



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 7, 2010

The September Board meeting was held at the Jones Harrison Residence; Board members Art Higinbotham, Glenna Case, Ed Bell, Gail Lee, David Shirley, Stephen Goltry and Ed Ferlauto were present.

Ed Bell, Treasurer, reported that CIDNA had a bank balance of \$20,013.17. All filings with the IRS and State of Minnesota are up to date.

There was no Secretary's report for the last meeting, held in July.

Ward 10 Council Member Tuthill's Report:

Leslie Foreman, Council Member Meg Tuthill's administrative assistant, reported that Mayor Rybak had presented a budget for 2011 that included cutbacks in police and fire department personnel.

Southwest LRT Update:

While she was present, a discussion ensued about the SW LRT station planning issue. Open houses will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, at the Harrison Recreation Center, 503 Irving Avenue N. and at the same time on Wednesday, September 15, at the Jones Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Avenue. Information on the station planning meetings and preliminary station plans can be found at www.southwesttransitway.org.

Concerns were expressed by Board members and neighborhood guests about the way the station planning process is being handled by Hennepin County, represented by Adele Hall, and the City of Minneapolis, represented by Amanda Arnold. Deficiencies in the process include attempts to arrive at station plans for the five Minneapolis stations in just two more public meetings; lack of concern for environmental mitigation; failure to conduct traffic surveys before proposing park-and-rides, roundabouts, etc.; failure to consult affected businesses; and failure to consider the effect of the stations on neighborhoods within half a mile of each station. The discussion centered primarily on the W. Lake St. station where access to the station and traffic congestion remain the primary concerns. In addition to better process management, it was pointed out that County Commissioner Gail Dorfman is up for re-election in November and her failure to manage the process should be considered by 3rd District voters. It was also pointed out that Council

Members Lisa Goodman, Meg Tuthill, and Betsy Hodges, whose constituents will be heavily impacted by station planning choices and environmental mitigation, need to take a more active role in support of their communities.

Ed Ferlauto reported on the August 24 meeting on the 5 stations. Additional meetings are planned for October 26 and December 14.

Ken Moritz Recognition

Long time Board member Ken Moritz has submitted his resignation from the CIDNA Board. Board members were asked to submit ideas on how to recognize Ken for his invaluable service; plans will be made for such recognition at the October meeting.

Fall Festival

Board member Judy Berge reported that plans for the annual CIDNA Fall Festival are on track. The Festival will be held at Park Siding Park from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 19. Volunteers were requested to help put up the tent, assist with the moon walk and help clean up and tear down. There will be a table with information on the SW LRT project. Closing of streets for the Minneapolis bike tour will make it difficult for suppliers to deliver items to Park Siding Park.

Palio

The Board considered a request from Mark Lofstrom, East Isles Board Chair, to participate in the Palio event on September 26 that East Isles will be hosting. The Board decided that it needs to survey our residents about their interest in participating in Palio before it is willing to contribute \$300 from our NRP funds or to agree to organize and lead the event every fifth year. Volunteering for Palio will be left to the discretion of our residents, as it competes with our Fall Festival for volunteers.

Sewer Line Improvement Update

Tim O'Donnell and Adam Gordon from the Met Council reported on the sewer improvement project. Instead of splitting the project into two phases as was planned in March; the project will be completed in one phase starting in the summer of 2011. It was judged not possible to temporarily line the forced main on St. Louis Avenue because it is similar to the highly deteriorated main in St. Louis Park. Hence, installation of a new line will follow the lane of Sunset Boulevard closest to Cedar Lake and progress an estimated 100-200 feet per day. This will require closure of Sunset Boulevard to all but local traffic until the installation is complete. Local traffic will be able to reach driveways and garages from either end of the closed lane.

Restoration of the street will be carried out by Minneapolis Public Works. Requests for street enhancements such as installation of a sidewalk or burying power lines must receive City Council approval. The CIDNA NRP Committee will continue to pursue how to leverage such opportunities.

