



Cedar · Isles · Dean Neighborhood Association

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the February 12th Board Meeting (held via Zoom & In Person)

Submitted by Amanda Vallone

Attendance

Board Members Present: Amanda Vallone (Vice Chair), Patty Schmitz (Treasurer), Mike Siebenaler

Others Present: Katie Cashman (City Council – Ward 7), Mark Peterson (CIDNA resident), Michael Rothman (CIDNA resident), Pat Hinch (CIDNA resident), Andrea Coronado (CIDNA resident), Mark Schmidt (CIDNA resident)

Preliminaries

- Meeting called to order at 6:06pm
- Agenda approved by Mike Siebenaler, 2nd by Patty Schmitz, all in favor, motion passed.
- Minutes of the January 8th 2025 board meeting were approved by Amanda Vallone, 2nd by Patty Schmitz, all in favor, motion passed.

Reports

Ward 7 Office Report (Katie Cashman, City Council Member)

- Uptown Revitalization Program is offering an Arts & Cultural grant program to activate empty storefront spaces in the Uptown corridor.
- The City will be giving the new Uptown Farmers Market project \$8k and the Uptown Business Association \$30k
- Hennepin Avenue will be added to the Open Streets event this summer
- The City received a property of notice sale for 3026 West Lake Street. Discussions are in the process of nominating that property under the Heritage Preserve commission and will get updates on that within the next 12 months.
- Coffee with Katie will be Sunday, March 2nd 12-1:30pm at ModernWell, [2909 Wayzata Blvd](#). Topic will be about amendments to boulevard planting with guest from City's Homegrown Minneapolis program.
- The City will not be able to replace any of the wiring from street lights until the Spring. They will not be using copper wiring in its replacement.

Social Committee Report (Amada Vallone, Chair)

- Neighborhoods Day will be taking place City wide on May 3rd however many events will also take place on Saturday, May 10th. CIDNA will be collaborating with nearby neighborhoods at the Kenwood Community Center in hosting a Garden Tools & Other items swap event to promote sustainability and build community.
- Review of Spring & Summer events: CIDNA will continue to host May Day basket making, Intergenerational Mardi Gras @ Jones Harrison, monthly Happy Hours, Summer Solstice, End of Summer Ice Cream Social and the Super Sale. This year we will not be hosting the Music Series at South Cedar Lake Beach due to budget restraints.

Environmental Committee Update

- CIDNA resident Mark Schmidt will be refreshing the Environmental Committee and agreed to take on a renewal of the Park Stewardship contract. Looking for volunteers to head up a beach cleanup.
- Possibly connect with Henry LaBouta and the Green Guardians for beach and park clean up efforts.

Financial Report from Treasurer

- Financial statements for December 2024 year end presented. Treasurer noted that as of Jan 1, 2025 CIDNA has approximately \$8,000 remaining on the \$25K draw down of NRP in Oct 2023. Treasurer recommends that CIDNA draw an additional \$20 - \$25K prior to the annual meeting in May, such that the new board will be in a position to fund the organization if city funds are spent.
- Robert Thompson, our current accountant will be retiring and will be hiring a new accountant in 2025.

Coordinator Update (Patty Schmitz, Temp Coord.)

- Discussion on setting up board manual to include operational duties and schedules.
- Set up a board planning meeting to discuss in detail along with 2025 initiatives and events.
- Question was posed – should CIDNA invite or allow city council candidates to present at upcoming meetings. It was decided that CIDNA will not invite them to present – however, meetings are open to the public.
- Survey for the e-news on March 1st ideally.

Actions

Moved: To continue with a \$300 contribution to the Midtown Greenway Coalition for a CIDNA sign and commitment to clean up that section of the Greenway in 2025. Vote was unanimous with a quorum of 3 of 5 board members present (Amanda, Mike S, Patty S.).

Moved: To nominate and accept Michael Rothman's application to become a CIDNA Board Member for 2025. Vote was unanimous

Discussions

- Board discussion to continue regarding Amanda Vallone sharing temporary Coord role with Patty Schmitz. No quorum was present this month, as Amanda Vallone's vote is conflict of interest.
- Post the board meeting, a vote was taken by email – 5 board members to vote (Amanda does not vote due to conflict – Results of Vote – Yeses: Mike S, Mike W, Tim S, Patty S. No response: Steve G) motion passes
- Patty and Amanda have been fundraising by sending letters to neighbors. There are no plans to create a fundraising event in 2025. We hope that other neighbors will spread the news that contributing to CIDNA will ensure that our neighborhood events will continue and be free to all who attend.
- Discussions of a multi neighborhood fundraising campaign is in the works.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Happy Hour, 2nd Thursday of the month (February 13th and March 13th 2025 5:30-7:30)
- Intergenerational Mardi Gras pARTy (Tuesday, March 4th 2025 4-7pm)
- Next CIDNA Board Meeting (Wednesday, March 12th 2025 6-7:30pm)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm