

CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2021, 6-8 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Board members present: Chair Mary Pattock, Vice Chair Tim Sheridan, Treasurer Kevin Johnson, Secretary Rosanne Halloran, Evan Carlson, Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Claire Ruebeck, Interim Coordinator Amanda Vallone

Invited guests: Met Council SWLRT Outreach Coordinator David Davies, and CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson

Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The board approved the minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting.

Minneapolis City Council Ward 7 Member, Lisa Goodman

- The next virtual Lunch with Lisa is noon-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021. To participate, contact judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov. The speaker is Andrea Brennan, Director of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED) for the City of Minneapolis. Andrea will share her team's project, Minneapolis Forward: The Path to Recovery and Transformation, which is a plan for the City's response to the 2020 emergencies — both the pandemic and civil unrest — with a focus on economic recovery. As Andrea was the City's former housing director, she will also talk on the critical topic of the Federal Housing Rental Assistance program.
- CIDNA zoning updates:
 - 30 Park Lane, request for four variances was denied by the Board of Adjustment
 - 34 Park Lane, is a planned tear-down
 - 3311 Cedar Lake Av, request to tear down and rebuild garage.
- In response to Mary's inquiry, Lisa read a statement by City Attorney Rowander concerning the Supreme Court decision allowing the Smart Growth Minneapolis lawsuit to go forward and be considered on its merits. The suit charges that the City did not conduct an environmental study of the potential impacts of the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive plan to increase density throughout the city.
- Lisa acknowledged that there is fear in the community about the upcoming trials related to the George Floyd murder. She said the City is working with Hennepin County and the State to ensure public safety, and that she has suggested to Mayor Frey that the City set up a website to inform the community about security measures.
- Lisa suggested inviting MPD 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell to a future CIDNA meeting. Katie is part of the team working on the community impacts of the Floyd trial and anniversary of his murder.

Chair's Report / Mary Pattock

- Coordinator Search Committee Chair Rosanne Halloran reported that we have 10 interested candidates so far. The search continues.

- The board decided to hold its annual retreat on April 17, when it will be able to consider neighborhood survey results in setting annual priorities that the board can then propose to the membership at the annual meeting on May 12.
- The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department has issued new requirements that neighborhood associations must meet to be eligible for City funding. Amanda will find out more about them, including deadlines, when she meets with other coordinators on Feb 24, and will report back to the board.
- Mary announced that CIDNA resident Don Willeke was reappointed by Mayor Frey to the Tree Advisory Commission. The reappointment was supported by CIDNA and Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Transportation Report: David Davies, SWLRT Community Outreach Coordinator

- Davies sent the board a copy of the General Code of Operation Rules (GCOR) for train whistle signals that are used by TC&W Railroad and used in the SWLRT construction zone.
- Tunnel water management during operations is handled as follows:
 - Water at the tunnel portals is pre-treated and sent to infiltration areas. Overflow water is pre-treated and routed to storm sewer. This water is anticipated to be mostly rain and snowfall
 - Water in the interior of the tunnel is captured and pumped to sanitary sewer. This water is anticipated to be mostly precipitation brought in on the LRVs and minor seepage over time.
- Calhoun Isles Condominium issues
 - A secant wall, intended to prevent SWLRT tunnel construction damage to the CICA buildings, is being designed. Limited and safe targeted excavations are taking place in sensitive locations to verify the condition of nearby foundations. After the design is finalized, tentatively in summer 2021, changes in the SWLRT construction schedule and cost will be reported. The wall complicates and causes construction delay of tunnel but isn't stopping the project as a whole. Cold weather required a pause and postponement of the first concrete pour of the tunnel floor until end of February
- Mary asked if the Met Council is considering likely effects of the pandemic, particularly ridership drop from more people working at home, etc., that would require a new revenue model. Davies said he isn't privy to Metropolitan Council vision concerning future impacts to the transportation system..

Interim Coordinator's Report, Amanda Vallone

- All past newsletters are archived now on CIDNA website.
- The opening rate of the February newsletter was high — 56 percent, an increase from the past. Facebook opening rates are down, but website visits increased.

Social Committee Report, Amanda Vallone

- The Lovely Luminaries event was cancelled due to complications with Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board permit. Amanda suggested paying for the *Hill & Lake Press* ad for this event next year, as Kenwood Neighborhood Organization paid for it this year.
- Amanda presented a tentative 2021 CIDNA event calendar.

Treasurer's Report, Kevin Johnson

- Kevin and Mary will meet with CIDNA's accountant, Robert Thompson, to codify financial processes, to be incorporated in a CIDNA operations manual.
- CIDNA's affordable housing loan to the nonprofit Propel, initiated in 2011, ended in 2020. The funds are being held by the City for CIDNA Phase II action plan. How to use the funds will be discussed at the upcoming retreat, when the board determines CIDNA priorities.

Environmental Preservation Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

- Sometime in the next couple of months, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) will issue a new contract for CIDNA stewardship of Park Siding Park.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the MPRB's Cedar-Isles Master Plan project met for the fourth time. Claire encouraged the board to review the minutes when they are posted online by the MPRB.
- MPRB Parks for All Comprehensive Plan comment period was extended to July 18. Neighborhood feedback is vitally important. We will use the CIDNA newsletter as means to remind residents to respond.
- Water Quality at Cedar Lake ad hoc committee still meets.
- League of Nature Alliance <https://www.wildernessinthecity.org/> is a new coalition organized to support nature preservation throughout the metro regional parks. The Chain of Lakes parks, including the Cedar-Isles segment, are regional parks. The board voted to join the coalition.

Communication Committee Report, Dean Kephart

- In early March, all CIDNA-area residents and businesses will receive postcard invitations to participate in an online CIDNA survey designed to help the board set priorities for the coming year and beyond. Print copies of the survey will also be available, and a supply of them will be delivered to Jones Harrison Residence. The Communication Committee is planning to follow up the survey with virtual feedback sessions. The board approved \$2,000 for the project.

Land Use and Zoning Committee Report, Evan Carlson

- Evan will check with city to clarify notification process for neighborhood land use applications, including variance requests.

Neighborhood Safety Committee Report, Stephen Goltry

- No report

Old Business

New Business

Discussion about how to use funds reimbursed by Propel was postponed until the board retreat, when it can be informed by results of the neighborhood survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send requests to participate to info@cidna.org.

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