

CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING
May 4, 2010

President Art Higinbotham called the Annual Meeting of CIDNA to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis.

David Shirley made a motion, Ed Bell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting was made. The motion was approved.

John Erwin, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner at Large and newly elected President, reviewed 6 PB goals: 1) become a greening leader in Mpls. One initiative is to look for grant money to facilitate greening more aggressively, 2) work with other state, city, business, non-profit and neighborhood groups more collaboratively. 3) study how to more effectively move operating revenue so as to not be so dependent on property tax, 4) create more openness and transparency on the Board through more community meeting, 5) refocus on neighborhood parks. \$1 million budget has been earmarked for small capital improvements, 6) hire a new superintendent

The MPRB has also committed to being proactively involved in LRT mitigation. A community relations committee, with the MPRB as lead, will be established. The historic Grand Rounds and work with DNR will create leverage to help the community with mitigation. On Wednesday, May 5, the MPRB will vote on a 100% or partial smoking ban in Mpls parks.

CIDNA Treasurer Ed Bell reported that CIDNA has a net worth of approximately \$20,284.54, including a recent \$12,868.49 Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) payment.

NRP Committee report – Ed Bell, Committee Chair, reviewed the background and current status of CIDNA NRP activities. Go to www.cidna.org/NRP for full report. Next steps for the committee are: 1) determine committee leadership and composition, 2) complete membership survey analysis, 3) evaluate need for any further action on Phase I strategies, 4) draft Phase II action plan. Ed called for both participation and input from the community.

Land Use & Development Committee report – Stephen Goltry, committee member, briefly reviewed the status on a proposed Small Area Neighborhood Plan (SANP). Go to www.cinda.org/land_use for a full report. Further action on the SANP has been put on hold. Next steps for the committee are to 1) review the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) regarding LRT impact due out in August, 2) monitor progress on the Henn Cty Station Area Plan, 3) work with and develop a common voice with other impacted neighborhoods

David Rubedor, Director of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Dept (NCR), reviewed four key focuses for the newly created department. 1) continuing neighborhood support, 2) establish an access and outreach team, 3) promoting more effective community participation in boards and commissions through appointments and communicating vacancies and, 4) providing services to the city.

The new funding stream, starting in 2011, is estimated to be approximately \$53 million for the next 10 years. The Neighborhood Community Engagement Committee (NCEC) will help design programs. NCR intends to meet with each of the 72 neighborhoods to hear ideas as to how this process should work. Mpls City Council will review guidelines in Sept or Oct. While NRP Phases I and II will stay in place, NCR and NRP will consolidate all admin functions by 2011.

Ward 7 Councilwoman Lisa Goodman spoke about the City's 4-year goal setting process. Included in the City Council and Mayors approved goals and strategic directions are: supporting "a safe place to call home", a new commitment to eco-focused efforts and to use arts as an economic development tool. Quarterly results are posted on Results Minneapolis: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results. People are encouraged to contact the Councilwoman's office with feedback.

Ward 10 Councilwoman Meg Tuthill made several announcements: 1) the City is out replacing worn out and damaged sidewalks, 2) it's bike to work day on June 10, 3) the City is asking people not to prune trees with emerald ash borers, but to report to 311, 4) also dial 311 to report potholes. Meg encouraged people to call her office with any questions, comments or input.

Meg was asked to comment on the ongoing air conditioner work at the Calhoun Beach Club. The update today is that the city has been there and is working with the CBC. Meg's group will contact everyone who has called into her office to alert as to when it will be completed. The CBC has assured the City that noise-baffling structures will be put back up no matter what.

Brian Elliott, District Director for U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, announced the community newsletter is coming out next week with info about what to do to help and how to get involved. He encouraged people to contact Keith's office (612)522-1212. Rep Ellison's focuses over the last year include the new Healthcare bill, which he sees as a starting point to better coverage for all. Other issues have been jobs legislation, financial regulation and consumer credit protection. Representative Ellison also serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee and led a trade delegation to Saudi Arabia.

