



Cedar · Isles · Dean  
Neighborhood Association

## MINUTES

May 14, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 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), Tim Sheridan (Member of Board), Stephen Goltry (Member of Board), and Mike Siebenaler (Member of Board). Pat Hinch (Volunteer), Lexi St. Clair, Kirk Busche, Kaydee Kirk (Met Transit), Lauren Anderson (New CIDNA Coordinator). A number of other neighbors were also present.

### Preliminaries

- Call to Order at 6:31 pm – Amanda Vallone (Chair of the meeting)
- Minute taker – Mike Siebenaler
- Approval of Agenda – Motion by Patty Schmitz, Second by Michael Rothman.  
Approved by board voice vote
- Approval of April Minutes – Motion by Amanda Vallone, Second by Tim Sheridan.  
Approved by Board via voice vote

### Presentations/Guest Speakers

#### **Katie Cashman, Minneapolis City Council Ward 7**

- Katie presented a number of initiatives she has initiated or has worked on with other council members. She is working with Michael Rainville on establishing a tourism and entertainment district. This is at the wishes of many hotel and business owners and would involve at 2% tax to those entities to be used to support large scale events.
- Katie has introduced an initiative to restrict the sale of tobacco and vaping within 300 feet of schools (the tobacco is already in law)
- She is involved in a community roundtable on water quality
- Other initiatives were also discussed.

#### **Heid Erdrich, First Minneapolis Poet Laureate, 2024**

- Recitation of Minneapolis poet project

#### **Minneapolis Police, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct:** Inspector Hillbeck, Crime Prevention Specialist Faith Randal, Lt. Tim Eck, Chaplain Carl Vasquez, Chaplain Joan Austin

- Crime is down in Cedar Isles Dean and in most neighborhoods across the city
- The top category for crime in 5<sup>th</sup> precinct is burglary/theft.
- Still need to hire more officers for the 5<sup>th</sup> precinct
- Civilian, plain clothed community peace officers have been patrolling in the Cedar Isles Dean area and around Uptown.
- Tips for safety and to avoid thefts:

- a) Lock doors to home and vehicles (even if you are home)
- b) Do not keep a spare key outside under a rug, under a rock, etc.
- c) Do not leave valuables unattended, such as bikes in yard etc.
- d) Call a neighbor if you notice their doors are open
- e) Make sure your garage door is shut
- f) Maintain adequate lighting, such as motion lights

#### **Met Council – Kaydee Kirk, SWLRT Project Office**

- Burnham Road, from Cedar Lake Parkway to Park Lane, will soon close till mid-summer.
- Cedar Lake Parkway, near Burnham Road and through the area where the tracks cross the Parkway will be closed from mid-summer into the fall.
- Construction on the SWLRT tunnel is now completed.
- The Kennilworth bike/pedestrian trail will re-open, possibly this year.
- The B Line, rapid bus transit from Lake & France to downtown St. Paul, will open on June 14.
- Next line to open will be the E Line, rapid bus transit from the U of M toward 50<sup>th</sup> & France ending at Southdale Mall.
- Opportunity to sign up for a tour of the SWLRT tunnel will open in late May. Sign up for SWLRT Green Line Extension weekly e-mails for details when available.

#### **Election of 2025–2026 CIDNA Board Members**

- A unanimous vote passed approval of the following slate of candidates:

Amanda Vallone

Tim Sheridan

Mike Rothman

Ariel Goltzman

Lexi St. Clair (Student Board Member)

Kirk Busche

**Congratulations to the new CIDNA 2025/2026 Board!**

#### **CIDNA Reports and Updates**

- Financial report was shared with those in attendance.
  - Treasurer, Patty Schmitz, explained the funding sources for CIDNA and how funds are used each year.
  - Lauren Anderson was introduced as the new CIDNA Coordinator. Lauren has experience working as a coordinator for other neighborhood associations
- Welcome to CIDNA!**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- June 20 6–8pm – The CIDNA **Summer Solstice Celebration** will be at Cedar Lake South Beach. We are looking for Volunteers to help with this annual celebration.
- July 10 5:30–7:30pm – **CIDNA Happy Hour** at Taberna
- Happy Hours are usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month but there will be no Happy Hour in June.

## **Next CIDNA meeting 6/11/25: Amanda Vallone (Chair) – Jones Harrison**

The Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by CIDNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at [info@cidna.org](mailto:info@cidna.org) at least five days before our event.