



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY, May 13, 2023 — 2-4PM

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair Laura Cederberg at Jones Harrison Senior Living.

Board members attending were Chair Laura Cederberg, Laura DeMarais (via Zoom), Stephen Goltry (via Zoom), Rosanne Halloran, Mark Miller, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Mike Siebenaler, Mary Pattock, Amanda Vallone; as well as coordinator Rachel Svihel (via Zoom).

Absent board members were Dean Kephart and Claire Ruebeck.

There were approximately 15 CIDNA neighbors in attendance.

Local elected officials attending were Met Council Commissioner John Pacheco, David Davies of the Met Council, and 5th MPD Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell.

Mary moved to approve the agenda with removal of committee reports, Amanda seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mike moved to approve the May 2022 annual meeting minutes, Mark seconded, and the motion passed.

Local Officials Reported:

Inspector Katie Blackwell:

- Gun violence is a top priority.
- Current staffing levels are short of fully staffed, however new officers have been hired and the department is pleased with the recent growth.
- A lot of current city incidents are involving youth.
- Board members asked what CIDNA could do to help. Suggestions for community walks, youth activities were made by Inspector Blackwell.
- Laura Cederberg also suggested continuing to work with North High, supporting local businesses, and being visible in our community.

Met Council Commissioner John Pacheco:

- The SWLRT project is approximately 70% complete. However, a majority of the work remaining does involve the portion that traverses the CIDNA neighborhood.
- The anticipated completion is still 2025.
- Also noted that the safety officers are also short staffed approximately 60 officers at this time. Additional cameras are being added on trains and buses. Additional non-armed security company is helping with security on buses.
- Mary Pattock said the Met Council's frequent claim that the main problems causing the \$500 million SWLRT overrun and years of delay were "unforeseen" is untrue. She said area residents had predicted those problems for years but were ignored by the Met Council. She asked Mr. Pacheco to pledge to refrain from making that claim and ask Met Council Chair Charlie Zelle to do likewise. Mr. Pacheco pledged to do both. CIDNA member David Shirley said the people most affected by the tunnel construction are those who live in apartments lining the tunnel route, and were not wealthy, as portrayed by SWLRT contractors and others.

David Davies: (Met Council SWLRT communication team)

- Cedar Lake Parkway re-open has been pushed out to the end of summer.
- Chanel closure has also been pushed out to September.
- Tunnel construction will continue to be heavy near CICA.
- Board and neighbors expressed frustration that all the projects happening at one time (including traffic light changes) are making the CIDNA residents feel trapped.

Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Commissioner Elizabeth Schaefer sent a short report:

Three highlights:

- First, watch for the final Cedar-Isles plan to come out in June with one final opportunity for input during the public hearing as a part of our board meeting. Staff will develop a list of potential amendments for commissioners to put forward if desired.
- Second, everyone is invited to the District 4 Buckthorn Summit on Thursday, May 18th, 5-7pm. We will be highlighting two areas of volunteer restoration within District 4 beginning at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden with Jim Proctor and Jennifer Olson and then moving over to Bassett Creek woods at 6 p.m. (Upton and Chestnut) to hear from Anna Peterson and Ryan Atwell. All are welcome and come ready to talk buckthorn!
- Third, Claire Ruebeck and I have been facilitating a discussion with Cedar Lake volunteers and MPRB staff about the use of the Cedar Lake Parkway closure easement fees (\$67,000). The two ideas the volunteers have proposed to staff are a detailed, coordinated volunteer and staff natural resource/restoration plan and contracted buckthorn removal. Claire should be hearing staff feedback on these ideas soon. Also - I have a meeting with SWLRT and MPRB staff in a few weeks, but it seems SWLRT will ask to keep Cedar Lake Parkway closed beyond the current June 15th permit expiration into September. (See "David Davies" item above.)
- Finally – There are a couple handouts available giving detail about our board initiatives around stormwater and parkways. (They can be found on the CIDNA website.) Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank you all for you service and engagement!

Candidate for City council Scott Graham spoke briefly about his candidacy.

Chair Laura Cederberg presented CIDNA's Annual Report, which can be viewed here (link will be included).

Election of New Board Members:

Chair Laura Cederberg reviewed the procedures and process for voting.

The slate of candidates who were nominated before the meeting were presented and their statements of interest and backgrounds were read. Those who were in attendance introduced themselves.

Nominations from the floor were opened and two candidates, Patty Schmitz and Tom Owens, presented their statements of interest and backgrounds.

The following full slate of candidates was presented:

Amanda Vallone
Tim Sheridan
Mark Miller
Laura Demarais
Stephen Goltry
Sheila Peterson

Erica Solomon
Pamela Taylor-Berry
Pam Dmytrenko
Patty Schmitz
Tom Owens

Laura Cederberg requested a vote to approve the slate as presented; the slate was approved.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 14 at 6pm

Laura Cederberg adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Rachel Svihel, Coordinator

(Board Secretary position currently vacant)