

Minutes of October 6, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Chair Arthur Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis.

Members present: Edwin Bell, Judy Berge, Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Steve Gove, Arthur Higinbotham, Don Ostrom, Claire Ruebeck, David Shirley.

Guests present: Lisa Goodman, Rogers Adams.

Minutes approved: One correction was made in the printed minutes of the September 9, 2009 board meeting: Judy Berge was added to the list of members present. Matthew Dahlquist moved, Stephen Goltry seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2009 meeting. The motion, as amended, passed.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Ed Bell reported a balance of \$8,073.35 in CIDNA's checking account. The largest recent expenditure was a check of \$10,000 for the Tree Trust. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Lisa Goodman: City Council Member Lisa Goodman reported on a number of subjects:

1. The Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department has altered its website, changing the format of the front page to focus on news and announcements that affect neighborhood and community organizations.
2. Project ReEnergize, launched October 1 and funded through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, provides cash rebates to homeowners for specific efficiency improvements to their homes.
3. In 2009 Minneapolis had one of the best attended National Night Out in the country, with approximately 1,000 confirmed events and 60,000 participants.
4. Goodman has been extensively involved in the efforts to develop a Pedestrian Master Plan for Minneapolis, designed to maintain and expand walking in the city.
5. The Minneapolis Police Department has a new Inspector for the 5th District, Eddie Frizell.
6. The Lunch With Lisa scheduled for October 28 will feature candidates for the Park Board election on November 2.
7. The city has a big financial problem with some of the police and fire pensions. A lawsuit between the city and public safety unions, which thus far has been favorably ruled for the city, could save \$11 million in this year's budget, and much more in future years.
8. There are six vacancies on the city's senior citizen advisory committee, and four openings on the civil rights commission. Citizens interested in serving on these bodies should volunteer.
9. There was a discussion of rezoning issues between Goodman and members of the CIDNA board.

Neighborhood Revitalization Project (NRP) report: Ed Bell reported that there will be an election of neighborhood representatives and alternates for seats on the 2010 NRP Policy Board on November 19, 2009. Don Ostrom later moved that Gail Lee be our neighborhood's candidate for elector, and Ed Bell candidate for alternate. The motion was approved.

Ed Bell said he had given out 100 NRP surveys, and there was a discussion of other methods of distributing the survey within the neighborhood.

Zoning. Matt Dahlquist moved, Steve Gove seconded a motion, attached, opposing proposed zoning changes by the City of Minneapolis of five sets of parcels north of the Midtown Greenway in the CIDNA neighborhood. The motion was approved. Dahlquist will bring this motion to the October 26 hearing of the City Planning Commission.

Art Higinbotham reported on the proposed rezoning of 3422 St. Paul Avenue.

Indemnity insurance for officers and directors of CIDNA. Art Higinbotham reported that the City of Minneapolis has indemnity insurance for the officers and directors of CIDNA, and CIDNA in turn has indemnity insurance for the Fall Festival.

Fall Festival. Judy Berge gave a report on the 2009 Fall Festival, held on September 20 at Park Siding Park. The event was successful. We had budgeted \$1600 for the Festival, and spent \$1665. David Shirley offered a motion of commendation. The motion was approved.

CIDNA files. Art Higinbotham reported there are several boxes of CIDNA files, dating several years back, held at Minikahda Mini Storage. Higinbotham and David Shirley have other file boxes at their homes. Ed bell moved, Claire Ruebeck seconded a motion that we not renew the storage at Minikahda Mini Storage. The motion was approved. Higinbotham and Shirley will look through the files to determine what should be retained.

Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT): Transit Chair Matthew Dahlquist and CIDNA chair Art Higinbotham reported on the current status of the Southwest LRT. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Hennepin Railroad Authority has approved a route that would go through the Kenwood Corridor instead of CIDNA's preferred route along the Midtown Greenway. On October 14 the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will consider the resolution from the TAC on the preferred route. If the PAC agrees with the PAC, the Hennepin County Railroad Authority will take up the issue and then it will go to the Metropolitan Council. Dahlquist and Higinbotham believe there are problems in the studies done for the Railroad Authority in both the ridership numbers and times.

CIDNA bylaws. Claire Ruebeck said that there has thus far been only limited feedback on any changes to the CIDNA bylaws. The board will take this topic up at a future meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meetings: Because of the city elections on November 2, there will be no CIDNA board meeting in November. The next meeting of the board will be Tuesday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence.

Don Ostrom
Associate Secretary