

CEDAR-ISLES-DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

Online via Zoom

Minutes by Rosanne Halloran

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, CIDNA accountant Robert Thompson, and Jack Whitehurst, Neighborhood Specialist, Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Dept.

Call to order: Mary Pattock, Chair

- Mary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The board approved the minutes for the February 10, 2021 meeting.

Report: Minneapolis City Council Ward 7, Lisa Goodman

- March Lunch with Lisa is cancelled; in April it will feature the AVIVO Village project in North Minneapolis, an interior, tiny home community alternative to outdoor encampments. (<https://avivomn.org/>).

Guest Report: MPD 5th Precinct Inspector Katie Blackwell, also part of team Operation Safety Net, logistics and military liaison:

- Crime rose overall 20% in Minneapolis last year. CIDNA had no violent crimes, 12 property crimes, 1 burglary, 11 thefts of cars; there was an uptick in auto thefts throughout the 5th precinct (CIDNA had 2). Auto thefts occur more frequently when owners leave their car running while doing an errand or warming up the vehicle. Catalytic converter thefts are rising. Leaving valuables in open view in a car invites thefts.
- The MPD has multiple teams dedicated to safety during the Derek Chauvin trial, including quick mobile response teams, firefighter assistance and prevention of property damage teams. There is no significant intelligence about outside agitators at this time. Estimated trial timing is 2 to 3 weeks for jury selection, 4 weeks for trial, with a verdict anticipated at end of April or beginning of May.
- Extra law enforcement, including National Guard, is being called in, particularly during the time of verdict, to assure that peaceful protests can take place but not destructive behavior. Safety teams will be deployed throughout the city to deter unlawful behavior.
- Traffic will be re-routed when necessary, minimizing major disruptions in traffic flow. Curfew decisions will be made by the mayor and the governor. No protesting on highways will be allowed because it is extremely dangerous.
- Public should report suspicious activity by calling 911 or 612-348-2345. The City has a "Trial support and safety" website accessible from the city homepage at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov>
- Appreciation was extended by all present to Inspector Blackwell for her service.

Chair's Report, Mary Pattock

- Plymouth Church has asked if CIDNA wants to co-sponsor with other neighborhoods a city council candidate forum. The Board decided it doesn't have the bandwidth to cosponsor but could promote such an event in its newsletter.

- Rosanne Halloran, Search Committee Chair for CIDNA Coordinator, reported that the committee had 16 inquiries and is interviewing two finalists. The goal is to have a new coordinator hired by April 1.
- CIDNA Annual Meeting will be on May 12, 2021. Suggestions for a featured speaker are welcome. Board retreat will be held in June.

Report: Treasurer, Kevin Johnson

- Robert Thompson, CIDNA's accountant, said CIDNA is healthy financially. Last month there was income of \$1600, expenses of \$964, and the current bank balance is \$27,000.

Guest Report: Jack Whitehurst, Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations Dept (NCR):

- A steering committee including NCR Director David Rubedor, NCR policy specialist Steve Gallagher, city budget director, city coordinator, and council members Gordon, Cano, Reich and Cunningham meet frequently to discuss funding for neighborhood organizations (NOs). They are considering various funding options for the City Council to consider in April. One would increase total citywide funding by \$3 million starting in 2022, guaranteeing each neighborhood a minimum base of \$25,000. Otherwise, under the new Neighborhoods 2020 system, CIDNA funding would drop substantially from its current \$26,000. Under a new "Citywide Neighborhood Network Fund" CIDNA would receive basic funding of \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 in succeeding years, and have the option to apply for additional funds under the new Equitable Engagement Fund (for working on equity), Partnership Engagement Fund (working on equity with a community organization), and Collaboration and Shared Resources Fund (merging to some extent with another NO). We will have more information in a few weeks.
- CIDNA earmarked \$20,000 of Community Participation Program (CPP) funding to the Cedar Lake South Beach for unfinished elements of the renovations at that site (e.g., canoe racks, public art), however, the money has not yet been formally contracted. The Environmental Preservation Committee will prepare a recommendation for the board. If the \$20,000 is not under contract by Dec. 31, NCR will move it to the new Equitable Engagement Fund. CIDNA also needs to contract the Propel funds, possibly again to Propel; the Executive Committee (board officers and committee chairs) will prepare a recommendation for the board.

At this point Mary Pattock had to leave and Tim Sheridan took over the meeting.

