



Cedar · Isles · Dean
Neighborhood Association

MINUTES

March 12, 2025 | 6:00 – 7:30pm

Jones-Harrison Senior Living

Present at meeting -Board members Amanda V, Tim S (by zoom), Michael R, Patty S, Mike S.

Visitors - From the MPD Faith Randal (CCP specialist), Donimique and Ana (misspelled) - both are interns training to be MPOfficers, MPD Chaplain Carl Valdez. Paula Chesley (candidate for Ward 7 city council)

6:00 PM Preliminaries

- Call to Order – Amanda Vallone (Chair for the meeting)
- Minute taker – Patty Schmitz (Treasurer)
- Approval of Agenda – Patty moved, Tim seconded – all voted yes
- Approval of Minutes – Mike moved, Tim seconded – all voted in favor
- Ice breaker – Favorite local musician to come out of Minneapolis

6:15 PM Presentations/Guest Speakers (began at 6:12)

- Kaydee Kirk, SWLRT update – Backfilling over the bike trail will happen sometime in 2025 and the bike trail will be reestablished at that point. “civil” work will be done by end of 2025 and once track is done they will pull trains. More walking tours will be offered. **CEDAR LAKE/KENIWORTH CROSSING WILL BE CLOSED – STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS INCLUDING DATE AND LENGTH OF CLOSURE**
- Faith Randall, 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist – Faith brought two MPD officers in training and one of the MPD Chaplains. We learned about the work the chaplain does – it includes supporting officers after traumatic experiences as well as victim families/bystanders of a violent crime or accident. Both the interns are energetic with a desire to serve.
- Faith also brought crime reports- most recent crimes have been theft from vehicles (either left unlocked or with items in plain view). Barnes and Noble was broken into. The most serious crime was a rape in a high rise on Lake Street – not random – the perpetrator was known to the victim

6:45 PM Board Reports/Update/Action Items

- Coordinator Search Discussion & Update (Mike & Others) – there are two new candidates that need to be further contacted
- Social Committee Updates/ follow up Mardi Gras Event (Amanda Vallone) – Mardi Gras event was enjoyed by JH residents and neighbors. About 50 ppl total. Jazz band and mask making. With a donation from the JH board chair we will keep to budgeted amount (spent \$700 -budget of \$500)
- Vote on Annual Report Submission – the board voted on the Annual Report submission. Amanda moved, Mike seconded, all members voted in favor
- Discuss Annual Meeting Agenda- we discussed the annual meeting agenda. Amanda is asking for a “speaker” who will hopefully be a draw for the event – stay tuned for more at April meeting
- Financial Report (Patty Schmitz) – shared report – nothing of note

7:00 PM Upcoming Events / Fundraising

- Update for Neighborhood Day Fundraising Campaign (Amanda Vallone) – Neighborhood Day will be on May 10 – collaborating with East Isles, Lowry Hill, East Maka Ska
- Donation letter – each board member to distribute 5
- Planned newsletter – targeted for early April – we need help with this – will likely not get out until

May at the earliest

7:05 PM New Business / Standing Discussions

- Survey to be finalized – did not discuss
- Open Discussion – nothing
- Articles for Newsletter– did not discuss

7:28 PM Adjourn

Next board meeting: Patty Schmitz (Chair the meeting) – Jones Harrison