

## **CIDNA Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 8, 2021**

**DRAFT/PROVISIONALLY APPROVED**

### **Attendance**

**Board Members Present:** Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Rosanne Halloran, Mary Pattock, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair), Amanda Vallone

**Board Members Absent:** Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart

**Others Present:** Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), James Reid (Co-chair Environmental Preservation Committee), Inspector Blackwell (MPD 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct), David Davies (Metropolitan Council - SWLRT Project Office)

### **Preliminaries**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01.

The agenda was approved without amendment.

The minutes of the November board meeting were approved.

### **Reports**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Public Safety Report**

Inspector Blackwell:

- Provided an overview of community crime trends in recent weeks which include home invasions, muggings, and car-jackings by teenagers, sometimes with guns, who are targeting higher end stores/grocery stores — in our area, Lunds & Byerlys, Whole Foods, Kowalskis.
- Recommended that folks be alert, install floodlights and cameras, close (attached) garage overhead door immediately and before exiting the car, don't fight back, call 911 with best description possible, have bank contact and credit card info recorded separately to cancel, and don't have automatic log-ins set up on phone for bank and pay apps.
- Noted the work of a special workgroup focused on coordination between inspectors, prosecuting attorneys, and judges to identify repeat offenders. Crime analysts are also looking for patterns to aid with solutions.
- Encouraged residents to contact city and county officials in support of youth diversion programs such as We Push for Peace <https://www.wepushforpeace.org>.
- Noted that the new City budget provides for hiring more police officers.
- Will convey our congratulations to CIDNA resident Amelia Huffman, who will be the interim chief of MPD.

#### **SWLRT Communications**

David Davies reported that:

- Responses to outstanding questions from the 12/2/21 Safety meeting are in development.
- Tremi-seal pours continue.
- A late-winter closing of Cedar Lake Parkway is expected for tunnel construction (30-day advance notice to the City will be required).

- Cedar Lake Channel (and WPA wall) work will continue through winter, and it is anticipated that the channel will be open for recreational users.

Mary raised questions about safety issues: emergency access to the neighborhood during the extended closure of Cedar Lake Parkway, and the inaccurate information about ethanol fire provided to the community at the recent legislatively mandated SWLRT construction safety meeting. Also, is the MFD still committed to conducting a live (not table-top) SWLRT emergency safety drill?

### ***Governance Committee***

Laura Cederberg said she has been in communication with West Maka Ska about planning a community emergency preparedness event for January, including CERT training from the city.

### ***Communications Committee***

Mary reported on:

- How to get new neighborhood signs with the new CIDNA logo installed on the arterial roads bordering the neighborhood. Minneapolis Public Works would need to approve the new design. New aluminum reflective signs would cost \$30 each to manufacture. The City would charge \$50 to replace each existing sign and \$150 to install a sign at a new location. She asked board members to help identify where existing signs are located and where new ones should be.
- The proposed structure of the new website. She requested assistance with creating content for website pages. She suggested that since 60 percent of survey respondents said they would be willing to donate to CIDNA, a donation button would be added to the new website. The launch is expected in the spring of 2022.

### ***Social Committee***

Amanda reported that:

- The number of followers of the CIDNA Facebook pages has grown to 140. She is hoping to establish weekly postings for upcoming events, photos, local business info, etc. to further increase the number of followers.
- Artists and hosting businesses said they were happy with the Stroll and Scroll event and will likely participate again next year.
- There are other holiday events happening in and around the neighborhood including a holiday pop-up at Seed Café and a Kenwood Solstice event, 6:00 - 8:00pm, on December 21.

### ***Environment Committee***

Claire reported that muralist Lili Lennox has been selected for the public art project at Cedar Lake South Beach and that coordination with MPRB and the City is underway. She also reported that design concepts for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan are in development even though the Vision Statement(s) and Design Guiding Principles are not yet agreed upon. There are several virtual and in-person meetings planned in December and January to discuss ideas, give feedback and ask questions about the draft park concepts:

- **In-Person:** Saturday, Dec. 18, 10-11:30 am at Cedar Lake South Beach
- **Virtual:** Thursday, Jan. 6, 6-7:30 pm

- Zoom Link
- Phone: 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 885 6641 6893
- **In-Person:** Saturday, Jan. 22, 1-2:30 pm at Lake of the Isles ice skating rink
- **Virtual:** Monday, Jan. 24, 6-7:30 pm
  - Zoom Link
  - Phone: 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 892 5453 1887

### ***Joint Safety Committee***

Laura D. reported that

- The committee is working to identify streetlights that are out.
- Sidewalk Repair Hunters is a group working to identify and report the defective sidewalks and curb cuts (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sidewalkhunters>).
- The Hennepin Avenue redesign project is moving forward. In a survey of Uptown businesses, 25 of them said they will not be renewing leases because almost all Hennepin Avenue parking is being eliminated by the redesign. Mary noted that the elimination of parking will disadvantage elderly and mobility-impaired people.

### ***Coordinator***

Michael Jon noted that he has provided notice that he will not be renewing his contract with CIDNA, which expires at the end of March, 2022. The position description and contract will be reviewed and updated. A search committee will be formed to fill the coordinator position.

### **Actions**

Moved and seconded: To approve the CIDNA 2022 Budget with minor changes. Passed unanimously.

### **Discussions**

Operations Manual policies and procedures will be reviewed by a workgroup, who will cross-reference them against the existing bylaws, and make recommendations to the board.

Financial policies and procedures are in development and will be submitted to the board for consideration.

Meetings in 2022 will be via Zoom for the first quarter of 2022, and the board will re-evaluate in March 2022 to determine whether to continue meeting online or switch to in-person.

Mike volunteered to be Secretary of the Month for January and February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

*Minutes submitted by Claire Ruebeck and Michael Jon Olson*