

May 8, 2024 | 📅 CIDNA Annual meeting

Board Attendees: Erica, Pam D., Patty, Pamela, Steve, Amanda, Tim, Mark

Speakers: CM Katie Cashman, Kaydee Kirk, Rep. Frank Hornstein

Neighbors: approximately 20

Called Order 6:11pm

Amanda motioned Steve seconded agenda passed

Pam motioned Amanda seconded 2023 Annual meeting minutes passed

Introductions

CM Katie Cashman (Ward 7):

- **Public Safety:** Labor Negotiations with police contract are proceeding and hope to be complete this spring. Working to advertise open police department positions. Working with the office of safety to see what is possible regarding safety officers. Property theft is the primary type of crime in the area, a high percentage is youth. Working to address this.
- **Uptown Revitalization:** Working with the state folks, small city grants, Construction support. Numerous partners coming to the table (East Isles, and more)
- **Environmental:** Chair of climate infrastructure. Point out efforts around zero waste. Working in particular to help multi family housing folks have access to composting. Working on watershed areas too. Trash boom going in at Lake of the Isles.
- **RideShare Ordinance:** A difficult issue so far this year. Passed a minimum wage ordinance for drivers. Trying to keep these companies in our city. Another public hearing next week on this topic. Other modes of transport are bike, bus, walk, etc.
- Flyers from Katie on the table.

Questions:

RideShare ordinance? CM Cashman noted again that the city council will be voting on a lower calculation next week. Working hard to find a compromise.

Police Force increases? CM Cashman stated that there is work being done to address this area.

Rep. Frank Horstien:

Legislative Update:

- This session has been busy with budget work.
- Education: additional 43 million into the reading program
- Chair of Transportation committee: There is a transportation bill being worked on. Zero emission buses initiative. A series of audits (SWLRT) that have been done. Info coming hopefully this summer.
- Sales tax passed last year working to have it not fund the light rail. Same bill trying to get 30 more testers in the metro for drivers exams.
- Environment: Climate and energy committee. A series of subsidies to support people shifting to geothermal.

- State level rideshare work: Discussions are happening between legislature, governor and the rideshare companies.
- Hennepin/Lake construction: Promise Act was passed to support business in the area, but didn't reach uptown. Working to shift promise act funds to include uptown.

Questions:

Why are we not moving forward with Met Council oversight? Working to find common ground with others.

RideShare co-ops that are working to get up and running. Are saying they won't be able to go beyond the first ring suburbs. Can the state subsidize riders transferring etc.? Rep. Hornstein will discuss it with others, and thinks it's a good idea.

Thank you for your service.

Prevailing wage requirement would mean that they would need to use 100% union work, means they couldn't afford to build. Frank says there are many barriers, not just prevailing wage. Regulations, etc. He will investigate more.

Kaydee Kirk (Green Line extension):

Project completion solidly in 2027. This year and next year there is still a lot of work in the CIDNA area.

Rapid Transit B Line Lake street into St. Louis Park is being worked through the summer. Cedar Lake will not close until Lake St. work is done. Late this year or early next year. Tunnel work continues.

Kenilworth trail will reopen in 2025. Trail from Greenway to Bryn Mawr. Construction walking tours are happening in May, around/in the tunnel as well as June and July. CIDNA community specific tour soon. Kaydee will reach out to the board.

Questions:

An explosion of graffiti, is there a long term management plan for this? They are keeping tabs on and working to remove on a regular schedule. Will check on the particular area in question. 7am start time for crews? 7am - 6pm active work. There is work happening at 6:15am (loud metal on metal) the last few days. Kaydee will check on what construction activity is happening. Safety about people walking in the construction zone at the north end of the tunnel. She will pass it along to the construction team.

Elizabeth Schaefer (Park Board):

- Eastment fees funds will start to be implemented around Cedar Lake this fall. Also money for the school forest.
- Quaking bog replacement of the floating boardwalk is looking to happen this fall.
- It is budget season at the Park Board. Property tax portion is important. Hopes to prioritize or paved trails, etc.
- Elizabeth is one of three elected officials working with the watershed. Cedar Lake and Nokomis as well as the creek are the high priority areas. Hoping to get an Alum treatment in Cedar and Nokomis. No longer using the milfoil harvester.

Erica Collins, CIDNA Chair, presented the CIDNA [Annual Report](#)

Amanda Vallone, CIDNA Board member, presented the 2024 Summer activities

Board Elections

Slate presented:

Amanda Vallone

Patty Schmitz

Laura DeMarais

Steve Goltry

Tim Sheridan

Mike Siebenaler

Erica motioned Pamela seconded approval of slate. Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm