



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

The September 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, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto and Craig Westgate. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements

Gail Lee has a new email address for CIDNA business, chair@cidna.org.

Patrick Sadler, Policy Aid to Council Member Lisa Goodman

Patrick Sadler attended the meeting to introduce himself. He provided the following report:

- CPED has released the following:
 - Healthy Housing Indicator: http://www.minneapolismn.gov/cped/docs/Healthy_Housing_Indicators_Analysis.pdf
 - Minneapolis Trends: http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/2Q-2011trend_report.pdf
- Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) completed its first Results Minneapolis report to track the City's performance toward achieving the City's 5-year goals.
- There are 80 positions open on City boards and commissions. A full list of opportunities can be found at <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/boards-and-commissions/>
- Minneapolis Bike Tour is Sunday, September 18 beginning at Parade Field.
- Projects of the RiverFirst Design Team presentation on Monday, September 19 about the revitalization of the Upper Riverfront.
- NCR will host its first annual Neighborhood and Community Connections Conference on Saturday, February 11, 2012 focusing on creating connections between neighborhoods.

Jeff Peltola, Lake Street Capstone Project

Jeff Peltola attended the meeting to follow-up on the Spring 2011 Capstone traffic study of Lake and Excelsior. Jeff will be working with two teams of students to study the long-term recommendations of an underpass at Lake and Excelsior and/or adding a ped/bike bridge to connect Lake Calhoun to the parkland on the north side of Lake Street (eliminating the at-grade crossing). The teams will present to the CIDNA Board at the December meeting.

Jeff encouraged the CIDNA Board to work with the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council on the short-term recommendations that include: installing pedestrian countdown timers at crosswalks, repainting pavement markings, optimizing traffic signal timings, and eliminating of pedestrian crossing at Lake and Excelsior. The neighborhoods would need to fund these ideas.

Ward 10 Council Member Meg Tuthill's Report

- Three new liquor stores are being proposed for Hennepin Ave (Kowalski's, 2700 Hennepin and 2653 Hennepin), only one will be allowed. Please let CM Tuthill know if you have a preference.
- Minneapolis Development Review Customer Service Center will be closed for business on Sept 22 from 11 a.m. through end of day to accommodate a Regulatory Services Employee event. It will reopen at 8 am on Sept. 23.
- The Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held on October 26 at Calhoun Square.
- Street sweeping will begin Monday, October 24th and take four weeks to complete. Watch for No Parking signs.
- Meet with Meg is October 11, noon-1 p.m.
- One Minneapolis, One Read will be held Oct 3. The book is The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris.
- The Mayor is proposing a 0% tax increase. The details of the budget have not yet been made available to Council Members.
- A Public Meeting to eliminate Conditional Use Permit application requirements for 5+ dwelling units will be held on Sept 19. If you cannot attend the meeting, email concerns to CM Tuthill and cc to hilary.dvorak@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.
- The police have been ticketing for parking too close (less than 5 ft) to driveways/alleys.

Sunset Boulevard Reconstruction

Adam Gordon from MCES along with consulting firm HR Green gave an update on the reconstruction of Sunset Blvd to accommodate the new forcemain sewer system. They are looking for consensus from the neighborhood for proposed improvements to the roadway. They have held several workshops to discuss options. They are moving forward with four design options. Adam and HR Green will have the designs available at the Fall Festival to get additional feedback from neighbors. A community meeting is being planned for Oct 4. Adam is hoping to present a recommendation to the CIDNA Board at the Oct 12th meeting. The construction on Sunset would begin late summer/fall of 2012.

Fall Festival Planning

Chair Judy Berge reviewed the tentative schedule for the festival set-up. The Board approved a \$100 donation for the ArtRageous Adventures drawing. Thank you to Gail Lee for securing donations from these sponsors: Caribou Coffee, Jones-Harris Residence, MGM, Urban Eatery and Wakame Sushi. Thank you to Judy Berge for coordinating the event for the past fourteen years.

NRP/NCR Report

- CIDNA's allocation for the Community Participation Program (CPP) through NCR was increase by \$2,000 for a new total of \$16,388.48 based on demographic changes in the 2010 Census. The Board unanimously approved allocating the new funding to food/refreshments up to the maximum allowable 5%, and the remaining 1/3 to events and 2/3 to staff.

- The CPP guidelines are not yet in place for 2012. They should be coming in early 2012. We can roll over unspent money into the new year as needed.
- Phase II allocation has been finalized at 66% or \$172,582.30
- The Joint Powers that oversees NRP is set to expire on Dec 31, 2011. A plan is not yet in place for how NRP will be managed beyond this date.
- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board have approved Park Siding improvements. The committee is trying to use Phase II funds for these improvements.
- Board and community members are invited to the awards ceremony for Community Energy Services on Oct 25th.

Southwest LRT

The FTA has approved preliminary engineering for Southwest LRT. The City of St. Louis Park filed suit in MN Court of Appeals asking for an Environmental Impact Statement.

Ed Ferlauto attended the Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee August 18th meeting and shared information about the Capstone Project as well as the possible new W. Lake Street business association being formed. The next Community Works meeting will be Sept 15; 1:30-3 at St Louis Park City Hall and the focus will be station-planning pre-engineering.

Ed Ferlauto presented a plan for reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Each board member would review (or supervise the review of) one section of the DEIS. There is a 45-day comment period once the DEIS is released (date TBD). A draft of the DEIS Table of Contents along with a document on how best to respond to the DEIS will be emailed to each board member. Board members are to review and sign up for a section by October 1st.

CIDNA's Transportation Committee will have a table at the Fall Festival to recruit additional volunteers to help with the DEIS review.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Bell provided a copy of the CIDNA checkbook register.

Zoning

David Hovda attended the meeting to discuss his plans to purchase the home at 3416 29th St W. The property was originally plotted as 2 lots. One house sits on half of the lot. His plan is to keep the current home in place and add a second home on the other part of the lot. The requirement is 50 feet but he is seeking a variance to have the lot be 43 ½ feet. He presented designs of the proposed home. The Board voted no objection to the variance (vote count: 6 yea, 1 abstention).

Ed Bell presented a plan to build a home on the vacant lot at 3412 St. Paul Ave. He is seeking a variance for a front yard setback from the required 25 ft to 14 ft. The Board voted no objection to the variance. (Vote count: 6 yea, 1 abstention).

Gail Lee shared a letter from the builder of a new home at 2719 Dean Parkway. Contact Stonewood, LLC 952-697-5590 with concerns about site conditions, parking, noise etc.

New Business

Art Higginbotham reported on the Lake of the Isles Joint Review Committee. The committee was made up of the four neighborhoods bordering Lake of the Isles. An 81-page report was presented to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board on August 8. The Board unanimously approved a motion to pay for one-quarter of the price of producing the report. CIDNA's portion was \$87.14.

There have been a series of car break-ins in the neighborhood. Gail Lee to contact Chelsea Adams to put together some information to send in an eblast to residents.

The CIDNA Board discussed participation in the Palio event. When this issue came up last year, CIDNA did a quick email to the neighborhood to gauge interest. The neighborhood would like to continue to participate. However, the Palio event now requires participating neighborhoods to rotate coordination/organization responsibilities. Because the CIDNA Fall Festival typically occurs within about two weeks of Palio, the Board is concerned about volunteer capacity to chair that event as well. The Board would consider continuing to donate sponsorship dollars to the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, October 12, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

--Submitted by Monica Smith