



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 9, 2016

The meeting was held at Jones-Harrison Residence. Board members in attendance: Chair Craig Westgate, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Lowell Berggren, Leila Brammer, Steve Goltry, Barbara Lunde, Sarah Kennedy McCoy, James Reid, and Mike Wilson.

Staff: Monica Smith

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

Announcements

- Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) secured a new Directors and Officers insurance policy for CIDNA.
- The Park Board is hosting an open house for environmental volunteers on April 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bryant Square Park, 3101 Bryant Ave S.
- The city is offering two organics recycling “Train the Trainer” sessions to help spread the word about organics recycling on April 9, 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. at MLK Park, 4005 Nicollet Ave S.

Treasurer’s Report, Roger Klimek

A profit and loss statement for the past nine months was presented. CIDNA’s unrestricted fund balance is \$15,448.

NRP/CPP Report, Claire Ruebeck

NCR is working on a revised draft of Community Participation Program (CPP) guidelines for 2017-2019. The draft will be available for public comment next month.

The proposed design improvement project for Cedar Lake South Beach was introduced to the Planning Committee of the Park Board on February 17. A public hearing for the project is March 16, 6:30 p.m. at Park Board headquarters; final approval is expected on April 6.

The CIDNA Board is interested in learning more about the Park Dedication Fees (\$373K for CIDNA). Representatives from the Park Board will be invited to an upcoming meeting to educate us on allowable uses of the funds.

Barbara Lunde reported that the Park Board is still 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 next committee meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 3:30 p.m. at Cedar Lake South Beach.

Patrick Sadler, Policy Aide to Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

- Lunch with Lisa, Wednesday, March 30, noon at the University of St. Thomas, Opus Hall #201. The topic is the sister city program.
- Multimodal Transportation Study: the final report is on the city’s website (minneapolisismn.gov).
- Variance requests were recently approved for 2770 Thomas Ave S and 2924 Chowen Ave S.

- The Workplace Regulations work group will propose a citywide sick-leave ordinance to the Committee of the Whole on March 16.
- There are openings on Minneapolis boards and commissions.
- The Community Connections Conference is Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is free and open to all; register information is on the city's website.
- Tree Trust is offering \$25 trees to Minneapolis residents. Ward 7 residents can preorder trees beginning March 21 ; pick up May 21-23. Go to treetrust.org to order.
- Pre-order compost bins and rain barrels at a discounted price; pick up on April 30. Details at recycleminnesota.org.

Transportation Report, Craig Westgate

- Section 106 (historic preservation) meetings continue.
- The Final Environmental Impact Statement for Southwest LRT is expected soon.
- State funding for Southwest LRT remains uncertain.
- Mark Wegner from Twin Cities and Western Railroad will be invited to a community meeting to discuss concerns, particularly freight rail operation during construction of the SWLRT tunnel in the Kenilworth Corridor.

Land Use & Development Committee

Initial inquiries are being made about two potential new developments in the neighborhood.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Land Use Committee. Contact info@cidna.org for more information.

Lake Calhoun Lake Harriet Master Plan, Mike Wilson

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be March 24, 6:00 p.m. at Park Board headquarters. Focus areas #4-6 will be discussed.

Midtown Greenway Coalition, Mike Wilson

Three areas of focus: 1. Extending the Greenway to St. Paul. 2. Recently completed design charrette for Nicollet Ave S (for more info: whittieralliance.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/Workshop-5.pdf). 3. Green Crescent – connection between the Greenway and Lake Street near I-35W.

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.

Annual Meeting

CIDNA's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11. The board approved a budget of \$60 for snacks during social hour.

Game Night at Park Siding Park

The board discussed ideas for a social event at Park Siding in early summer. Details to be worked out at the next board meeting.

CPP Annual Report

Neighborhoods are required to complete an annual report for 2015 CPP activity. The document asks neighborhoods to identify highlights from 2015 and priorities for 2016. A draft of the report will be presented to the board for approval at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org.

--Submitted by Monica Smith