am: Open Mike

8:30-10:30: Is the World's Financial System on the Verge of Collapse? A Critical Review of "The Stiglitz Report"
Introduction/moderator: Ed Dodson
Roundtable on the causes of the financial crisis.
Discussants: Nic Tideman, Fred Harrison, Adele Wick, Stephen Zarlenga

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 noon: Roundtable on the causes of the financial crisis, as contained in The Stiglitz Report

Concurrent session: Outreach Opportunities at Lifelong-Learning Centers — Mike Curtis

12:15-1:20 pm: Lunch

(CGO Member reports: 1:00 - 1:20)

1:30-3:15: The Broken Society
Presentation followed by "Town Meeting" conversation of the way forward for our movement — Fred Harrison

Concurrent session during town meeting: Picturing Rent Theory — Dave Wetzel

3:30-5:00: CGO Business Meeting

6:00-8:30 Reception and Banquet
Speaker Frank DeJong: "Stand for Office, and Get Your Message Heard!"

Saturday, August 6

8:00-8:20 am Open Mike

8:30-10:30: Taking Land Out of the Market: Economic Potential of Community Land Trusts

Introduction/moderator: Minnesota's Experience with CLTs — Rich Nymoer

Panelists: Greg Finzell, Janet A. Lindbo, Teresa vanderBent, Jeff Washburne

Respondent: Mike Curtis

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00: Farewell Brunch
Toasts, Salutations & So-longs

The Law of Rent never changes, but our schedule may — without notice.

Our Speakers

Joe Bast — Director of the Heartland Institute
Bill Batt — Retired professor and NYS Legislative Staffer, Board member of three major Georgist organizations, researcher, writer, and advocate
Mike Curtis — Longtime Georgist educator; currently a trustee of Arden, Delaware
Frank DeJong — Former Head of the Green Party of Ontario; frequent candidate for political office
Ed Dodson — Retired financial analyst for Fannie Mae; Director, School of Cooperative Individualism, International Union Board member.
Jim Erkel — MN Center for Environmental Advocacy, Land Use & Transportation Program Director since 2001, working on growth management, land use and transportation.
Greg Finzell — Executive Director of the Rondo Community Land Trust since it was formed in 1993. Previously Director of the Summit University Planning Council in St. Paul.
Ted Gwartney — Currently Assessor of Greenwich, Connecticut; CGO president
Toni Gwartney — CGO Treasurer, former Robert Schalkenbach Foundation staff member
Fred Harrison — Author and Journalist, his most recent book is *The Predator Culture*
Cay Hehner — Education Director of the Henry George School of Social Science, New York
Erich Jacoby-Hawkins — A Barrie (Ontario) Green Party activist, working toward communities that are modest and walkable, yet livable and complete.
Jay Kiedrowski — Senior fellow, Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center, Humphrey Institute. He teaches financial analysis and budgeting and was Minnesota Commissioner of Finance from 1983 to 1987.