



Cedar · Isles · Dean
Neighborhood Association

MARCH 9, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(meeting held via Zoom)

Submitted by Laura Cederberg

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED

PARTICIPANTS

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

Others Present: Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Lisa Goodman (City Council-Ward 7), David Davis (SWLRT Project Office), Amy Rowland (Lake Residences)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion on financial policies. The minutes of the February 9 board meeting were approved.

REPORTS

WARD 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman reported:

- March 30 Lunch with Lisa, 11:30am: A tour of the renovated historic Alden Smith House, now known as the Abbey Apartments. Will include a briefing from project participants.
- April 27 Lunch with Lisa, 12-1: Guest Elizabeth Schaffer to discuss first couple of months as new parks commissioner. University of St. Thomas
- 34 Park Lane neighborhood variances for fencing and parking were denied unanimously by the City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee.
- Behavioral Crisis Response Team success by Canopy Roots. They are now operating 24/7. The 911 operators have been trained when to send this type of response to critical incidents – police report it is going well. Two units are operating with behavioral responders and responding to mental health calls.
- City redistricting is complete. Changes to the 7th Ward include: 2 blocks of Downtown removed from 7th Ward, including Grant Park. 2 blocks of Warehouse District added and West Bde Mka Ska neighborhood, including West Lake LRT station, added to Ward 7.
- City has launched national search for police chief search. Karen Berglund, a 7th Ward resident, is one of 10 members of Mayor Frey's citizen panel to assist with search.
- Tree Trust's spring tree purchase period begins in March. 1500 trees, 30 varieties, only \$30.
Order at:
<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/news/2022/february/minneapolis-property-owners-can-buy-30-trees-this-spring/>
- Lisa said in her view the Hillard Heintze report on the City's response to civil unrest following George Floyd's murder is accurate.
- The City is already operating on the basis of the organizational reforms mandated by passage of the Government Structure Amendment passed last fall.

SWLRT. David Davies reported:

- SWLRT Minneapolis Town Hall Meeting will be held March 16, 6-7pm. Meeting details available at Met Council's SWLRT public involvement page; meeting will be recorded.
- Excavation and tunnel construction to resume north of Depot Street. Additional sheet driving expected on March 11.
- Cedar Lake Parkway closure is now expected to occur in April.
- Cedar Isles Condo Association – Met Council has been on site investigating the cause of the water pipe break and resultant flooding of the CICA garage. No findings or known causes to date. Investigation is expected to take several more weeks. The contractor will need to make grade adjustments to keep stormwater at bay.
- Mary Pattock inquired if the 2018 Itasca Consulting Group report on CICA building vibration has been made available to Socotec and the Office of the Legislative Auditor. David did not know.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported that with COVID-19 declining and city protocols lifting, the governance committee would like to explore resuming in-person board meetings for April and will look for a meeting location. Meetings will continue to be streamed via Zoom.

Communications Committee. Mary reported:

- Committee has identified locations where new signs with the new CIDNA logo may be installed. Up to seven may be ordered. Next step is to send design and locations to Minneapolis Public Works. Mary will prepare a cost estimate for the board's consideration.
- There is a new page on the CIDNA website on the Cedar Lake Master Plan, offering a wealth of information on the water quality of Cedar Lake and the rest of the Chain of Lakes.
- Development of the new CIDNA website continues.
- An anonymous donor has contributed \$300 to CIDNA, in appreciation for CIDNA's work to improve water quality of the Chain of Lakes, especially its participation in the Cedar-Isles Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Tim is working to find a manufacturer of CIDNA-branded coffee mugs for sale and fundraising.
- Amanda is developing a Facebook editorial calendar.
- Hill and Lakes Press – Craig Wilson is the new editor. Mary is secretary of its new board. Win Rockwell is the other HLP board member representing CIDNA neighborhood.

Social Committee. Amanda reported that CIDNA will host the following 2022 events. Additional event details will be posted at cidna.org

- **Volunteer Information Night – Wednesday, April 27**
Meet neighbors and find out ways to get involved with CIDNA's upcoming events
- **May Day Basket Making – April 29 (6:30-8:30pm) & April 30 (2-5pm)**
Each year, CIDNA brings families together to decorate and assemble May Day baskets for residents of Jones Harrison. Location: ARTrageous Adventures (2121 West 21st St)
- **Summer Solstice Celebration – June 21 (6-8pm)**
Celebrate the longest day of the year at Cedar Lake South Beach with refreshments, music and family fun activities
- **Monthly Hidden Acoustic Music Series @ Cedar Lake South Beach (June, July, August)**
- **Monthly Storytelling Sessions @ Park Siding Park (June, July, August)**
- **Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 6**
- **Holiday Art Mart, Saturday, Nov. 26**

Environment Committee. Claire reported:

- Park Board Redistricting – CIDNA will move to District 6, effective after next park board election, even though Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles (CIDNA’s namesakes) will stay in District 4. The City rationale for this incongruity is that its modeling software cannot account for the lakes. All park board commissioners are aware of issue. Claire has requested software update to resolve the issue.
- Committee recommends renewing Park Siding Park and Cedar Lake South Beach Stewardship agreements. Dates to be finalized, typically second Saturdays.
- Mark Schmidt is putting forth a stewardship agreement for Cedar South Point natural area; CIDNA will continue to provide communication support for effort.
- Cedar Isles Master Plan is moving forward. Claire is working on CIDNA comments. James Reid as an alternate to the CAC, which is working to make the water quality of the lakes its primary criterion. Cedar Lake, which feeds Isles and Harriet, is now eutrophic.
- Public Mural Installation: Preliminary discovery meeting to be scheduled for end of March.

Joint Safety Committee. Stephen reported:

- Ongoing concerns about sidewalk snow removal at bus stops and curb areas.
- Committee considering Watch for Pedestrians yard signs at key intersections
- Committee looking at ways to strengthen neighborhood/apartment building watch processes ahead of spring/summer

ACTIONS

Moved: A resolution regarding the Cedar Isles Master Plan:

“Be it resolved that environmental preservation, especially water quality, be designated the highest priority of the MPRB’s Cedar-Isles Master Plan, and that the restoration of a high and healthy degree of water quality be the primary criterion by which all other aspects of the plan are evaluated and implemented. Be it further resolved that maintenance of park system infrastructure be prioritized over creating new facilities that the MPRB may not be able to maintain.”

Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: “To contribute \$5,000 to assist in the establishment of a North High School Foundation.”

Seconded. Passed Unanimously.

The Board requested additional review of proposed modifications to the organization’s financial policies based on feedback from the City.

The next CIDNA meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13, 6-8pm via Zoom with an in-person option at a location to be announced. CIDNA’s Annual Member Meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 11, 6-8pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

CIDNA HIRING COORDINATOR, SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER EVENTS

CIDNA is seeking a new part-time coordinator. A full job description is available at cidna.org.

CIDNA is actively seeking volunteer community members to assist with many exciting summer activities. For more information and to get involved, please email info@cidna.org.