

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Board Meeting (held via Zoom)
Submitted by Amanda Vallone and Michael Jon Olson

Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: Stephen Goltry, Tim Sheridan (Vice Chair)

Others Present: Lisa Goodman (City Council – Ward 7), David Davies (SWLRT Project Office), Michael Jon Olson (CIDNA Coordinator), Steven Savitt (owner of 3112½ West 28th Street) Huberto and Fernando (architects for proposed project at 3112½ West 28th Street).

Preliminaries

Meeting was called to order at 6:04.

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion item about the SWLRT report.

The minutes of the September 8 board meeting were approved.

The minutes and notes from the September 25 board retreat were approved.

Reports & Presentations

Ward 7 Office. Councilmember Goodman reported:

- The next Lunch with Lisa is 12:00noon - 1:00pm on Wednesday, October 27 at the University of Saint Thomas - Minneapolis Campus featuring Medaria Arradondo, Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department. Attendance limited, so email Goodman's office if interested.
- Street Sweeping begins on October 19.
- Our polling site is Kenwood School this year.
- Governor Tim Walz is currently seeking applicants for the District 6 seat on the Metropolitan Council, recently vacated by Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson. District 6 includes Cedar-Isles-Dean. More information is available on the Met Council website.
- The \$0.05 bag policy is back in effect in Minneapolis.

SWLRT. David Davies reported:

- The mandatory SWLRT Rail Safety meeting is scheduled as a virtual meeting for 6:00 - 7:30pm, Thursday, December 2. Laura C. is participating in the planning process and will ask CIDNA residents ahead of time what issues they want raised at the meeting. All are encouraged to attend.
- Corridor Construction tours will be coming to an end as the weather gets cooler.
- Extended work hours may be in effect in the coming weeks for intensive concrete work on the tunnel.

- Anyone who has concerns about inappropriate parking of vehicles by contractors should take photos to document the problem and call the SWLRT construction hotline number.
- Responding to a request from CIDNA board members who participated in a tour of the construction site, the Met Council will engage in additional review of elements of the SWLRT landscaping plans.

Governance Committee. Laura C. reported that the committee will work on a draft Work Plan and Budget for 2022 and will bring those to the November meeting. Mike reported that there is a new payment process in place. Two approvals will now be required — those of the vice-chair (Tim) and the treasurer (Mike). Mike will continue to cut checks as he is currently the only signatory. The board asked the Governance Committee to add Tim as a backup signatory in the event that Mike is unavailable. It was noted that the board should try to recruit a permanent secretary, who would also complete the Governance Committee.

Communications Committee. Mary reported that the new CIDNA brand rollout at the Fall Festival was a great success. CIDNA now can easily order and make available for purchase CIDNA-branded sweatshirts, T-shirts and hoodies. A few sweats/hoodies are on hand for purchase right now. The next focus for the committee will be the redesign of the website, and the next step is the audit of the current website.

Social Committee. Amanda and Kristin reported:

- The Fall Festival was a smashing success with over 200 people in attendance, including many families with young children. The new elements (e.g. live music, kids bike parade, ice cream truck) were true crowd pleasers!
- Local businesses donated over \$500 in door prizes and in-kind donations. So, SHOP LOCAL and support our CIDNA businesses!
- The committee will put together a follow-up survey to engage our community in future planning of family fun events.
- Next up for the social committee: Art Mart on Small Business Saturday, November 27.

Environment Committee. Claire reported:

- The new concrete retaining curb has been installed on the west side of Cedar Lake South Beach; MPRB will replace the turf to the west of the curb. New picnic tables have also been installed at the beach and new grills have been ordered.
- Gardening at Park Siding Park is done for the season.
- The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 19 and will discuss the process for selecting an artist for the installation on the Cedar Lake South Beach comfort station. The art installation will be natural themed.
- On October 22, MPRP with the help of volunteers from a local high school and others will plant about 400 woodland plants at the Cedar Lake South Point natural area. Amanda will promote the event on the CIDNA Facebook page.

Joint Safety Committee. Laura D. reported that some concrete barriers have been installed to discourage drag racing in the Lake Street/Excelsior Boulevard area. She recommended that the next safety walk include sites in Cedar-Isles-Dean.

Archive Project. Rosanne reported that Hennepin County Library has collected the first set of CIDNA records. Rosanne also reported on her investigations into a potential CIDNA storage unit.

3112½ West 28th Street. Stephen Savitt, Humberto Caballero, and Fernando Lino presented the concept plans for a new building with 9-units of market rate housing at 3112½ West 28th Street. The board was generally impressed by the design and supportive of the concept. The board suggested that the architects consider ways to introduce more natural light into the units.

Actions

Moved: *To empower Mike Siebenaler to further investigate options for renting a storage unit, make a final decision, and enter into a rental agreement for a unit with a cost of up to \$100/month.* Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: *To approve the following as CIDNA's core values, as discussed at the board retreat on September 25: Respect, Environmental Sustainability, Community Service, Welcoming to All, Accountability, Collaboration, Optimism, Education.* Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: *To approve the Neighborhood Network Fund application as presented in the board meeting materials.* Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: *To approve the Equity Engagement Fund application as presented in the board meeting materials.* Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved: *To return to having the SWLRT report from David Davies on the CIDNA board agenda every month.* Seconded. Motion failed on voice vote.

Discussions

CIDNA Operations Manual Documents. Michael Jon encouraged the board 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.

A discussion about recruitment for CIDNA committees and a discussion about the use of the returned Propel housing loan funds were tabled and will be placed on the agenda of the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm