



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 9, 2011

The November 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, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Chair Gail Lee called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Announcements:

Two new board members were elected at the October meeting. The proper procedure per CIDNA's bylaws was not followed for the election of Ray Greco because the nomination was made at the Board meeting and did not meet the required notification requirements. Mr. Greco will be re-nominated for the December meeting following the correct procedure.

Ward 10 Council Member Meg Tuthill:

- The Mayor is proposing cutting four of the 18 Crime Prevention Specialists in the City. CM Tuthill encouraged concerned residents to send emails opposing these cuts to *all* the council members, the mayor and the police chief.
- The Lakes Area Crime and Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at Temple Israel (2324 Emerson Ave S)
- Mesa Pizza's (1440 W. Lake St) application for extended hours was denied by the Regulatory, Energy and Environment committee. Mesa Pizza was encouraged to reapply after they have established a track record.
- Kowalski's (2440 Hennepin Ave S) application for their liquor store was approved by the City Council. They expect to open next spring.
- Residents interested in learning more about how to obtain critical parking (permit parking) on their block can contact Tim Drew at timothy.drew@minneapolismn.gov at 612-673-2152 for more information.
- Mayor Rybak is holding a community meeting about the 2012 budget and how budget choices affect property taxes and City services on Nov. 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave S.
- Due to budget negotiations, Meet with Meg has been cancelled for December.
- Council Member Gary Schiff is proposing changes to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for residential development with 5-9 units. The vote is scheduled for December 12th. The change would expedite processes for the Planning Commission. Site plans are still required. CM Schiff will meet with neighborhoods to answer questions and get feedback on the proposal.
- Art Higinbotham reported that many of the City departments are moving locations and

- requested that each building have a current listing of department location.
- A concern was voiced that the bus service through Kenwood is being reduced due to low ridership yet Light Rail continues to be pursued.
 - CM Tuthill has not yet seen the proposal for the new NRP Policy Board.

NRP Committee Report:

Monica Smith won a grant of \$333 for CIDNA for an Outstanding Contribution Award at the Community Energy Services (CES) Award's Ceremony. Council Member Meg Tuthill won the Ward Award for having 100% participation from neighborhoods in her ward. Congratulations!

The motion to extend Monica Smith's contract until June 30, 2012 (not to exceed a total of 250 hours) was unanimously approved. The contract was amended to include duties related to the Community Participation Program. The contract will align with CIDNA's fiscal year.

Park Siding Park Update: The drip irrigation system will be installed next spring. A spring plant sale is being considered. The NRP Committee met with Deborah Bartels from the Park Board about the proposed improvements to the park: trees, water fountain, table tennis. The Park Board will host a neighborhood information meeting about the improvements in early 2012.

The NRP organization will close on December 31 and the administration of the NRP program will shift to Neighborhood Community Relations. The NRP Committee recommended a NRP Phase I Plan Modification to move excess money from old strategies to more currently relevant strategies such as: park improvements, sidewalk installation, bike lanes and paths. This change does not authorize any spending of funds – it merely shifts funding within the budget. Unanimously approved as outlined.

Community Participation Program (CPP): CIDNA received \$16,000 in CPP funding in 2011. The current program has been extended until June 30, 2012. NCR has released draft guidelines for the next phase of the program July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2013. The Board requested that the NRP Committee respond to NCR with concerns and question about the new guidelines by the November 21st deadline.

The next meetings of the NRP Committee will be Monday, November 21, 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 7, 3:30 at Ed Bell's office, 3033 Excelsior Blvd.

Sunset Boulevard:

The fifth public meeting about the Sunset Boulevard reconstruction was held on November 1st with approx. 30 participants. The agenda included a recap of previous meetings and a review of the HR Green report. The goal was to generate a design recommendation. A straw poll results: 2/3 of attendees support a center median and 1/3 an asymmetric design on Section B (Chowen to Depot). Section A (France to Chowen) will be replaced as is. Comment cards from the meeting provided feedback consistent with the other meetings.

The desired outcome is to have the boulevard improved not just replaced "as is" per the City's instructions to the Met Council.

The design needs to meet four criteria established by the stakeholders' feedback : traffic calming, improve pedestrian mobility, adequate landscaping, and adequate on-street parking.

A petition signed by nine residents was read. The petition requests that other design options be reconsidered.

After much discussion from residents as well as CIDNA Board members, the Board voted unanimously to submit resolutions to the Metropolitan Council and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB).

Excerpt from the resolutions:

To the Metropolitan Council (MCES):

Be it resolved by the Board Members of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) to request that the Metropolitan Council continue to engage with CIDNA, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) toward reconstruction addressing the needs of the community.

To MPRB:

Be it resolved by the Board Members of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association to request the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to negotiate with the City of Minneapolis an agreement for the maintenance of green space and the newly constructed pedestrian trail within the Sunset Boulevard corridor.

