

CIDNA Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021
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Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: Stephen Goltry, Dean Kephart, Amanda Vallone

Others Present: Lisa Goodman (City Council – Ward 7), Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Michael Rothman (resident), Robert Thompson (accountant)

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:01.

The agenda was approved without amendment.

The minutes of the October 13 board meeting were approved.

Reports

Ward 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman reported:

- She hopes the next Lunch with Lisa (date TBA) will feature a discussion with MPD Chief Medaria Arrandondo,
- The legislatively mandated SWLRT annual construction safety meeting will be held virtually 6:00 – 7:30pm, Thursday, December 2. Lisa said there are many serious problems with the project, and residents are encouraged to attend.
- The redistricting process — adjusting ward and park board boundaries to reflect the latest census — has begun. There will be several hearings over the next few months.
- The 2022 City budget is available for review and comment. Online public hearings are scheduled for: 1:30pm, Tuesday, 11/16; 6:00pm, Wednesday, 12/1; and 6:00pm, Wednesday, 12/8. CM Goodman generally supports the Mayor's proposed budget. Her priorities include restoration of Lake Street, addressing homelessness, accelerating the repair of street lights, and public safety, including funding for the current class of 160 cadets. Lisa said

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported that Mike S. rented a storage unit for CIDNA documents, materials, and other assets.

Communications Committee. Mary reported:

- The committee will find out how to replace CIDNA's neighborhood street signage with signs with the new logo, and explore the possibility of banners on Lake Street.
- The committee met with Charlie Rybak from Southwest Voices, who described the online newspaper's business format as for-profit with advertising and monthly membership revenue. It will serve 24 Minneapolis neighborhoods in the southwest quadrant of the city, west of I-35 and south of 394. The publication may add a print format in the future. The editorial plan is pending the hiring of an editor.
- The CIDNA website rebuild is underway. Committee members are evaluating content to identify what will be included in the new website architecture.

Social Committee. The Art Mart 2021 *Stroll and Scroll* event is planned for November 27, on Small Business Saturday. The event will take place both online and at the following CIDNA locations: Seed Café, The Foundry, and Taberna. Local artists and makers are being recruited and can contact info@cidna.org for application information. Applications are due November 20.

Environmental Preservation Committee. Claire reported:

- The MPRB "Parks for All" 15-year Comprehensive Plan was adopted in October.
- CIDNA's volunteer stewardships agreements with MPRB will be reviewed in early 2022 and will come to the board of directors with a recommendation to renew or modify.
- The Cedar Lake – Lake of the Isles Master Planning project continues. The work is entering the design phase; however the Vision Statement and Guiding Design Principles are in still in draft form (https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-09-16_CIMP_CAC-5-Presentation_Final_Accessible-v4.pdf). Elements proposed to the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) by MPRB staff include creating links from the new SWLRT "superhighway" to Cedar and Isles amenities, an oak savannah on the northeast side and a path on the east side of Cedar. CIDNA will develop a policy statement with an emphasis on protecting the natural environment.
- An artist has been chosen to create a mural on the wall of the Cedar Lake Beach rest station, and will be announced soon. The theme of the mural will be natural beauty; design options will be made available for public review and comment. (Update: the selected artist is Lili Payne Lennox.)

Joint Safety Committee. Laura D. reported that members of the joint committee from Cedar-Isles-Dean and West Maka Ska will meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 15 at Rustica to explore priorities and opportunities for collaboration on transportation, crime, personal safety, pedestrian safety, bike safety, and the hot-rodding on the parking lot near Lakeside Center.

Financial Report. Robert Thompson presented the YTD financials. Main expenses in the last month were related to the Fall Festival event and payments to CIDNA contractors. Board members requested that NRP resources be identified in the financial reports.

Discussions

CIDNA Operations Manual Documents. Michael Jon asked board members to review the draft policy and procedure documents in the Operations Manual folder in the CIDNA Google Drive. The City of Minneapolis is requiring all neighborhood organizations to adopt these policies and procedures prior to receiving funding in 2022. Approval of updated policies and procedures will be an action item for the December board meeting.

CIDNA Committee Development. Michael Jon offered to draft “charters” for each committee, outlining the purpose and structure. It was noted that the Transportation and Land Use committees are not currently active but efforts to re-energize volunteers for these areas is underway. There was discussion about the need to distinguish the Transportation Committee’s mission from the Safety Committee.

CIDNA Membership. Laura C. will convene a group to look at membership recruitment, including from multi-unit residences.

CIDNA 2022 Budget. Laura C. will send budget worksheets to committee chairs.

CIDNA Board Training. Michael Jon noted that board training is available from both NCR and Propel, but the board needs to determine the scope of and a date for a training.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm