



**Cedar · Isles · Dean**  
Neighborhood Association

## **MINUTES**

October 8, 2025 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

**Jones-Harrison Senior Living**

CIDNA Board members and guests present at meeting: Amanda Vallone (Secretary), Patty Schmitz (Treasurer), Mike Rothman (Member of Board), Kirk Busche (Chair), Stephen Goltry (Board Member), Tim Sheridan (Board Member), Elizabeth Shaffer (Park Commissioner), Lauren Anderson (CIDNA Coordinator), Kaydee Kirk (Metro Transit)..

### **Preliminaries**

- Call to Order at 6:06 pm – Kirk Busche (CIDNA Chair) /Meeting Adjourned @ 7:46pm
- Minute taker – Amanda Vallone
- Approval of Agenda - Motion by Amanda Vallone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Sheridan. Board approves.
- Approval of September Minutes - Motion by Kirk Busche, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Rothman. Board approves.

### **Ice Breaker**

- **Favorite Halloween costume memory?** Costumes mentioned by Board Members included, Basic Witch, Princess Leia, Lady Bug, Happ Clown and others.

### **Presentations/Guest Speakers**

**Elizabeth Shaffer, Minneapolis Park Commissioner, District 4**

- The Burnham/Cedar Lake Rd opened on October 7th
- An amendment will be put forward in October to keep the Lake of the Isles Ice Skating Rink open next year as part of the budget and it looks like it will pass.
- The private donation to install speed flashing lights on West side of Cedar Lake will soon be installed.

### **Kaydee Kirk, Metro Transit Community Outreach Coordinator**

- If CIDNA residents would like to schedule any tunnel tours please reach out and that will be arranged.
- On October 15<sup>th</sup> LRT trains will be pulled through on the tracks for the first time.
- The greenway bike path will be scheduled to open late 2025.
- The outside westbound lane and the north sidewalk on Excelsior Boulevard between Market Plaza and West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street are closed into the fall for new sidewalk and accessible pedestrian ramp construction.

## **CIDNA Board Reports and Updates**

- Financial report was shared with those in attendance. (Patty Schmitz)
- Funding cycle will be on track to spend \$20k for each year (2026, 2027 and 2028)
- For the equitable engagement plan CIDNA will focus on Intergenerational programming and renter engagement.
- The CIDNA board voted to approve the 2026-2028 Funding application, Engagement Plan and CIDNA policies. Amanda Vallone made the motion, Steve Goltry 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved.
- The Annual Rail Safety & SWLRT meeting is going to be held virtually on Tuesday, November 18 from 6:00-7:15 pm. An email will be sent out to all with the details.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Kirk will volunteer to host the upcoming Happy Hour on October 9<sup>th</sup>
- Patty and Kirk will volunteer at the upcoming Candidate Forum for Ward 7 on October 16<sup>th</sup>
- CIDNA voted to approve to support this event as a Community Sponsor for the upcoming Thrill Uptown on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Seven Points.

## **Committee Updates**

- Thriller dance practice will be held at Jones Harrison Senior Living on October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- The Fall Festival had a nice turn out and we were able to raise more money this year with the outreach sponsorship levels to keep our costs lower. A Fall Festival committee meeting will be planned to discuss details on what worked and what did not, so we can adjust for next year.
- CIDNA will not move forward with hosting the CIDNA Holiday mART at Jones Harrison this holiday season, but instead support the Uptown Holiday market, which will take place on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm and coincide with the Holidays on Hennepin campaign.

## **Next CIDNA meeting 11/12/25: Kirk Busche (Chair) – Jones Harrison**

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