



Cedar · Isles · Dean
Neighborhood Association

MINUTES

January 14, 2026 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Jones-Harrison Senior Living

CIDNA Board members & guests present at meeting: Amanda Vallone (Secretary), Patty Schmitz (Treasurer), Mike Rothman (Member of Board), Kirk Busche (Chair), Elizabeth Shaffer (City Council Member), Stacia & Lenny Goodman (Residents), Cynthia M. (Resident), Sarah Y. (Resident), Charlie S. (Resident), Elizabeth L. (Resident), Tina S. and Chris H (Restorative Justice Community Action), Lexi St. Clare (Student Board Member), Lauren Anderson (CIDNA Coordinator),

Preliminaries

- Call to Order at 6:02 pm – Kirk Busche (CIDNA Chair) /Meeting Adjourned @ 7:33pm
- Minute taker – Amanda Vallone
- Approval of Agenda - Motion by Amanda Vallone, Kirk Busche 2nd, all in favor. Board approves.
- Approval of December Minutes - Motion by Kirk Busche, 2nd by Mike Rothman. Board approves.

Ice Breaker

What is your Go to comfort food in the winter?

Ward 7 Update by Elizabeth Shaffer

- Will attend CIDNA mtgs every other month (March, May, July, Sept, Nov) to provide updates
- A unanimous vote from City Council to file suit for a restraining order against ICE
- Uptown will be prioritized and be a focus for restoration this coming year
- Stacia made a statement about the Council not doing enough and wondering how the City is protecting legal observers and the people that are too afraid to leave their homes for work & school.
- Michael asked everyone to patronize the small businesses and encouraged Council to do same.
- Patty encouraged Elizabeth Shaffer to communicate more about what she is doing about all this.
- Stacia asked City Council and the Governor to pass the eviction moratorium NOW.

Special Guest – Chris Heller with Restorative Justice Community Action

- Explained about their program that is located near Loring Park and the work they are currently doing.
- *Fostering individual growth while strengthening communities through restorative justice practices.*
- They are always looking for ways to engage in the community. Please learn more here:
<https://www.rjca-inc.org/>

CIDNA Board Reports and Coordinator Updates

- **Financials Update** – Letter writing campaign is working, 43% return for donations. Recruiting other residents to contribute ideas & help fundraise this year. (Patty Schmitz)
- **Coordinator Update** – Winter Party volunteer sign-up how-to, wrapping up 2025 fiscal year, 2026-28 contract and budget ready for the year ahead, new winter flyers with volunteer info for multi-family buildings, options for thanking donors in e-News and on website.
- Writing a letter in favor of the eviction moratorium was discussed. Amanda made a motion to

pass, Michael 2nd and all in favor, motion passed.

Upcoming Events

- Discussed upcoming events and where volunteers are needed.
- Next CIDNA HH is Feb 12th, encourage residents to attend to keep these going.
- Need to discuss plans for Neighborhood Day on May 2nd

Committee Updates

- **Social Committee** – Working on putting together a committee planning date for spring/summer events. Does CIDNA want to collaborate with a 2nd annual Garden Tool swap event?
- **Environmental Committee** – The next committee mtg is set for Jan 20th and will be discussing the Spring Clean (Greenway Adoption)

New Business/Standing Discussions

- Distributed flyers for board members to assist in getting them to multi-family buildings
- CIDNA storage unit has gone up in price, contract ends late Feb and need to make a decision. Amanda offered to ask Jones Harrison if they would be willing to store our items in exchange for an annual donation rather than pay EXTRA SPACE STORAGE fees.
- CIDNA turned 50 years old last year and we should consider doing something this year to honor that, potentially with a Don Wilke plaque.

Next CIDNA meeting 3/11/26: Kirk Busche (Chair) – Jones Harrison

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