

CIDNA Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022

APPROVED

Minutes submitted by Mike Siebenaler and Michael Jon Olson

Attendance

Board Members Present: Laura Cederberg (Chair), Laura DeMarais, Stephen Goltry, Rosanne Halloran, Dean Kephart, Mary Paddock, Claire Ruebeck, Mike Siebenaler (Treasurer), Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair)

Board Members Absent: Amanda Vallone

Community Members Present: Nkongo Cigolo, Jeanette Colby, Anton Dmytrenko, Anita Duckor, Nancy Green, Steven Goldsmith, Vanne Owens Hayes, Maria Henley, Chris Homsey, Canan Karatekin, Charlie Lobeck, Rosemary Lobeck, Madeline Mary, Laurie Pohlman, Judy Tukkonen

Others Present: Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Councilmember Lisa Goodman (Ward 7), David Davies (Metropolitan Council - SWLRT Project Office), Representative Frank Hornstein, Elizabeth Schaffer (MPRB Commissioner)

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:05

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January board meeting were approved.

Reports & Presentations

Ward 7. Councilmember Goodman reported that Margaret Anderson Kelliher has joined the city as Public Works Director and that Lunch with Lisa has been postponed till March 23 (the topic will be city colleges including a tour of MCTC). CM Goodman then shared her concerns regarding city policy on no knock warrants.

Bills Related to SWLRT. Minnesota Representative Frank Hornstein reported on two pieces of legislation he recently introduced regarding SWLRT:

- The first bill directs the legislative auditor to “conduct a special review of the Southwest light rail transit project costs, cost overruns, scope changes, delays, personnel qualifications, construction quality, and management.”
- The second bill transfers authority of the SWLRT project from the Met Council to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
- A companion for both bills has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Scott Dibble. Committee hearings on these bills will occur as early as this week.

Representative Hornstein also said he is very concerned about damage to the Calhoun Isles Condominium building and supports its residents. The condo association chair, Vanne Owens Hayes, thanked him and Sen. Scott Dibble for their support.

MPRB. Commissioner Elizabeth Schaffer reported:

- The final public hearing on Minneapolis redistricting is on February 24. The latest redistricting map moves the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood into MPRB District 6 from District 4.
- The Cedar Isles Master Plan process is continuing.
- MPRB denied the SWLRT permit to close Cedar Lake Parkway.
- The Stone Arch bridge will soon close for two years for necessary repairs.

Commissioner Schaffer also thanked CIDNA for the public art that will be installed at the Cedar Lake South Beach this year. Elizabeth can be reached at: eshaffer@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-791-3701.

SWLRT. David Davies reported the closure of Cedar Lake Parkway for SWLRT construction is expected to begin late February or early March and may last up to ten months. He also noted that the Met Council has hired a third party to investigate the damage to the condominiums near the SWLRT construction site. Mary asked him to relay to Metropolitan Council Chair Charlie Zelle that his statement, reported by the Star Tribune, that area neighbors are responsible for SWLRT delay because they insisted that a tunnel be built, is simply not true.

Search Committee. Laura Cederberg reported that the committee is still soliciting candidates for new Coordinator.

Communication Committee. Mary reported that Tim has identified potential locations for new neighborhood signage. She said work continues on the new CIDNA website and the committee is considering a survey in spring to see what social events CIDNA residents would like to attend.

Environment Committee. Claire reported that MPRB has now approved the public art project for Cedar Lake South Beach. The artist will provide three designs that will be the basis for a community engagement to choose a final design. She said the committee would be submitting a comment on the MPRB Cedar-Isles Master Plan.

Joint Safety Committee. Laura DeMarais reported that the group has been calling 311 to report ADA violations regarding snow removal. She urged everyone to report needed sidewalk repairs to the "Sidewalk Repair Hunters" group.

Actions

Moved and seconded: *The CIDNA Board of Directors strongly supports legislation proposed by Sen. Dibble and Rep. Hornstein to transfer responsibility for SWLRT construction from the Met Council to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded: *The CIDNA Board of Directors strongly supports legislation proposed by Sen. Dibble and Rep. Hornstein to direct and fund the Office of the Legislative Auditor to audit the Met Council's management of SWLRT construction.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded: *Whereas SWLRT construction is jeopardizing the safety of CIDNA residents who live in the Calhoun Isles Condominiums such that some residents feel unsafe living there, therefore the CIDNA Board of Directors calls on the Met Council and Hennepin County to provide and pay for comparable temporary shelter to any residents who want it, until the safety issues are resolved to the the residents' satisfaction.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded: *To approve the 2020 and 2021 annual reports to the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General.* Passed unanimously.

Moved and seconded: *To approve the CIDNA Financial Policies.* Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15