



Cedar · Isles · Dean
Neighborhood Association

Minutes

October 9, 2024 | 6:00 – 7:30pm

Park Siding Park

Board Members Present – Alex Dietz, Amanda Vallone, Tim Sheridan, Steve Goltry, Mike Siebenaler, Patty Schmitz
Guests – Kaydee Kirk (SWLRT), Steven Gallagher (city of Mpls), Pat Hinch (CIDNA volunteer)

6:00 PM Preliminaries

- Call to Order – Alex Dietz – 6:03
- Approval of Agenda - AV (1st), PS (2nd) - unanimous
- Discussion and approval of minutes from prior meeting – Alex Dietz (review open action items) – AV (1st), SG (2nd) – unanimous
- Minutes for October meeting – taken by Patty Schmitz

6:15 PM Presentations/Guest Speakers

Ice Breaker (Question of the Month – Breakfast spot) – a number of ideas (not well recorded)

Kaydee Kirk, SWLRT liaison

- Katie shared quite a bit of info – there is a video of the divers who have gone into the tunnel (Katie promised to share link – PAS will send reminder.
- One more parkway closure in the spring.
- Amanda and Mike asked about the fence that came down behind their property (waiting for reply from Katie). Landscaping will happen in 2027 – that is also when SWLRT is scheduled to start.
- Bike trail will be open in 2025. First the trail will open, then some landscaping to happen then.
- Total estimated cost is now \$2.86B.
- Katie talked about Network Now – Met Council's vision to roll out proposed changes to transit (those changes will take effect in early 2025)

Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) rep. Steven Gallagher

- Steven came to the meeting to take the Board Survey (gathering demographic information on the composition of the board). He indicated that this was simply a data gathering process – board members could fill out as much or as little as they liked.
- Steven also noted that his office had been in contact with a large insurance broker to put together a pool for Neighborhoods to purchase lower cost insurance. The company (Gallagher – no relation to Steven) is a large insurance broker. A meeting was scheduled after the board meeting – Patty agreed to attend.
- Amanda inquired about the Community Connections Conference in 2025.

6:40 PM Board Reports/Updates

Update on Adopt-a-Drain (Pat Hinch)

Pat gave an update on adopted drains – CIDNA went from 50 – 83 – not quite 50% but a good start. Thank you to Pat for your volunteer efforts.

Summary of Fall Festival (Patty Schmitz)

Fall Festival was well attended by about 150 people (not counting children). We gave out almost \$500 in gifts cards. Received \$125 in donations the day of. Patty suggested that we reconsider our approach

to gift cards in the future – perhaps using those donations towards actual fundraising.

Meetings on the Move (NEXT two locations determined)

The next two meetings will be back at Jones-Harrison with a zoom option. Going forward let's continue to find ways to further engage with CIDNA

Financial Report (Patty Schmitz)

No financial report – waiting on financials – the October year to date report will be more meaningful as it will include the expenses for our largest and most expensive event

New Business

Coordinator role search

This was tabled but needs to be discussed at next meeting. We need some board members (or volunteers) to form a committee to conduct the search

Rail Safety Meeting – October 22 – advertised in E-news. All are welcome

Holiday mART – November 30 – 1 – 4 at JH

Amanda is taking the lead on this event. 7 vendors so far – hoping for a max of 14. Amanda will need volunteers to help with the event

2025 Budget Needs and Fundraising

Treasurer plans to submit a first draft of the 2025 budget in November. Amanda indicated that we need \$5,000 in order to fund those events. Some type of fundraiser will be needed. Ideas are welcome. We also need a board member to take the lead on whatever we do (letter or event)

7:20 PM New Business / Standing Discussions

Open Board Officer Positions

Not discussed but this is an ongoing need

Director Absence

It was noted that one board member has had three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings. Alex volunteered to contact that board member and inquire about their interest in remaining on the board.

7:30 PM Adjourn

Next board meeting:

**November 13, 2024 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Jones-Harrison**