



Cedar · Isles · Dean
Neighborhood Association

MINUTES

September 10, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Jones-Harrison Senior Living

CIDNA Board members and guests present at meeting: Amanda Vallone (Secretary), Patty Schmitz (Treasurer), Mike Rothman (Member of Board), Kirk Busche (Chair), Stephen Goltry (Board Member), Pat Hinch (Volunteer), Mary Harlow, (Resident), Anna Mutch (Volunteer), Mark Schmidt (Volunteer), Elizabeth Shaffer (Park Commissioner), Lauren Anderson (CIDNA Coordinator).

Preliminaries

- Call to Order at 6:03 pm – Kirk Busche (CIDNA Chair) /Meeting Adjourned @ 7:31pm
- Minute taker – Amanda Vallone
- Approval of Agenda – Motion by Amanda Vallone, 2nd by Steve Goltry. Board approves.
- Approval of July & August Minutes – Motion by Amanda Vallone, 2nd by Kirk Busche. Board approves.

Ice Breaker

- **Favorite Fall Activity in Mpls?** Activities mentioned by Board Members included, visiting the Apple House at the Arboretum, biking around the lakes to look at the fall colors, Farmers Markets and the Lantern lighting festival.

Presentations/Guest Speakers

Elizabeth Shaffer, Minneapolis Park Commissioner, District 4

- The Burnham/Cedar Lake Rd will be opening mid – October.
- Easement fees will be coming back to the neighborhood for natural resources from the SWLRT closures impact.
- An amendment will be put forward in October to keep the Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Rink open next year as part of the budget.
- The overgrowth on the entrance from the midtown greenway from Dean Parkway has been cleared.
- There was a private donation to install speed flashing lights on West side of Cedar Lake.
- Park police will have one officer patrolling the parkways and enforcing noise

CIDNA Board Reports and Updates

- Financial report was shared with those in attendance. (Patty Schmitz)
- CIDNA will need to raise more money to cover event costs. The goal is \$2500 and we are currently at \$1700.
- Coordinator reported that the Homepage will now link to socials and there will be a Get Involved with CIDNA page as well.
- Funding cycle will be on track to spend \$20k for each year (2026, 2027 and 2028)

- For the equitable engagement plan we need to choose 1-2 targeted groups to focus on. If we choose renters what would that engagement look like?
- CIDNA will re-apply and adopt the section of the Midtown Greenway that we have in the past.
- Mark Schmidt offered ideas to make wheelchair accessibility down to the lake. He suggested partnering with Jones Harrison for some outdoor programming, such as birding and outdoor music therapy.
- The CIDNA Environmental Committee is growing and the next mtg is Tues, September 16th. This committee will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- CIDNA Board Member, Michael Rothman is working on potential speakers for a CIDNA Speaker Series.
- The puppet show & ice cream social had about 200 in attendance. Open Eye collected \$123 in cash and \$55 in donations bringing our hosting fee to only \$122.
- CIDNA was asked to table at the Uptown Farmers Market on September 18th & 25th
- CIDNA will not host the Holiday mART at Jones Harrison and instead pARTicipate in the Holidays on Hennepin Small Business Saturday event on November 29th.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Festival on Saturday, October 4th at Park Siding. Please consider volunteering for a shift
- CIDNA will co-host the upcoming Ward 7 city council candidate forum on Thursday, October 16, from 7-8 pm at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church, [2020 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway](#). The event is co-sponsored by the Kenwood Neighborhood Organization and East Isles Neighborhood Organization.
- Thrill Uptown on Saturday, October 25th at Seven Points

Next CIDNA meeting 10/8/25: Kirk Busche (Chair) – Jones Harrison

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