Report: Interim Coordinator, Amanda Vallone

- The regular March E-News had a 53% open rate; Monday's special trial-safety update so far has a 50% open rate. CIDNA has 98 followers on Facebook.
- Southwest area Neighborhood Organization coordinators met on March 4th. 1) They discussed weekly NCR trial-related meetings; each neighborhood should send a representative. 2.) Carlson Graduate program offers a volunteer consultant for a 10-week program to assist nonprofit organizations on strategic planning. 3.) Summer events are tentatively planned with the understanding they could be cancelled or strictly restricted. 4.) Hybrid models are being used for some annual meetings.

Guest Report: Transportation Committee, David Davies, SWLRT Outreach Coordinator

- Cement pour in tunnel floor has been tentatively pushed to the week of March 15. For firm date see <https://metro council.org/Transportation/Projects/Light-Rail-Projects/Southwest-LRT/Construction.aspx>

- Freight tracks are monitored carefully to keep site safe and secure. Excavation starting at north bridge in a few weeks, depending on ground thaw.
- The Met Council will not know until summer the amount of their previously announced cost increases, which they said were due to 1) encountering soil conditions they were not prepared for, 2) a better understanding of the Bryn Mawr wall construction, and 3) undetermined delay in the project announced.
- A project worker was found unresponsive in construction area and eventually died due to a personal medical situation unrelated to workplace activity.

Report: Neighborhood Safety Committee, Stephen Goltry

- Sidewalks are clear of ice and snow at Lake Street area north of Bde Maka Ska. Stephen suggested a bike lane in that area as bikers are using the sidewalk and creating a hazardous situation for pedestrians.

Report: Social Committee, Amanda Vallone

- Teen engagement ideas: CIDNA Instagram page; Neighborhood Zine workshops; connect with Stacia Goodman about leading a community mosaic project in the neighborhood with teen pARTicipants. A Call for Teens will appear in the upcoming HLP to engage them in youth community projects.
- Take a Look at CIDNA (TLC) Facebook themes are:
 - March - Melting Marvels (The beauty, uncovered treasures or mess you find when the snow melts.)
 - April - Beautiful Birds
 - May - Favorite Flowers
 - June - Summer Sandals (your favorite pair, on or off your feet)

Report: Environmental Preservation Committee, Claire Ruebeck

- Park Siding Park Stewardship agreement with Minneapolis Park & Recreation (MPRB) will be renewed. Volunteers are invited to help maintain the park on the third Saturday of each month, May-Sept from 9-noon. Rain date is the following Wed evening at 5:30. A new volunteer stewardship agreement will be established for cleanup of Cedar Lake South Beach at the beginning and end of seasons.
- Cedar Lake South Point Improvements: Karl Hahn with Cedar Lake Park Association (CLPA) gave a shout out to Sherry and Marcia for support, and Keith Prussing. 362 volunteer hours in 2020 related to buckthorn removal and understory seeding/planting, lake view is much improved. CLPA donated \$2,716 and anonymous donations were \$1,100. Native seeds have been donated to improve lakeshore stability. Restoration work is with bird habitat in mind. CIDNA is a community collaborator with CLPA.
- MPRB Cedar-Isles Master Plan: There hasn't been a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting since the last CIDNA board meeting. An online Open House was held to discuss encroachments on park land and how they relate to the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles (Cedar-Isles) Master Plan. Request for clarification of next steps in project has been made to the MPRB Project Manager Emma Pachuta. CAC Alternate, James Reid, reported that design will be the likely next step. Water quality continues to be a priority.
- MPRB "Parks for All" Comprehensive Plan: CIDNA encourages residents to submit comments, due by July 18. MPRB Policy Tracker related to the MPRB Parks for All has recently been provided by MPRB Project Manager Carrie Christensen. CIDNA is writing a comment to submit.

- Water quality at Cedar Lake: Algae bloom remains a concern. Ad hoc community workgroup continues to explore environmental stewardship solutions. MPRB planner Adam Arvidson wrote a summary of the committee's work that identifies possible initiatives. Topics include drainage basins maintenance, alum treatment, and water quality testing and communications.
- Legacy of Nature Alliance: Advocacy initiative to support SF 1312 to prohibit toxic neonicotinoid and chlorpyrifos pesticide use in protected Wildlife Management Areas.

Report: Communication Committee, Dean Kephart

- Neighborhood Survey is on Survey Monkey and set to go. A postcard sent CIDNA-wide will direct residents to the survey. Postcards tentatively scheduled to arrive at addresses by end of week of March 14. Branding and website redesign will be a summer project.

Report: Land Use and Zoning Committee, Evan Carlson

- Evan asked the City to resume sending CIDNA land use notices.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 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.