



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, June 8, 2011

The June Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: Chair Pro Tem Stephen Goltry, Treasurer Ed Bell, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Ryan Fox, Gail Lee, David Shirley and Craig Westgate. Staff: Monica Smith

Board Chair Pro Tem Stephen Goltry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Ward 10 Council Member Meg Tuthill's Report

Councilmember Meg Tuthill provided the following report:

- Cedar Lake Regional Trail grand opening celebration is planned for 5 p.m. June 14 between the Federal Reserve Bank and the river on the West River Parkway.
- Young trees on Irving Ave were vandalized over the weekend. The police caught the suspect.
- Uptown is adding 21 taxi stands. Hours of operation will be 10 p.m. – 3 a.m.
- Open Street Minneapolis will take place on Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Lyndale between 22nd and 42nd.
- Lunch with Lisa will be held Thursday, June 22 at St. Thomas and will be a farewell party for Doug Kress (CM Goodman's Policy Aid)
- Meet with Meg is Tuesday, June 14 at the 5th Precinct

CM Tuthill authored an amendment to an ordinance regarding outdoor dining. The amendment includes a capacity clause requiring establishments to set a capacity for their patios and enforce it and to turn off amplified music by 10 p.m. (patios can remain open until normal closing times). The amendment will allow for better enforcement by police and Regulatory Services and will help with livability issues for residents.

John Erwin, Chair, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner

Commissioner Erwin gave an overview of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). MPRB has been reorganizing and reinventing. They want to be a leader in greening the city by planning 5,500 boulevard trees and 5,000 shrubs and perennials around lakes and creeks. They have used Legacy Amendment money to purchase land on the river. They are refocusing on funding neighborhood parks and are extending Rec Center hours in each district (Kenwood is in this district). By utilizing spending reductions and savings, the Board hopes to have no tax increase next year. Each neighborhood association will receive a letter soliciting ideas for changes to neighborhood parks.

The CIDNA neighborhood was previously told that improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach were on hold pending SW LRT. Commissioner Erwin stated that there is a new attitude at the Park Board and the neighborhood should resubmit the request.

Anita Tabb, District 4 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner

Commissioner Tabb gave the following report:

- CIDNA volunteers with tree planning at Reserve Block 40 Park.
- MPRB staff has been assigned to work with CIDNA on improvements to Park Siding Park and South Beach using NRP funds. NRP Committee member Claire Ruebeck has been in communication with MRPB on these projects
- MPRB received money from the Federal Transportation Administration to rework the trails and roadways around Brownie Lake. A Community Advisory Committee will be formed.
- The Park Board is working with Hennepin County regarding use of Park board land for right of way for the new Walker Library.
- Met Council sewer project will go under the channel between Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun. The channel will be dredged to allow access for the milfoil harvester.
- Triangle Park in East Isles is scheduled for renovation
- Parade Road will be reconstructed this fall

Change in meeting time for CIDNA Board

The CIDNA Board unanimously approved a motion to begin the monthly meetings at 6 p.m. (not 6:30 p.m.)

Steve Mosing, Traffic Operations Engineer, City of Minneapolis

The City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Department of Transportation has inspected the railroad crossing at Cedar Lake Blvd. It was determined that based on accident history, train volume and speed that the existing system is adequate and appropriate and therefore, a new gate system will not be installed. The circuitry at this crossing will be upgraded to modernize the activation of the existing flashing lights (which have been upgraded to LED).

Force Main Sewer Project and Sunset Blvd.

Ryan Fox reported on the June 8th community meeting organized by the Met Council project manager and the consulting firm to discuss at the construction of Sunset Blvd between France Ave and Cedar Lake Pkwy after the planned sewer project. The project manager has the directive to replace the street with existing features after the sewer work. The neighborhood would like to see improvements to the street regarding. Ideas generated at the June 8th meeting were grouped into the following topics: current issues; pedestrian destinations; neighborhood events; and safety operational concerns. The project manager wants to work with the neighborhood on these improvements. Thumbnail design sketches will be presented at a community meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Jones-Harrison Residence. Ryan will present a proposal at the July meeting of the CIDNA Board.

Election of Officers

Ed Bell was unanimously reelected to the position of Treasurer. Ryan Fox was unanimously elected to the position of Secretary. Monica Smith will continue to record the meeting minutes. The Chair and Vice Chair positions remain open. The Board is exploring the possibility of Co-Chairs. Ryan Fox offered to serve as Chair Pro Tem for the July meeting. In the interim, board members will work on a solution for the leadership of the organization.

NRP Report

- Claire Ruebeck is working with Park Board staff to install an irrigation system for the gardens at Park Siding Park.
- The NRP Policy Board is proposing that the \$2.6 million in previously frozen funds be divided among neighborhoods restricted to 50% of allocation. There is a 45-day comment period. The NRP Committee will review at the proposal at the June 22 meeting.
- The CIDNA Board supports the NRP Committee in their effort to invest \$5,000 of Phase II housing funds to help rebuild N. Minneapolis.
- Community Energy Services (CES) workshop continue to be offered throughout the summer. Please encourage neighbors to participate.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Bell presented the Treasurer's report. Expenditures since last report were \$1,272.46 (mostly reimbursements for the CES program). Income was \$4,564.41 (advances from NCR and NRP contracts). The current checkbook balance is \$18,436.32. The report was unanimously approved.

National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is held the first Tuesday of August. The CIDNA Board would like to encourage participation in NNO. Information on organizing an event will be publicized in our e-newsletter. Please let the CIDNA Board know if you are hosting a NNO event.

New business:

- The Capstone final report is now posted at www.westcalhoun.org.
- Ed Ferlauto presented a draft letter prepared by Art Higinbotham thanking the U of M (Civil Engineering) Student Capstone Team. The Board unanimously approved the letter (correcting one typo) and requested that the following people be copied on the letter: Council members Goodman, Tuthill, Hodges; Mayor Rybak; Commissioner Dorfman and the department heads of traffic for the City and County. Monica Smith to work with Rhea Sullivan (West Calhoun) to obtain the proper mailing addresses for all recipients (including the students and their professors).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, July 13, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m. (note new time)

--Submitted by Monica Smith