A slate of candidates for the **2010-11 CIDNA Board of Directors**, including holdovers Judy Berge, Ed Bell, Charlie Elowson, Steve Goltry, Steve Gove, Art Higinbotham, Ken Moritz and David Shirley was put forward on a motion. Judy Berge nominated Glenna Case from the floor. The motion to approve all of the nominated candidates for membership on the board was approved.

Transportation Committee report – Committee Chair, Matthew Dahlquist, stated that the Kenilworth option has been selected for recommendation to the FTA by Hennepin County. Nothing more will happen until the DEIS is completed and the Met Council moves forward.

Matthew also made note that during the Bush administration, the cost effectiveness index (CEI) was the determining factor in transit development. The Kenilworth line was selected during this time. Subsequently, the Obama administration made a change in that the CEI would no longer be the key factor. Among others, environmental factors and historical significance must be considered as well. This change does allow for further mitigation efforts to be considered.

Greenway Coalition update – The Xcel energy power line issue is currently before a judge to determine whether the new high voltage power line can be put on the Greenway. The Coalition is hopeful the lines will go on 28th street.

Sewer Improvement Project - Bob Harding, CIDNA resident, reported on the Met Council Environmental Services sewer improvement program. Go to the Issues page at www.cidna.org/issues to see a Met Council ppt used at a January public meeting. Subsequent to the meeting, Bob passed on the information that the proposal for a new back-up line along Sunset Blvd. has been postponed for at least 5 years. They still plan to submit an application to

the Pollution Control Agency for the rehabilitation of the line along St. Louis Ave. sometime this summer. Construction would not start until sometime in 2011 at the earliest.

Senator Scott Dibble, District 60, spoke about current issues at the MN legislature. Senator Dibble spoke about the 2nd year of 2-year biennium budget cycle, protecting LGA, and the GAMC program.

Gail Dorfman, 3rd District Hennepin County Commissioner began her update by speaking about the GAMC situation and the ongoing negotiation with HCMC. Work will continue in trying to come up with a fix to the program.

The Commissioner went on to talk about the plan for the new Walker library, which started last summer. Community advisory meetings occurred last fall from which a vision document was developed. An RFP is being issued on Monday for the library's design.

The Southwest LRT proposal is now at the Met Council. A vote is scheduled on the locally preferred line on May 26. Application for funding will then go to the FTA. If approved the project will move in entirety over to the Met Council. The DEIS is nearing completion. Its purpose is to inventory of every impact; then figure out what the options are for mitigation. This DEIS document cannot be released to the public until the FTA has approved; at which time a 45-day public input period will start. Henn Cty will be reaching out to neighborhoods to review and to make sure all areas of impact are included.

Station Area Planning is underway as well. Henn Cty is about to hire a consultant and meetings will start in June. Community committees will be set up to work on each of the 5 stations slated for Minneapolis. A study with another consultant is being done on the relocation of the freight rail to St Louis Park.

Anita Tabb, District 4 MPRB Commissioner added additional comments regarding projects at the Park Board: 1) search process underway for a new Superintendent, the current Superintendent term will end June 30, 2) a Citizens Advisory Committee is working on Wirth Park revitalization, 3) Brownie Lake improvement are under consideration, 4) budget cut implications and decisions, 5) the PB is looking to park users for input on how LRT will effect park usage.

Art Higinbotham, CIDNA Board President reported on several projects the board has worked on over the past year: 1) success in changing and revising zoning upgrades, 2) passing a mitigation resolution and forwarding to other effected neighborhoods as a model, 3) providing input and direction on SW LRT, 4) donation to Kenwood School playground and area improvements, 5) participation in NCEC District 2 council, 6) development of neighborhood NRP survey, 7) consideration of SANP RFP, 8) input in Lake of the Isles restoration projects, 9) participation with Midtown Greenway Coalition, 10) another successful Fall Festival.

Marion Greene, a candidate for 60A State Representative, introduced herself to the neighborhood. Marion stated she is running for office because she is concerned that MN is at a crossroads in terms of transportation, education, healthcare and other issues. See www.mariongreene.org for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35. The next CIDNA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1, 6:00pm, at the Jones Harrison Residence.