



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 9, 2011

The March Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: President Art Higinbotham , Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Stephen Goltry, and Gail Lee.

President Art Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

The Waite Park Community Council did not attend tonight's meeting regarding NCEC selection. Instead, there will be a citywide meeting on Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – noon. Gail Lee volunteered to be CIDNA's representative at the meeting.

Art Higinbotham announced that CIDNA is looking for additional board members.

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman's Report

Lunch with Lisa will be Wednesday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis Campus. Lisa will be out of town. The topic: Minneapolis 2010 Census data featuring a presentation by Jeff Schneider, CPED.

Council Member Goodman shared copies of the 7th Ward E-News. Contact Lisa's office if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

Lisa reminded everyone that the Earth Day Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 16.

Lisa announced an opportunity for small business owners to apply for a free mini-MBA program sponsored by the Small Business Association. There are 20 spaces available for this 8-month course. Small business owners in Minneapolis can contact Council Member Goodman's office to learn more about the requirements and the application process.

A question was asked regarding the schedule for the installation of the gate at the railroad crossing on Cedar Lake Road. Lisa will check on the status and report back to Art.

Nominating Committee for 2011-2012 for CIDNA Board Members

Art Higinbotham would like to form a nominating committee for the election of new officers. Please let Art know if you would like to help with the process.

NRP Report

- The NRP Committee worked on the application for the NCR funding. The application was sent to all board members last week for their review prior to this evening's meeting. The Board unanimously approved the application for submission to NCR.

- Community Energy Services (CES). Gail Lee attended a workshop and highly recommends the program to Cedar-Isles-Dean residents. The CIDNA workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Board members were giving fliers and asked to help spread the word to neighbors. 1-4 unit owner occupied homes (including town homes) are eligible for this program. By attending the workshop, residents are eligible to receive a home energy visit complete with a blow-door test and installation of materials for a \$30 co-pay. CIDNA NRP will reimburse the co-pay for the first 100 household that receive a home visit.
- The NRP Committee is exploring ideas for a gardening group to help support sustainable solutions for Park Siding.
- The committee is helping to promote the Earth Day clean up with the goal of increased participation in this community-building event.
- Minneapolis neighborhoods are considering two resolutions regarding the freezing of Phase II funds by the City Council. The first resolution is to support a legislative effort and the second resolution is regarding legal action. At this time, the legislative effort is being pursued. Legal action will be considered if the legislative effort fails. The Board unanimously supports the legislative action. Monica Smith will send the following resolution to Bob Miller, NRP: "Be it resolved that the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association supports the efforts of the NRP Chair and the NRP Director to develop and pursue passage of legislation that will preserve and protect all NRP funds that have been appropriated to NRP in accordance with state statutes and present City ordinances for now and in the future and urges them to take all steps necessary to secure passage of any such legislation."
- Art brought a concern from an East Isles resident regarding trash at the soccer fields at the south end of Lake of the Isles. The Board is not aware of any problems.
- Ryan Fox asked about broken signage at Cedar Lake beach. Ryan will contact the City or Park Board regarding the repair schedule.

Hopkins Forced Main Improvement Status Report

Ryan Fox reported on a letter dated January 14, 2011, stating that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has approved the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Negative Declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement of the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Hopkins Pump Station and MSB-7026 Forcemain Improvement Project.

Comments on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet were received from Minnesota Department of Health, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the City of St. Louis Park by MPCA. The complete document can be found at the MPCA site:

<http://bit.ly/es5Zdi>. Construction will begin in Uptown and continue west. They are expecting to work on Sunset Boulevard in 2012.

Southwest LRT Report

Art Higinbotham, Ed Ferlauto and Steve Goltry attending a meeting featuring a presentation by four University of Minnesota Civil Engineering students. The students are conducting a traffic study in the area near the proposed Southwest LRT Lake Street station. The students reported that 25,000 cars per day flow through the area around Lake Street, Excelsior Blvd, Dean Parkway and W. Calhoun Parkway. The current traffic patterns are less than adequate during the morning rush hour and the Lake and Excelsior

intersection was rated a F (on a A-F rating scale) during the evening rush hour. The study highlights existing problems (prior to adding traffic generated by LRT).

The students noted that making any adjustments to the timing of the lights is very complicated and can have ramifications on traffic at other intersections.

The students will continue the traffic study throughout the semester and will present their findings at CIDNA's annual meeting on Wednesday, May 11. West Calhoun residents will be invited to attend our annual meeting to listen to the traffic study presentation.

The study results will also be published in the Hill and Lake Press.

Art Higinbotham attended a meeting regarding the freight rail relocation. Concerns were raised that they have been no cost figures given for relocation of freight rail and no timetable given for making the decision. Representative from St. Louis Park and Edina will hold a meeting next week to discuss the implications of freight being rerouted through St. Louis Park and its effect on Edina and points further south.

CIDNA Board meeting minutes

The minutes from the February 2011 CIDNA Board Meeting were electronically approved last month to meet the publication date of the February issue of the Hill and Lake Press.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Bell, Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting so there was no treasurer's report.

May 11 Annual Meeting

Agenda items will include:

- Traffic study from U of M students
- Elected officials
- Treasurer's report
- NRP report
- Forcemain project
- Board volunteers

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the CIDNA Board will be Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m. at Jones-Harrison.

--Submitted by Monica Smith