



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, October 12, 2011

The October 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, Stephen Goltry, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Announcements

Gail Lee acknowledged the recent deaths of two past CIDNA board members, Jim Meger and Ken Moritz.

The 5th Precinct will hold a neighborhood safety meeting in response to the recent burglaries around Lake of the Isles. The tentative date is Nov. 3rd.

New Board Member Nominations

Mike Wilson and Ray Greco were unanimously elected to serve on the CIDNA Board. Mike will also serve as CIDNA's representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Ward 7 Council Member Lisa Goodman

- CM Goodman provided copies of a document explaining the proposed property tax for 2012. Two public meetings will be held: November 30 and December 4.
- Handouts were provided regarding a change in state law to the homestead market value exclusion.
- Minneapolis received a \$6 million federal grant to add 75 miles of painted bike lanes.
- The next Lunch with Lisa is October 26. Later with Lisa is tentatively scheduled for December 19.

Sunset Boulevard Reconstruction

Adam Gordon from MCES presented a report prepared by HR Green on the Sunset Blvd Improvement Project. The report recommends two alternatives for Section B of the project (Concept B6 has a median multiuse path, Concept B9 has an asymmetrical design with the multiuse path on one side). One area for clarification is who takes responsibility for maintenance of the multiuse path (snow removal, etc), will it be the City, Park Board or residents?

Adam Gordon reported that by the City's definition, a new sidewalk requires 100% consent from homeowners in the affected area, requires that homeowners maintain the sidewalk (snow removal, etc.) and bear the cost of future repair/replacement. Some properties back up to Sunset so they would have sidewalks to maintain on both the front and back of their properties. A multiuse trail does not have the same requirements.

The report will be sent to the City and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The neighborhood needs to come to consensus on a preferred design. The CIDNA Board will ask the City to support the work of MCES.

A few residents expressed concerns about the process used for the planning and were not satisfied with either of the alternatives.

Ryan Fox, CIDNA Board member working on this project reviewed the process. Sunset Blvd was identified as a concern in the neighborhood-wide NRP survey. Knowing that replacing the sewer will require rebuilding the roadway, the goal is to improve the boulevard (MCES is only required to rebuild it as is). Invitation mailings were sent to residents for each of four public meetings held since June 2011 to solicit feedback on the project. A survey was conducted with 2/3 of the 100+ respondents indicated that improvements are needed. Meeting announcements were also sent via eblast and posted on the website.

Another neighborhood meeting will be held in early November with the goal of coming to a consensus on the design.

NRP/NCR Committee Reports

- Ed Bell will be CIDNA's elector for the NRP Policy Board elections. (Alternate: Craig Westgate)
- The Board would like to thank the Park Siding volunteer gardeners for their dedication and work caring for the gardens, particularly "head gardener" Cher Simer who recently resigned from the group. CIDNA will miss her dedication and leadership. The Fall clean up is scheduled for October 15 and the irrigation system will be installed the week of October 24.
- CIDNA is exploring the use of NRP funds for pedestrian countdown timers at Excelsior/Lake intersections. Ryan Fox is working with West Calhoun on this project.
- CIDNA's loan to Nonprofits Assistance Fund will support affordable housing projects such as Urban Homeworks and/or the development at Franklin and Portland.
- The City announced that the NRP as an administrative entity will conclude on December 31st. The administration will be transferred to the Neighborhood and Community Relations department.
- The CPP program contracts have been extended until June 30, 2012 and each neighborhood will receive 50% more funding to cover this period of time. The draft guidelines for the 2012 program are out for a 45-day review. The NRP Committee will review the draft and report back next month.

Fall Festival

The CIDNA Board thanked Judy Berge for her expert planning of many Fall Festivals. This year's event was beautifully executed. Unfortunately, attendance was low because of poor weather. Steve Goltry volunteered to co-chair the event next year along with a CIDNA resident.

Transportation Committee

CIDNA Board members volunteered to lead the DEIS review. A training session on how to analyze and respond to the DEIS will be scheduled.

One important distinction will be in the use of terms “mitigation” (County funding) and “betterment” (neighborhood funded). We will want to make sure the term mitigation is used.

The cost of relocating the freight rail may affect funding in other areas of the planning (possible elimination of stations).

The Southwest LRT Community Works Steering Committee identified concerns that exist at many of the proposed stations regarding safety, zoning/land use, and access to lakes, roadways and the Greenway.

Ed Ferlauto attended a West Calhoun Stakeholders meeting. The Lake Calhoun retailers are working on defining what is unique about the shopping area, plans for signage and events such as a Wellness Fair.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Ed Bell reported that the checkbook balance is \$14,900.

Brownie Lake Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Martin Richmond was unanimously appointed as CIDNA’s representative to the CAC. Mike Wilson volunteered to serve as an alternate.

Zoning

- A public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 27 for a variance for a new single family home at 3412 St. Paul Ave.
- The variance was approved for 3416 29th St W.

New Business

The Lake of the Isles Joint Review Committee is seeking a CIDNA representative. Gail Lee will ask the group to let us know when the next meeting is scheduled.

Surly Brewing adopted a section of the Greenway (between Chowen and Dean Parkway) and recently has been picking up trash and removing invasive plants. The CIDNA Board will send a thank you letter.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser is Wednesday October 26, 6-9 p.m. at Calhoun Square. 100% of tickets sold by CIDNA come back to the neighborhood.

Gail Lee announced that she will miss the January – March Board meetings. Ryan Fox will chair the January Board meeting and Art Higinbotham will lead the February and March meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, November 9, at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

--Submitted by Monica Smith