



Minutes of March 3, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Chair Arthur Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis.

Members present: Judy Berge, Edwin Bell, Doug Daggett, Matthew Dahlquist, Stephan Goltry, Arthur Higinbotham, Gail Lee, Don Ostrom.

Guests present: Rogers Adams, Alana Bassin, Bob Corrick, Kathie Doty, John Emerson, Matthew Filner, Oscar Gonzalez.

Minutes approved: Gail Lee moved, Stephan Goltry seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP): Edwin Bell reported that he and the CIDNA NRP committee met with Carsten Slosted of the NRP staff. Two additional meetings are scheduled for March - Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 24. Bell moved the CIDNA move \$25,000 of funds from Strategy #21 (Street Lighting) to Strategy #7a (Events and Programs). These dollars represent appropriated monies not used against their original intent. This money will be used for reimbursement of several years of Fall Festival expenditures. The motion passed.

Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project (KEIP): Gail Lee reported that KIAA is working on a project to improve the area along the south end of the Kenwood School playground (corner of Penn Ave. S. and W. 21st St) - also referred to as "Downtown Kenwood." This project will include improvement of surfaces, stormwater runoff capture, plantings, benches and visibility improvements. KIAA is asking LHNA, East Isles and CIDNA to contribute NRP funds to the project. KEIP has an initial cost estimate of approximately \$36,000. CIDNA will consider at the next meeting.

CIDNA Web site: Gail Lee reminded Board Officers and Committee Chairs that cidna.org email addresses have been set up. Several people have not yet activated their addresses.

An email blast was sent out to approximately 200 addresses. Approximately 10% bounced back and/or came back with requests to be taken off the list. An insert will be run in the April *Hill & Lake Press* to communicate the Web site as well as the Annual Meeting (May 5).

Transit: Judy Berge moved, Stephan Goltry seconded a resolution in support of one of the C alternative routes for the Southwest Corridor Light Rail Transit, because these routes would serve a greater number of people than the A route. The motion passed.

Oscar Gonzalez of HDR Engineering, Inc., a consultant to the Hennepin County Railroad Authority, responded to questions about the forthcoming environmental impact statement for the Southwest Corridor. He said they would be studying mitigation, tunnel and surface routes, and all the C alternatives. He also said they would be concerned about design and the environment.

Matthew Dahlquist reported on the Xcel power line on the Midtown Greenway. The Minneapolis City Council has adopted the position of the Midtown Greenway Council, that the power line should meet certificate of need standards.

Variance request: Alana Bassin requested a variance for the property at 2921 Chowen Avenue South. Because of timing difficulties, her request needed to come to the CIDNA board before it was considered by the Variance Committee, reversing the usual procedure. Matthew Dahlquist moved, Edwin Bell seconded a motion to approve the Bassin request, contingent upon approval of the Variance Committee. The motion passed.

Matt Filner, Candidate for Ward 10, Minneapolis City Council: Matt Filner, State Director of Progressive Majority, introduced himself to the board. His core principles include public safety first, responsible fiscal policy, investment in children and neighborhoods, and economic opportunity for all. More information can be found at his website at www.MattFilner.org.

Dean Parkway Bridget Rehabilitation: Art Higinbotham reminded the board of the public meeting on Monday, March 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Community Center. The public open house will discuss the rehabilitation plans for the former railroad bridges over Dean Parkway, the Isles/Calhoun channel, and Knox Avenue, and the retaining walls and fencing in the Midtown Greenway corridor.

Burger Jones: John Emerson of the Parasole restaurants said the Burger Jones restaurant will open in mid-May at the site of the former Applebee's restaurant in Calhoun Village.

Lake of the Isles Parkway Resurfacing: A neighborhood task force meeting was held on Monday, February 23 to discuss the status, communication planning, and initial closure/detour strategies of the Lake of the Isles Parkway resurfacing project this year. Information will be communicated by the city to the neighborhoods through the Hill & Lake Press as well as through E-blasts and web postings. Neighborhoods can forward these information E-blasts to neighborhood cc lists and post web announcements on neighborhood web sites. A community meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Kenwood Recreation Center to the status of the project,+ as well as potential tax assessments to Parkway residents.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the CIDNA board of directors will be Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence.

Don Ostrom
Secretary