



Cedar·Isles·Dean
Neighborhood Association

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April 9, 2025 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Jones-Harrison Senior Living

CIDNA Board members and guests present at meeting: Amanda Vallone (Acting Board Chair), Patty Schmitz (Treasurer), Mike Rothman (Member of Board), and Mike Siebenaler (Member of Board). Pat Hinch (Volunteer), Claire (Volunteer), Lexi (Volunteer), Kaydee Kirk (Met Transit), Elizabeth Shaffer (Minneapolis Parks Board), Cathy Abene (Minneapolis Park Board), Christy Rock-Hantge (New CIDNA Accountant).

Preliminaries

- Call to Order at 6:04 pm – Amanda Vallone (Chair of the meeting)
- Minute taker – Mike Siebenaler
- Approval of Agenda – Motion by Mike Rothman, Second by Mike Siebenaler. Approved by board voice vote
- Approval of March Minutes – Motion by Patty Schmitz, Second by Amanda Vallone. Approved by Board via voice vote
- Icebreaker – Favorite local ice cream spot (Sebastian Joe's named by most participants)

Presentations/Guest Speakers

- Christy Rock Hantge introduced herself to the board. She is applying to be the new CIDNA Accountant. Previous accountant, Robert Thompson is retiring in a few months. Christy described her 30 years of accounting and neighborhood organization experience. (New Accountant starting in mid 2025)
- Elizabeth Shaffer and Cathy Abene (Park Board) CIDNA will move from Park District #4 to District #6 on January 1, 2026. Shaffer currently represents district 4 and Abene currently represents district 6. They provided updates on vote at next meeting regarding cannabis/THC in city parks. Plan is to ban smoking, similar to cigarettes, yet allow authorized vendors to sell other forms such as THC drinks and gummies.
The reduced cost centralized registration will be city wide. This allows residents under 18 to request reduced or waived program fees for park programs.
Shaffer said she will contact Park Commissioners about any way to save the ice skating rink at Lake of the Isles that is set to disappear next year due to budget.
- Kaydee Kirk (Metro Transit) gave an update of SWLRT construction
Cement pours in the tunnel are coming to a completion. Will start filling soil on top of the tunnel and surrounding area to begin the SWLRT landscape plan.
In late April, there will be opportunities to sign up for tours of the SWLRT tunnel in May.
Burnham Road will close in mid-May till mid-summer for road work on the south end of Burnham between Cedar Lake Parkway to Park Lane.
Cedar Lake Parkway will close mid-May till mid-fall. Closure will be east and west of the tracks crossing Cedar Lake Parkway. Burnham will be the detour and the Burnham bridge will be two way during closures.

Board Reports/Update

- Social Committee Update including Neighborhood Day (Amanda Vallone)
Happy Hour at Taberna on second Thursday of each month
Volunteers needed to create May Day baskets at Jones Harrison Residence on April 30 from 6:00–9:00 pm.
Neighborhood Day is May 3 and May 10. On 5/10 CIDNA will participate in a Garden Tool Swap at Kenwood Community Center. Volunteers needed from 1:00–4:00 pm.
Lining up volunteers and speakers for CIDNA Annual Meeting and Social on May 14 at 6:00 pm.
Minneapolis Poet Laureate and elected officials will be there.
- Finance Update from Treasurer: (Patty Schmitz)
CIDNA will need to withdrawal from NRP funds this year to meet budget.
CIDNA's Venmo account has been terminated. Very few people donated via Venmo and Venmo has a policy that links organization accounts to personal account of the CIDNA representative.
CIDNA budget was shared with Board Members
- Vote on new accountant contract. Motion by Amanda Vallone to hire Christy Rock-Hantge as new accountant. Second by Mike Rothman. Approved by voice vote by Board.
- Minnesota Attorney General Office filing: (Patty Schmitz) Board approved Patty sending report to the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.
- Volunteer for the Land Use Committee: Claire will discuss further with Board members for additional information.
- Coordinator search update: (Mike Siebenaler) An applicant for the position has contacted the Board. Mike S. will conduct first interview and share results with the Board.

Upcoming Events / Fundraising

- Happy Hour – tomorrow (Th April 10 – 5:30 – 7:30) Hosted by PS and plan for future HH's
- Thursday April 30 – May Day Basket making – 6 – 9 pm at Jones-Harrison (volunteers needed)
- Board members report on their board member recruitment efforts – discussed and on-going

New Business / Standing Discussions

- To do – Survey for e-news May 1
- Lake Street Marketing offer. CIDNA has an opportunity to advertise for free

Post Meeting Board Actions

- On May 6 and 7, the following members voted to provide Amanda Vallone a debit card for use on CIDNA purchases: Patty Schmitz, Mike Siebenaler, Mike Rothman and Tim Sheridan
- On May 2, Mike Siebenaler, Amanda Vallone and Patty Schmitz agreed to offer the coordinator role to Lauren Anderson. Lauren accepted and began this role on May 12
- On April 28, the board voted electronically to add CIDNA as a signer on the Uptown Farmers Market grant application. (Patty, Mike S and Amanda voted yet)

7:34 PM Adjourn

Next CIDNA meeting 5/14/25: Amanda Vallone (Chair) – Jones Harrison

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