

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Board Meeting (held via Zoom)
Submitted by Dean Kephart & Michael Jon Olson

Attendance

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

Board Member Absent: Stephen Goltry

Others Present: Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Lisa Goodman (City Council Member, Ward 7), Patty Schmitz (resident), Mike Wilson (former resident) Elaine May (resident), Val Cordero (Property Manager, Foundry Lake Street)

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:05.
The board approved the agenda without changes.
The board approved the minutes of the June 9 meeting.

Reports

Councilmember. Lisa Goodman reported on the Lunch with Lisa Field Trip planned for July 28 to tour the new City of Minneapolis Service Center, the move of crime prevention specialists to from the Police Department to the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department, and a change in how to report property crimes after-the-fact (call 311 instead of 911). Lisa also reported that she will not be at the August meeting but will try to arrange for a presentation on the Metro Transit B Line (the bus rapid transit line that will run down Lake Street).

CIDNA Coordinator. Michael Jon Olson reported on the transition to Google Workspace.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported on the decision to restructure the agenda and invite David Davies to report in person every other month instead of every month.

Social Committee. Amanda reported that the committee is working on Tai Chi on Dean Green (see action item below) and the Fall Festival (see action item below). She also invited meeting attendees to provide comments in the chat on an idea for a story-telling picnic series (which received positive feedback). Patty Schmitz asked for CIDNA support for publicizing a National Night Out event for Dean Parkway residents on Dean Green; board members expressed support for this idea.

Environmental Committee. Claire reported on several activities including a Park Siding Park gardening, Cedar South Beach clean-up, and Mark Schmidt's continuing buckthorn removal efforts at Cedar South Point. Claire and Michael Jon reported that the contract with MPRB to construct a concrete curb on the west side of Cedar Lake South Beach has been signed. Work continues on the effort for a public art installation at the Cedar Lake South Beach comfort station. Claire also notified the board that long-time CIDNA activist Sandy Larson had just passed away after a four-year battle against cancer.

Communications Committee. Mary reported on the cleanup of the current website and the joint meeting with the Social Committee (at which time the Tai Chi on Dean Green and Fall Festival events were discussed). Michael Jon and Tim reported that the contract with Woychick Design for rebranding and a new website has been signed, that they held an initial meeting with Dan Woychick, and that Dan has prepared a Creative Brief that will be the foundation for his work. The Creative Brief will be reviewed at the upcoming Communications Committee meeting.

Actions

Moved: That any board member who has suggested edits to CIDNA's official comments on the MPRB Parks for All Comprehensive Plan as prepared by Claire submit those edits to Claire and Michael Jon by 12:00noon on Friday, July 16, for incorporation into the final document, which will be submitted by end-of-day on Sunday, July 18 (the deadline for submitting comments). Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: That CIDNA strongly oppose adding to the "Mission" statement of the MPRB's Parks for All Comprehensive Plan with a statement that says, "The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board exists to dismantle historic inequities in the provision of park and recreation opportunities," and instead incorporating such language as part of the MPRB "Values" statement; and that CIDNA's opposition be reflected in CIDNA's official letter and comments on the Parks for All Comprehensive Plan. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To authorize the Social Committee to plan and implement a Tai Chi on Dean Green series for late summer/early fall and approve a provisional budget of up to \$500. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To authorize the Social Committee to plan the Fall Festival (on either September 25 or October 9, pending the committee's determination of the best date) and authorize a budget of up to \$3,500. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To authorize the Governance Committee to investigate opportunities for CIDNA to be involved in providing voter education for CIDNA residents on the proposed City Charter

amendments and make a recommendation to the board at the August meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: To authorize Laura C., working with Mary and Michael Jon, to submit comments on the development proposed for the BP site. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: That CIDNA request that MPRB designate the Dean Green “lobes” as neighborhood park assets (rather than as a part of the Chain of Lakes Regional Park). Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussions

Board Retreat. The date for a board retreat will be determined once the date for the Fall Festival is set. Laura C. will propose a date via email.

Request for SWLRT Construction Public Meeting. In light of recent problems related to SWLRT construction, Laura C., in her role as chair, will request that the Met Council (along with their contractors) host a public meeting by the end of the summer to update the community on construction issues, activities, timelines, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.