



BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023 — 6-7:30PM

PARTICIPANTS

Board members attending: Chair Laura Cederberg, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Mike Siebenaler, Stephen Goltry, Mark Miller, Mary Pattock, Rosanne Halloran, Amanda Vallone, Laura DeMarais, Dean Kephart; also coordinator Rachel Svihel

Board members absent: Claire Ruebeck

Guests: David Davies of Met Council, resident member Karen Bergseth, City Council candidate Scott Graham

Call to Order at 6:11 pm

Approval of Agenda with edit to move budget to end: Amanda moved, Mary seconded, motion passed.

Approval of January minutes: Mary moved, Amanda seconded, motion passed.

Reports & Presentations

Ward 7: Lisa Goodman

Written report was submitted to the board from Council Member Goodman.

SWLRT: David Davies

Construction update: encountered a concrete impediment. It is in conflict secant wall piles near CICA building. Construction is paused in the section at this time. Impediment needs to be investigated. Need to remove temporary wall (controlled excavation) to see and what it is.

Questions:

Could the stop signs for crossing area (St. Louis Avenue and Sunset), they be temporarily put back, since all the snow is blocking view? David said he would check.

Sewer project will start on 2/20/23?

Yes, it is necessary. Dean Court will be 2 way during that time.

Board members said construction was making their homes shake. David said monitors had not registered at alarm levels. He was asked where the monitors were located. He didn't know, but said he would find out and send the locations to Laura C. by the end of the week.

Ward 7 candidate: Scott Graham

Lives in Bryn Mawr, is a realtor, DFL candidate, lived here 9 years. One-on-one contact with people, his skill set. He said his candidacy is based on three policy pillars: Public safety (hire more high-quality officers, have good police culture), Economy (important to maintain strong downtown; that will also help ensure tax burden doesn't shift to homeowners; look to state and federal governments to help recovery in Uptown and elsewhere; , more housing. He would strive to provide good constituent services. Caucusing starts soon. Scottformpls.com.

Other 7th Ward candidates will be invited to speak as they announce their candidacies.

Committee Reports

Governance: Laura signed the updated annual funding contracts with the City. CIDNA submitted a letter to the mayor requesting a hazmat drill to prepare for any accident involving TC&W trains (which carry ethanol). The mayor sent a brief letter in response. Claire is in communication with Rep. Hornstein about extending the funding deadline for the drill to 2025. Laura is still working on letter about lake drains help.

Communications: Mary said the City Public Works Department approved the design of the CIDNA street signs. The committee and Rachel are continuing work to improve and update the new website (cidna.org).

Social: Amanda has circulated to the board the 2023 events calendar. She wants to hear from the board about funding of these activities. The winter Palio, a project of neighboring associations, was postponed to Feb 26. Amanda hope CIDNA will join the Palio summer '23 and winter '24 games in the future. There was discussion of other activities proposed at the retreat, based on survey feedback, including dance, possible mentoring.

Safety: Steve said work on Lake Street is progressing, Traffic signs and lanes will be changed between Dean and Market Plaza , maybe be due to the snow removal.

Environment: In Claire's absence, Laura gave her report. Cedar-Isles Plan is open for public comment until March 10, after which it will be presented to park commissioners for adoption. Anyone interested in developing our CIDNA feedback/response with Claire please reach out to her. Checking on whether permit issued or not with MPRB Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer.

Discussions Items / Actions

2023 board goals discussion:

Goals and additional events discussed, including how they might bring in new volunteers. There was a suggestion for a dance event, involving African Drum and Dance.

Partnership Engagement Fund discussion:

No organizations were suggested. No plan to move forward.

Budget:

Discussed not approved There is no budget for new events. Mike will talk with Robert Thompson about other funding sources. Further discussion of the budget was postponed.

Committee Structure:

Discussion tabled until next meeting. An issue to consider is how to structure to support fundraising and recruitment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Rachel Svihel, Coordinator