



Cedar·Isles·Dean  
Neighborhood Association

## Minutes

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:00 – 7:30pm

**HELD AT MOV Market & HOT YOGA**

3252 W Lake Street Mpls, MN

In attendance – Amanda V, Steve G, Alex D, Patty S (quorum)

### 6:02 PM Preliminaries

- Call to Order – Amanda Vallone
- Approval of Agenda – Patty moved, Alex second, unanimous
- Approval of July minutes – Steve moved, Alex second, unanimous

### 6:05 PM Presentations/Guest Speakers

**Ice Breaker** (Question of the Month – Favorite Park Beach in the City?)

- East Cedar (hidden), South Cedar, Elizabeth Shaffer – all of the local beaches

**Elizabeth Shaffer, MPRB District 4 Park Commissioner –**

- Elizabeth discussed the Cedar Lake closure and that MetroTransit will pay “easement fees” to the Park Board – the plan is to remove more buckthorn. Some volunteers may be needed although it does have funding. There will be additional landscaping. **Amanda V agreed to follow up with Keith Prussing.**
- Mark Schmidt from CLPA suggested (at the Fishing Event) that CIDNA try to do some programming in the area near the fishing pier (there is an open area with picnic tables). For now, CIDNA doesn’t have the bandwidth to take on something new.
- Wedge Neighborhood is getting a new park – at the small triangle where the entrance to the bike trails north of Franklin

**Amanda Vallone for Kaydee Kirk (SWLRT project office)**

- Cedar Lake Parkway Closure – Sept 9 – sometime in November

**Noah Cameron, NRP Policy Board Member**

- Noah introduced himself. He is a volunteer in this role – also involved with LHNA. He is new in the role. He did mention that the 70% rule to use/reuse NRP funds for housing was removed. This is related to the re-allocation of old funds that were used and repaid.

### 6:35 PM Board Reports/Updates

**Update on Adopt-a-Drain – Alex D**

- Alex shared that Pat H, Tim, Alex and Patty have been actively working to get the word out.
- Six NNO celebrations were visited by Pat, Patty and Alex – with a short presentation and QR codes handed out. Patty doorknocked on Park Lane. Pat put up and took down some “Adopt Me” signs – we will continue to

put them up and take them down throughout the neighborhood. From what Alex and Pat learned, there isn't a simple way to get updates on drain adoption.

- Alex reminded us that we lead by example. Our board (Alex/Patty, Tim, Amanda) collectively adopted 10 drains. At July meeting a goal was for 100% participation on the board to adopt at least one drain. **Mike S/Laura D/Steve G – please report on your drain adoption plans**
- Patty is following up with the city on stenciling drains, and if there is equipment for cleaning them. Pat and Tim went to a meeting where CIDNA received some equipment (small rakes, buckets, grabbers) – waiting to hear how CIDNA should use them and if they can be distributed to drain adopters as we received 8 or 10 – Pat and Tim to discuss and opine

#### **Follow up on neighborhood collaborations (Forum & Fishing events) – Amanda**

- Event was successful – 40 – 60 people fished. This event will be repeated on Saturday, August 9, 2025

#### **Meetings on the Move (Amanda Vallone)**

- September meeting is planned for Pavilion at Bde Maka Ska. Katie Cashman will be there and attendance may be higher than just the board. In order to ensure that we have enough space, we need to have one – two board members to go there by 5:40 that evening and ensure that there are tables together for at least 10 people to sit around. **Who will volunteer to do that?**
- October meeting – Park Siding unless weather is unfavorable. We will have a city representative there to fill out a questionnaire. And hopefully the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Safety Officer, who is starting work on September 11 (to be scheduled)
- **Who will take on the contact responsibility with Jones-Harrison to make sure the room is available?**
- No zoom is available for meetings that are outside of Jones-Harrison

#### **Update on Super Sale in September (Amanda)**

- Deadline to register – August 26 – cost \$20
- This year CIDNA is participating in the collective sale for free (other neighborhoods are paying \$200) – to date we have only 2 sales in our neighborhood – flagging that there is a lack of interest from CIDNA so that next year when we are asked to take part we are aware that it would not be worth it for CIDNA to pay \$200 given neighborhood interest

#### **Financial Report & Conflict of Interest Policy (Patty Schmitz)**

- Current finances are fine – awaiting a reimbursement from the city
- Conflict of interest certifications – **these need to be returned to Patty ASAP**

#### **7:00 PM Upcoming Events / Fundraising**

- Next music series & story time date (Amanda Vallone)

- Music – Sunday Aug 18. Story time on 8/16 was cancelled due to rain
- August 18 – Open Eye Theatre & Ice Cream Social – Ice Cream was donated – Patty to source dairy free option– **VOLUNTEERS needed**

**Planning for Fall Festival (Sat Oct 5 – rain date Sun Oct 6 – 1pm – 4 pm) – Patty Schmitz**

- We need more board members to help with this effort.
- Tasks – recruiting volunteers (can everyone find one volunteer besides themselves?), taking on asking for donations, making signage, purchasing things.
- **Most important – we need all board members to be available the day of the event from 12 noon – 5 pm. Please reply to this as to your availability and plans.**

**Fundraiser – Sunday October 13 – from 5-7 pm at Hamilton Studio - Patty Schmitz**

- CIDNA needs to fundraise to cover the cost of events which the city will not pay for. The Fundraiser is being planned primarily by Patty S, Amanda, Kristin Dolphin and Pat Hinch
- We need help from the board to host this event
- **Please confirm your availability that day from 4 – 8 pm to help**

**7:15 PM New Business / Standing Discussions**

- Open Board Officer Positions – we did not discuss this but **we need additional board members to step up to be either Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary (called Clerk in our bylaws).**
- **Tree Grant Program** – a CIDNA resident has suggested that CIDNA use some of its NRP funds to offer free trees (through the \$30 tree program of the city – only available until Sept 30 – but it’s an annual thing). This would involve jumping through hoops. **Is anyone on the board interested in taking this on?**
- **Homeless Service Center** – CIDNA signed on to a letter with other neighborhoods – for now the developer has put those plans on hold

**7:16 PM** Adjourn – Amanda moved, Alex seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Next board meeting:  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
at the Bde Maka Ska Pavilion**