



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2024

Jones-Harrison Lakeview Room at 3700 Cedar Lake Ave.

Board members in attendance:

Erica Solomon Collins(chair), Pam Dmytrenko (vice-chair) Patty Schmitz (Zoom)(treasurer), Pamela Taylor-Berry, Laura DeMarais, Stephen Goltry, Mark Miller, Amanda Vallone.

Absent: Tim Sheridan

Others in attendance: Rachel Svihel, Coordinator (Zoom), Kaydee Kirk (SWLRT)

Meeting called to order by Erica Solomon Collins, chair at 6:02 pm

***Pam moved to approve the Agenda, Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed.
Laura moved to approve the March minutes, Steve seconded and the motion passed.***

Presentation, Kaydee Kirk (SWLRT): The good news is that Cedar Lake Pkwy will remain open through the end of summer. The east end of the Kenilworth Tunnel is finished and the west end is nearing completion. Public tours will be offered by Metro Transit on May 14 and 16. West Lake Street is down to one lane in each direction between Market and Chowen streets for work on the bridge/elevator shaft.

Reports/Updates

Coordinator, Rachel Svihel: Environmental and Communications committees continue to meet on Zoom monthly. The Communications committee is focused on the promotion of upcoming summer events.

Governance, Erica Solomon Collins: Applications are open (online) for 2024-25 board positions. Erica asked for a show of hands from the board as to who will be applying to continue to serve since only one board member has re-applied. Amanda recommended adding a teen member and said she is looking for a suitable candidate.

Financial Report, Patty Schmitz: If CIDNA is going to be able to continue to offer a wide variety of programs, we need to find alternative sources of income—probably donations or grants. This is imperative as we go forward. A positive move is the possibility of using a larger percentage of previously-restricted NRP funds for board expenses.

Upcoming Events, Amanda and Erica: **Volunteers are needed for the success of these events.**

4/20 9-3pm Earth Day Cleanup and Spring Bash, behind Whole Foods

4/30 6-8pm May Day baskets, Jones-Harrison
5/8 6-8pm CIDNA Annual Meeting, Jones Harrison
5/11 11-1pm Neighborhood Day bike tune-up, South Cedar Beach

Sign-On Requests

Uptown Farmers Market—The proposal to participate in the pop-up farmer’s market was circulated. It would be a natural addition and community attraction to our fall festival. Amanda is attending the monthly Farmers Market collaborative meetings.

Stormwater Management Program—We will individually submit comments. No board action will be taken.

Uptown Mall Construction and School Board Candidate forum will be discussed at a future meeting.

New business

Pamela presented a letter supporting the MFT in Minneapolis Public Schools. It will be circulated for review and approval by email. (approved via email on 4/13/24)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Next Board meeting: CIDNA Annual Meeting, Jones-Harrison Residence, Wednesday, May 8 at 6pm