



## **CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 10, 2016**

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Treasurer Roger Klimek, Steve Goltry, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, James Reid, Amanda Vallone, and Mike Wilson.

Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Craig Westgate called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Land Use & Development Committee, Bob Corrick**

Bob Corrick shared information about the park dedication fees assessed on new developments. The fee is \$1,500 per residential unit and must be used on existing Park Board land or to acquire new parkland within the neighborhood and to create new park amenities (not to refurbish or reconstruct existing facilities). The proposed Connector Trail may be a good use of park dedication fees from recent developments in CIDNA. The Connector Trail is included in the Calhoun/Harriet Master Plan process, which is expected to conclude in July.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Land Use Committee. Contact [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org) for more information.

### **Community Connections Conference, Amanda Vallone**

The conference is April 2, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The theme is Big Ideas: Your Minneapolis. The event is free and open to all; registration opens on February 29.

### **Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7**

- A variance request has been submitted to reduce the side yard setback for a tandem garage at 2770 Thomas Ave.
- A variance request has been submitted to reduce the minimum lot width and to reduce the minimum lot area to allow a lot division resulting in two separate parcels at 2924 Chowen Ave.
- The city does not have issues with lead in the drinking water. A \$65 million filtration system was installed in the late 1990's.
- Lunch with Lisa, Wednesday, February 24, noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall. The topic is a workforce training.
- The City Council is expected to award the recycling contract to Eureka Recycling (the vote is February 12). The council will also be voting to reappoint Police Chief Harteau.
- Council Member Goodman is working on an ordinance to ban drive-through facilities in Pedestrian Overlay Districts on Hennepin Ave S, Lyndale Ave S and Nicollet Ave S.

### **Save our Minneapolis Parks, Tony Sterle and Commissioner Anita Tabb**

There are two types of parks in the Minneapolis Park Board system: regional parks such as the Chain of Lakes that receive funding from local, state, regional and federal sources and neighborhood parks such as Park Siding Park that are almost exclusively funded by property taxes. The Park Board has a budget deficit of \$15 million per year for neighborhood parks. Save our Minneapolis Parks is a citizen-led group working on a November 2016 ballot referendum to raise additional funding for neighborhood parks through a property tax increase (cost to tax payer of approximately \$173/per year on a \$450,000 home).

The referendum would raise \$300 million over 20 years. The Park Board supports the referendum efforts. More information at [www.savemplspark.org](http://www.savemplspark.org).

### **NRP/CPP Report, Monica Smith**

The Park Board is working on the contract for one or two new benches at Cedar Lake South Beach. The NRP Committee will meet on March 23 to select the location for the new benches.

The annual report for the 2015 Community Participations Program (CPP) is due April 29. The NRP Committee will work on the report and present to the CIDNA Board in March or April.

Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) published a draft of the revised guidelines for the next three-year cycle of CPP funding (2017-19). An informational meeting is being held on February 24.

The next committee meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 3:30 p.m. at Rustica.

### **Transportation Report, Craig Westgate**

- Southwest LRT station designs were shown at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Corridor Management Committee.
- Engineering for SWLRT is 90% complete.
- A group continues to meet with legislators about Southwest LRT.
- Section 106 (historic preservation) meetings continue.
- Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene held a meeting on February 2 to give updates on SWLRT. The attendance was low due to a snowstorm. Another meeting will be scheduled in the next few months.

### **Variance Committee, Craig Westgate**

- The board voted to deny the variance request to reduce the side yard setback for a tandem garage at 2770 Thomas Ave because of the proximity to the property line.
- A variance request has been submitted to reduce the minimum lot width and to reduce the minimum lot area to allow a lot division resulting in two separate parcels at 2924 Chowen Ave. The existing house will be renovated and a new single-family home with detached garage will be built on the other lot.

### **Lake Calhoun Lake Harriet Master Plan, Mike Wilson**

Mike Wilson shared ideas for the Lake Calhoun Master Plan that include improving trails and storm water management, and relocating some amenities (such as the sailing school) from the NE corner of the lake to the NW corner.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Suggested plans for five focus areas of Lake Calhoun will be discussed.

The Equity Subcommittee is pursuing options to change the name of the lake from Calhoun to Bde Maka Ska.

### **Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson**

The Coalition is looking for other fundraising ideas since New Belgium will no longer be sponsoring the Tour de Fat fundraiser.

Mike Wilson and James Reid met with Aaron from Tree Trust to review the maintenance work that Tree Trust is performing on the Midtown Greenway. The work involved removing invasive species, tree trimming and improving sight lines.

**Pedestrian Safety Committee, Steve Goltry**

The team is working with Calhoun Commons to discuss the distribution of the flier that has tips for reducing traffic congestion at Market Plaza.

The Multimodal Transportation Study final report will be available on the City of Minneapolis' website in March.

**Annual Meeting**

CIDNA's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11. Elected officials will be invited to speak.

**Website Redesign**

The board approved motions to create a new website using Square Space, to move the email server from Yahoo as needed, and to pay Rick Loberg \$250 for photographs and design works.

**New Business**

- The Park Board formed a Community Advisory Committee for RecQuest, a project to develop a comprehensive assessment of recreation centers and programs. For more information, go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).
- CIDNA is considering a summer game night at Park Siding Park. Details to be worked out in the coming months.
- Mike Wilson shared historical aerial photos of Alcott Triangle and Alcott School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

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--Submitted by Monica Smith