The new main will turn from Sunset onto Depot Street, cross the Kenilworth corridor, follow 28th St., Xerxes Av., and 29th St. before crossing Dean Parkway at the southern tip of the park area, following the north side of the Greenway until Thomas Av., where it will shift to the south side to avoid Minneapolis parkland, and then cross the Isles/Calhoun Lagoon. This will create issues for Calhoun Isles condominiums and residents along the aforementioned streets. The main will cross the Kenilworth corridor at a depth, which will permit installation of a cut-and-cover tunnel for the SW LRT, where the water table was measured at 27 feet by Met Council personnel. The crossing of the Isles/Calhoun lagoon will require approval of the Corps of Engineers.

A public information meeting on the project will be held on Mon., Sept 27, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3700 Cedar Lake Ave. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend the public information meeting to hear how the project may affect them. For more information about the project contact Tim O'Donnell, 651-602-1269 tim.odonnell@metc.state.mn.us. A public hearing is scheduled for October 18. Residents along the route will be individually contacted by Met Council personnel to assure that the project will not damage foundations and work will be between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. It is expected that trees along the streets will not be damaged, but additional watering by residents will help trees survive.

NRP Committee Report

The NRP Committee report by Ed Bell and Gail Lee included a call for CIDNA participation on the Lakes Area Crime and Safety Committee; a review of the NRP Phase II status and timeline; and a review of the NCEC draft guidelines.

Beginning in Oct, there will be a monthly Crime and Safety Meeting open to all Minneapolis residents, but specifically geared toward those living in East Isles, Lowry Hill, Kenwood and Cedar-Isles-Dean. Meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday from 6:30-7:30 and will be attended by the MPD 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist. CIDNA is looking for a volunteer to attend these meetings and report back to the neighborhood. For more information email: lakes.area.safety@gmail.com.

The NCEC has posted the draft Community Participation Program Guidelines for the 45-day review period. The Draft Guidelines include funding cycles, neighborhood eligibility, and allocation formulas. Public information meetings will be held:

- Thursday September 30th @ North Commons Park 1801 James Ave North from 6:00 – 8:00
- Tuesday October 5th @ Martin Luther King Park 4055 Nicollet Avenue South from 6:00 – 8:00

Written comments are to be submitted by October 11 and the NRP Committee will submit comments on behalf of CIDNA.

The NRP Phase II Action Plan development timeline was presented:

- 9/13/2010 Finalize the rough draft of NRP Phase II Action Plan
- 9/28/2010 Submit final NRP Phase 2 plan to board one week prior 10/10 Board mtg
- 10/5/2010 CIDNA Board to approve NRP Phase II plan.
- 11/9/2010 Potential special CIDNA neighborhood meeting to approve NRP Phase II
- 11/15/2010 Submit NRP Phase II plan to Carsten Slostad for legal review.
- 11/22/2010 Presentation of CIDNA plan to NRP Policy Board for approval. Board meeting is at Hennepin County Government Center at 4:30.

The Board then approved a motion to hire a Communication Coordinator. This Coordinator will work on communication needs as well as NRP program administration. The motion was amended to include publishing of Board minutes as part of the communications tasks, as well as filing of federal and state forms. The NRP Committee will finalize the job posting and description next week.

Transit Committee Report

The Transportation Committee report resumed with John Erickson, CIDNA appointee to the Park Board Community Advisory Committee, covering the efforts of Park Board Chair John Erwin and member Anita Tabb to set up this committee. The first meeting has yet to be held, but recommendations are planned before the SW LRT Draft Environmental Impact Study is released at the end of this year.

The next CIDNA Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, at the Jones Harrison Residence. No meeting is scheduled for November, but a special session of the Board may be called to discuss the NRP Phase II Action Plan in advance of presentation to the NRP Policy Board on November 22.