



CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes, January 13, 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 Outreach Coordinator David Davies, CIDNA Financial Consultant 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 December 9, 2020 meeting.

City Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

- Lunch with Lisa monthly events have resumed. On January 26, the speaker is Michelle Rivero, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. For more information and to suggest future topics, contact Lisa Goodman's office: Judy Sherin, Associate, judy.sherin@minneapolismn.gov.
- A video of Lisa touring the renovated downtown Dayton's store is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dm3k0eutqAw>
- Police Department: Former Fifth Precinct Inspector Amelia Huffman was promoted to one of MPD's three deputy chief positions, in charge of professional standards and training. Katie Blackwell, former commander of training division, is now Fifth Precinct inspector.
- In response to an inquiry about rampant crime, Lisa said that, while crime statistics are not as low as we'd like them to be, they are lower than in recent months.
- As police reform begins, in the interest of enforcement collaboration, some roles have moved to other departments.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

- Rosanne Halloran, CIDNA Coordinator Search Committee chair, reported that the position will soon be advertised.
- Mary and Rosanne will step down as officers in May, leaving the chair and secretary positions open.
- The City Council voted to fund neighborhood associations at \$25,000 minimum per year, which is slightly less than CIDNA's current funding.

Treasurer's Report, Kevin Johnson

- Robert Thompson, CIDNA's financial consultant, said CIDNA's \$132,824 affordable housing loan to Propel, a non-profit finance company, has been repaid, since the projects have been completed. CIDNA will consider options for using the funds, including the original intention of using them for SWLRT mitigation.

Interim Coordinator's Report, Amanda Vallone

- CIDNA sent a postcard to all its residents encouraging them to submit online feedback on the draft Parks for All Comprehensive plan. (Note, since this meeting, the Park Board extended the deadline to July 18.)
- To receive CIDNA mailings, send a request to info@cidna.org.
- Send topic suggestions for the February 3 CIDNA newsletter by January 27 to info@cidna.org.
- Amanda asked the Board to suggest edits and improvements to the CIDNA website.
- Artists who participated in the CIDNA mArt in November donated a gift of their art to Jones Harrison staff members. Amanda will soon post the recipients' photos, with a thank you to donating artists, on the CIDNA website and in social media.
- The City's Division of Race & Equity is holding an online panel discussion 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, the National Day of Racial Healing.

Transportation Committee Report: Guest David Davies, Southwest Light Rail Community Outreach Coordinator

- There will be a town hall meeting on January 14, 6 p.m., hosted by Met Council Chair Charlie Zelle. Jim Alexander, SWLRT project director, will give an overview of the Minneapolis part of the project, followed by Q&A. Meeting video and a copy of the presentation will be posted on SWLRT website:

<https://metro council.org/transportation/projects/Light-Rail-Projects/Southwest-LRT/Public-Involvement.aspx>

- Project cost will increase by around \$200 million due to addition of: 1) a mile-long protection wall between the light rail and the freight rail beginning at Bryn Mawr station, a BNSF safety demand, and 2) a secant wall to stabilize the soil where the LRT tunnel will be dug near the Calhoun Isles Condominiums, because shifting soil had been observed during construction. The project will also be delayed about a year, incurring additional costs. At this time, the source of additional funds is unknown.
- Because the SWLRT expert on train horn signals is on leave, the question raised about them at last month's CIDNA meeting cannot yet be answered. Claire said the CIDNA corridor is supposed to be a no-horn area, but they're sounding anyway. TC&W crew is always the track crew, regardless of which train is passing through. Met Council doesn't have speed monitoring equipment.
- The (safety) incident rate remains in the 5.4 range, (which is higher than the national industry average). There have been no new safety incidents in Minneapolis involving non-project people and property.
- The Met Council decided to pump tunnel excavation water into the sanitary sewer, instead of into the Kenilworth channel, to avoid pollution and the danger of melted spots on the ice. The water will go through infiltration chambers, and measures will be taken to prevent sanitary sewer overflow. Bridge construction has been shut down for the winter and will resume in the spring. Sheet installation has concluded.
- Work will soon begin to create the bottom floor of the tunnel. It will involve alternate periods of pouring concrete, concrete setting, and pumping of water

over 4-5 days until cell is dry. First concrete pour should be in mid-February. The pour for each segment of the tunnel will be noisy and involve approximately 30 concrete trucks.

Environmental Preservation Committee Report, Claire Ruebeck

- **Park stewardship:** The Board approved renewing the park stewardship agreement with MPRB for Park Siding Park in 2021. The Board also authorized the Environmental Preservation Committee to pursue park stewardship agreement with MPRB for Cedar Lake South Beach in 2021, contingent on future Board approval of the details of the agreement.
- **Parks for All Comprehensive Plan:** CIDNA completed its efforts to promote resident response to the plan. These efforts were funded by a Collaborator Grant from the MPRB and Minneapolis Parks Foundation. Residents may offer their feedback online (Note - the MPRB extended the deadline to July 18). CIDNA will submit formal comments, recommending no expansion of the MPRB mission statement, and that MPRB's support of housing and homelessness, and disposition of parklands, be consistent with its mission.
- **Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan.** Cedar-Isles is part of the Regional Park system, the regional equivalent of state parks. The system is overseen by the Met Council in partnership with 10 area agencies, including MPRB. CIDNA is collaborating with community allies, including Cedar Lake Park Association and Kenwood Neighborhood Organization (KNO), to encourage preservation of natural areas. CIDNA resident, James Reid, is an alternate member of the project Community Advisory Committee.
- Adam Arvidson, MPRB Director of Strategic Planning, convened an ad hoc group of community members and MPRB staff to address water quality in Cedar Lake and Chain of Lakes. This is a multi-jurisdictional issue.

Communication Committee Report, Dean Kephart

- The neighborhood survey is still being planned. Claire suggested asking residents for their ideas on how to use the repaid Propel loan funds.

Land Use and Zoning Committee Report, Evan Carlson

- No report.

Neighborhood Safety Committee Report, Stephen Goltry

- Sidewalks are open and landscaping is completed between curb and sidewalk in front of 3100 West Lake. The traffic control box going West near traffic lights in front of 3100 obstructs driver's view of crossing pedestrians. In the same location, 311 has been notified about dangerous pedestrian crossing from plow-created drifts.

Social Committee Report, Amanda Vallone

- The Board approved up to \$350 for a Winter Luminary Walk in Woods, Saturday, Feb 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The family event to celebrate the area's natural beauty is in collaboration with Kenwood Neighborhood Organization. There will be social-distancing markers throughout the event area. If you'd like to help, contact

info@cidna.org. This is a separate event from the City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival at Theodore Wirth Park on Jan 30-31 and Feb. 6-7, 2021.

- Board approved \$250 for a Hill and Lake Press ad (\$185) to promote two family engagement events: CIDNA Teens Instagram activity, a Fun Photo scavenger hunt, and purchase of event prizes for both.
- **Take a Look at CIDNA** (TLC) January Facebook theme is Frozen Wonders. The February theme will be Love is in the Air.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department announced that it will coordinate “a singular Neighborhood Day which promotes neighborhood work while providing a time to vote on neighborhood board membership.” Participation by neighborhood associations is optional. The Board discussed the proposal, and postponed any decision to participate pending further details, including the timing of the election day. Mary urged Board members to fill out the City’s city-wide survey of board members about the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Send requests to participate to info@cidna.org.

Note to CIDNA residents: sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by sending a request to info@cidna.org. Please also submit comments, suggestions, or requests to help with activities reported from our meetings.