



## **CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 3, 2011**

The August 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, Stephen Goltry, and Craig Westgate. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **Parks update**

Claire Ruebeck reported on her work with the Park Board for improvements to Cedar Lake South Beach and Park Siding Park. The following maintenance will be completed at South Beach: removing and replacing dead tree, new sand for the beach, and cleaning out gardens in planters. Also requested is to paint markings on the shared pedestrian/bike trail, add a canoe rack and to move the porta-potty further from the lake and place on a cement pad with screening.

The following improvements are proposed for Park Siding Park: add an irrigation system, improve the plantings in one garden bed, add a park sign to the Kenilworth entrance, replace the drinking fountain, and add a permanent table tennis platform. Half court basketball is being considered for the future. The CIDNA Board unanimously approved a NRP Phase I plan modification (shifting \$24,000 from unspent bridge railing funding to Park Siding improvements). The planning committee of the Park Board will vote on the improvements on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Nonprofits Assistance Fund Contract**

The contracts are complete for CIDNA's housing loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund. The executive director will be invited to the next NRP meeting to discuss specific projects.

### **West Calhoun Neighborhood Council (WCNC)**

Meg Forney, WCNC reported on their efforts to use their NRP funds to establish an association for businesses in the area. Their consultants (& Partners) conducted a brainstorming session with local businesses in July; a second meeting is being planned for the week of September 19.

### **Kenwood Park**

The Board unanimously approved a donation of \$180 to Kenwood Park to support extended bathroom hours during the summer.

### **Sunset Boulevard Reconstruction**

The third community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 6-8 p.m. at Jones-Harrison. Survey results will be reviewed. City and Park Board staff will also be in

attendance. Met Council is mailing an invitation to 360 households. An e-blast reminder will be sent to the distribution list one week prior to the meeting.

### **Southwest LRT**

The SW LRT Coalition scheduled their first meeting in many months for this evening (conflicting with the CIDNA Board meeting). The St. Louis Park Sun Sailor published an interview with Art Higinbotham regarding freight rail/LRT (July 21 edition).

Safety in the Park is submitting an appeal to the MN Court of Appeals in regard to MNDOT's decision to not open an EIS for the re-route project. They requested that CIDNA join the appeal, however the deadline was prior to the CIDNA Board meeting so no decision was made.

### **Fall Festival Planning**

The Board unanimously approved the \$100 rental fee for a gas grill. Board members are seeking donations from area businesses to support the festival. Volunteers are needed for set up, supervising the moon walk and for tear down.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ed Bell reported on checks written since last month were for Monica Smith wages and expenses, one energy audit and Kenwood Park donation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, September 14, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

--Submitted by Monica Smith