



**Cedar·Isles·Dean**  
Neighborhood Association

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 14, 2022**

**(Meeting held in person at Jones Harrison with Zoom option)**

Call to order at 6:04pm

**PARTICIPANTS**

*Board members attending:* Laura Cederberg (Zoom), Mike Siebenaler, Dean Kephart (Zoom), Mark Miller, Mary Pattock, Rosanne Halloran, Tim Sheridan (Zoom)

*Board members absent:* Laura DeMarais, Stephen Goltry, Claire Ruebeck, Amanda Vallone

*Guests:* Lisa Goodman, David Davies, Robert Thompson

**Agenda** approved: Rosanne moved, and Mike seconded, motion carried

**November minutes** approved: Mary moved, and Mike seconded; motion carried

**Council Member Lisa Goodman report:**

- Thank you to Tim Sheridan
- Lunch with Lisa starts again in January, topic ideas are welcome.
- Mayor's budget approved. Lisa's amendment to increase minimum funding to neighborhoods in 2023 (only) passed.
- Mayor Frey appointed Lisa to be part of the Mpls Downton revival committee. The Daytons event was great, more than 200 people turned out.
- Plans for house to replace Lynch-Saario home were voted down by Zoning Committee because of massive use of pavement. They have submitted a new plan for a smaller structure that will require no variances. (Discussion followed: Is CIDNA being properly notified of these issues? Rachel will check.)

**SWLRT report — David Davies, Met Council:**

- Big thing right now continues to be tunnel work. Contractor will be working between holidays.
- Soil is being stabilized by the injection of grout, prior to construction of secant wall near the CICA building.
- Secant work will start again next week, hopefully to be completed by the end of January.
- The pedestrian trail overpass across the tunnel construction is being relocated, maybe done as early as next week.
- There will be a tremie (concrete) pour next week.

- Met Council is working with the Loppet event to make sure the channel is open for it.

#### Questions:

- Clarification on relocation of the pedestrian trail.
- Follow up on SWLRT construction safety meeting,
  - o What is the status of evacuation drill plans? David was not sure, will check.
  - o What is the status of discussion about what safety standards are being used? David said he offered to meet with the community member who raised the issue they have not responded.

#### **Governance report (Laura):**

- Laura C. sent a note of appreciation on behalf of CIDNA to Amelia Huffman for her service as interim police chief.
- Retreat plans were discussed. It will be held January 28 from 10:00 to 1:00. Details coming. Speaker suggestions welcome.
- City funding contract was received but we are waiting for the amended contract showing increased amount recently voted for by the City Council.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Mike):**

- Robert Thompson has joined us.
- Mike noted the budget information that was sent did not reflect the Hartford Insurance bill.
- NRP funds are available to us outside of our currently city allocated funds.
- In response to E-News request, CIDNA received donations.

#### Robert:

- The financial report was sent out. Had about 11,000 in the bank a little bit owed from the city. \$8,000 engagement funds available.
- Other resources CIDNA has outside of the financials. In short term we have N2020 funding agreement. Funding was \$24,000, as of 11/30/22 have spent ~11,000. We would need to change the budget to realign with other expenses beyond the staffing expenses. Could also pre-pay some expenses. We could revise our 2022 budget.
- Funding for 2023 from the city will be 20,000.
- CIDNA has \$149,677 in NRP funds available, returned from Propel loan, which can be reallocated — for example, for housing support such as code updates, down payment assistance, solar panels, etc. It could also be used for investments in safety and parks.
- Robert said that by state statute, the City cannot reallocate the funds without NRP policy board approval. But the board has not been active. NCR has finally said that the neighborhoods will have an opportunity to appoint representatives to the policy board.
- Proposal coming from NCR about the policy board. Watch for communications.

#### **Communications Report (Mary):**

- The committee approved the final neighborhood street sign design, which only had minor changes to improve legibility, and will submit it to the City Public Works Department for approval.
- Reminder to use the CIDNA typefaces and colors only as designed.
- Facebook editorial calendar was developed to include: CIDNA events, history Tuesday, special events, monthly observances, board actions from recent meeting.
- Sweatshirts, current vendor does not do print to mail, we will be looking at a new company.
- 2 names of possible 2023 speakers: Leslie Barlow, Louise Erdrich.
- Hill & Lakes Press sponsorship discussion: CIDNA would get ½ page each month of sponsored content for annual cost of \$5,000. CIDNA can pay for this out of the \$149,000 in NRP funds. Rosanne moved to pay \$5,000 to HLP for sponsored content. Mark seconded, motion carried.

**Social Committee Report sent in writing (Amanda):**

- I will be bringing to the January meeting the 2023 events proposal and a general estimate on the cost of hosting each event. The CIDNA Board can then determine which events with our new lowered budget we would like to move forward with and which ones we hold off on.
- I would encourage everyone to save the date for Sunday, January 29th from 2-4pm to come check out the Palio Winter Games, as next year the hope is for CIDNA to join this collaborative event.
- Tim and I were in communication about creating a graphic to try to sell our seasonal mugs this holiday season. I am willing to deliver to anyone that wants to purchase but if you have an idea of a place to do a pop-up next week and set up a CIDNA table to sell them, let me know.

Table the Budget discussion to the Board retreat.

Mary had previously circulated a draft letter to the City Public Works Department, copying the mayor and park board commissioners, opposing the cutting down of the trees on Hennepin Avenue. She moved to send the letter; Mark seconded; motion carried. The letter can be found on our [website](#).

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rachel Svihel**