



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, December 14, 2011

The December Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: Chair Gail Lee, Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Secretary Ryan Fox, Treasurer Ed Bell, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, Ray Greco, David Shirley, and Craig Westgate. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Announcements:

CIDNA resident Elaine May introduced herself, she will be co-chairing the 2012 Fall Festival with Steve Goltry.

Two items were deleted for the agenda: Brownie Lake CAC and Midtown Greenway Coalition report. Chair Lee proposed adjourning the business portion of the meeting prior to the Capstone Presentation. The agenda was unanimously approved with the changes noted.

The board unanimously voted to donate \$500 to Jones Harrison Residence. The check will be mailed in January 2012.

Chair Lee reported on a concern from a resident about parking and traffic safety issues around Jones-Harrison. The resident's wife and newborn child were involved in a car accident with a Jones-Harrison employee. The board briefly discussed past efforts by Jones-Harrison to build a parking ramp. The proposal was withdrawn due to opposition from neighbors. The topic will be discussed at a future CIDNA board meeting.

New Board Member Nomination, Ray Greco:

Ed Bell nominated Ray Greco to the CIDNA Board. Ray is an architect and has lived in the neighborhood since 1981. The nomination was unanimously approved.

NRP Committee Report:

Park Siding Park Update: The irrigation system will be installed in the spring. The Park Board will be planting new trees in the park. The NRP Committee decided not to spend the money to replace the current Park Siding Park sign. The cost of installing a second ping-pong table is being investigated. Sherry Brooks from the Park Board will help organize a plant sale (perennials from redesigning the existing flowerbeds) in Spring 2012.

Community Participation Program (CPP) Guidelines:

The NRP Committee submitted a letter to the Neighborhood and Community Relations providing feedback for the draft guidelines for the 2012 Community Participation Program (CPP).

Crosswalk count down timers at Lake and Excelsior:

The committee is waiting for West Calhoun to take the lead on the plan for adding crosswalk countdown timers to the Lake and Excelsior area.

Trail lighting:

Mike Wilson and Ryan Fox will explore options for installing additional lighting on CIDNA's bike trails.

NRP Phase I & II and CPP budget review:

The current CPP program has been extended until June 30, 2012 and CIDNA will receive an additional \$8,000 for the six-month period. Monica Smith presented the revised budget for the CPP program. The budget was unanimously approved. An overview of NRP Phase I and II budgets were also reviewed.

Annual Report filing:

The CIDNA Board unanimously approved a resolution approving the contents of the Annual Report for submission to the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota.

Sunset Boulevard:

Ryan Fox received notification from Lisa Goodman's office regarding the City's position on the reconstruction of Sunset Boulevard. Public Works will allow the elimination of one lane of parking to be replaced with green space and a sidewalk. The City will reduce the petition threshold from 100% to 75% for a new sidewalk. If 75% of one side of Sunset approves, a sidewalk will be installed (paid for by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services). Property owners need to commit to the maintenance of the sidewalk (snow removal, etc.) and agree to the costs of future sidewalk repair. If 75% of residents do not approve of the sidewalk plan, the City will instruct MCES to replace the roadway "as is".

Ray Greco is organizing a group of architects and landscape architects to provide some additional design ideas to address traffic calming on the roadway.

Ryan Fox to contact MCES about the project timelines.

Transportation Committee Report:

Ed Ferlauto reported on the Dec. 5th Southwest LRT Stakeholders meeting for Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons. A health and wellness fair is being planned for April 21, 2012 (Earth Day). According to Steve Goltry, also present at the meeting, a consulting firm was hired to work with identity and branding for the shopping areas to be called "Calhoun Edge". Ed Ferlauto also reported on the Southwest Community Works Steering Committee Meeting held Nov. 17th at which the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) funding was discussed. In addition, David Peterson, Director of Transit Development for the City of Minneapolis addressed the

Minneapolis SWLRT Corridor Coalition on Dec. 7th about long-range business development and included discussion about the two shopping areas above.

The Cedar Lake Park, Autumn 2011 publication included a summary of the general goals for design and mitigation for the Southwest LRT.

Gail Dorfman called meeting of Southwest LRT Community Advisory Committee for December 15 at St. Louis Park City Hall.

The DIES is now expected to be released at the end of first quarter 2012. Residents are encouraged to join the DEIS review committee.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Bell presented the treasury report.

Weisman Project Update

Bob Corrick, co-chair of Land Use and Development Committee attended the board meeting to announce a new project that is being considered for the Weisman property (W. Lake Street at Thomas). The proposed project is for rental units (vs. the previously proposed condo project for the site). The developer is Ted Bigos and his architect is Tod Elkins, Urban Works. A preliminary meeting between the developer and the Land Use Committee will be 8:00 a.m., December 19 at 3140 Chownen.

The Land Use and Development Committee currently has six members (three residents plus three CIDNA board members). Additional members are welcome.

CIDNA's design guidelines that were created in response to past developments will be posted on our website.

The Land Use and Development Committee will provide monthly reports to the CIDNA Board as the project develops.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 11 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

--Submitted by Monica Smith