The Board approved sending a resolution to the City of Minneapolis (vote: 8 yea-1 opposed)

Excerpt from the resolution to the City of Minneapolis:

WHEREAS, through these same public meetings, input established that the intersections at Drew Ave and Chowen Ave and the section of Sunset Blvd between, require additional study to meet the established criteria

WHEREAS the neighborhood was presented with several design options; the majority opinion favored a design featuring a widened center median, which would include a pedestrian trail

WHEREAS, the City has an existing agreement with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to maintain the green space within the Sunset Blvd corridor today

WHEREAS, the neighborhood looks to improve safety, traffic calming, and the aesthetics with new street construction

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board Members of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA) to request the City of Minneapolis to engage its Public Works Department toward developing a Sunset Boulevard reconstruction plan to meet the neighborhood needs in partnership with the CIDNA, MPRB, and MCES.

Transit

Ed Ferlauto attended the November 2nd meeting of SW LRT Corridor Coalition. The coalition is an informal confederation of Minneapolis' corridor neighborhood associations and citizen organizations that directly relate to the corridor. Their mission is: to support each neighborhood addressing its needs, to coordinate designs where possible, to preserve the park like setting of the corridor, to advocate for needed mitigation and to speak as one voice when appropriate to decision makers. The group also discussed addressing the DEIS and the types of approaches that

can be taken when responding. There will be a public meeting on how to respond to the DEIS. The next meeting is December 7th and will include retailers along the corridor.

Ed Ferlauto distributed the revised DEIS review assignments.

Three neighborhoods are reviewing general mitigation resolution approved last spring. The Planning Commission will take accept feedback on the Kenilworth corridor.

St. Louis Park's lawsuit against MnDOT could delay action on the corridor.

The SW Corridor management committee met recently and they continue to set aside money to lobby legislature for money.

Several hurdles to overcome to get the project back on track.

Capstone Project

Art Higinbotham attended a meeting of the Capstone Project. Four new students have been assigned to build on the work of last year's students regarding traffic flow at Excelsior and Lake area. The students will provide a full report at the end of the term.

Midtown Greenway Coalition – Mike Wilson

An administrative law judge recommended that Excel's high-voltage power lines be buried under 28th St; however, the Public Utilities Commission may or may not follow this recommendation. A public hearing will be held in early 2012.

Metro Transit has been awarded \$600,000 by the Federal Transit Administration to help fund the planned Alternatives Analysis for the Midtown Corridor to review options for transit improvements between West Lake Station on the proposed Southwest LRT line and Lake Street/Midtown station on the Hiawatha LRT line.

Mike Wilson asked the CIDNA Board to consider making a donation to Midtown Greenway Coalition. The Board will take this under advisement for the December meeting.

The NRP Committee will investigate additional lighting along the Greenway.

Treasurer's report

CIDNA sold 34 tickets to the Wine Tasting Fundraiser (up from 23 last year).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting

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

--Submitted by Monica Smith

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL CONTINUE TO
ENGAGE WITH CIDNA, CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, AND MPRB TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION
ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the MCES plans on reconstructing the roadway of Sunset Boulevard as part of its sanitary force main interceptor construction to occur in 2012

WHEREAS, the City Public Works Department has directed MCES to replace the street in-kind

WHEREAS, the MCES has been instrumental in conducting neighborhood surveys and helping the neighborhood develop preliminary designs for street reconstruction that meet neighborhood objectives

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board Members of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association to request that the Metropolitan Council continue to engage with CIDNA, City of Minneapolis, and MPRB toward reconstruction addressing the needs of the community.



RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF GREEN SPACE AND PLANNED TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN
SUNSET BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, the MPRB currently maintains the median green space of Sunset Boulevard under an agreement with the City of Minneapolis

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services is planning on significant street reconstruction as part of its project to construct new sanitary interceptor force mains to occur in 2012

WHEREAS, Cedar-Isles-Dean residents, through surveys conducted in 1996, 2010 and 2011; and public meetings and workshops, have established that Sunset Blvd was in need of changes which meet the following criteria (listed in survey based hierarchy): 1) traffic calming; 2) pedestrian access; 3) landscaping; 4) sufficient parking

WHEREAS, the neighborhood is pursuing a street reconstruction plan that incorporates pedestrian access between Chowen Avenue and Depot Street

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board Members of the Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association to request the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to negotiate with the City of Minneapolis an agreement for the maintenance of green space and the newly constructed pedestrian trail within the Sunset Boulevard corridor.



RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TO ENGAGE ITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TOWARD DEVELOPING A SUNSET BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PLAN TO MEET THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CIDNA, MPRB, AND MCES

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WHEREAS, through several public meetings specifically focused on the MCES force main construction project, Cedar-Isles-Dean resident input established that the section of Sunset Blvd between France Ave and Drew Ave meets the above mentioned criteria and can be replaced in-kind as currently directed

WHEREAS, through these same public meetings, opinion established that the section of Sunset Blvd between Chowen Ave and Depot St should be replaced in such a way as to meet the established criteria

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October 28, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:
Re: Sunset Boulevard Improvement Project

We are writing this letter to express our concern about the proposed redesign of the Sunset Boulevard Street. We are opposed to the proposed concepts as presented in the HR Green, Inc Report dated October 11, 2011 and request that the design be reconsidered.

We request that the concrete street be replaced as is and a standard concrete side walk be constructed to the north or south side of the street in Segment B (not in the middle of the boulevard as shown in some schemes). Each of the designs shown in the report has serious negative implications, both aesthetically and functionally and it is unfortunate that these are under consideration.

We respectfully request your reconsideration in this matter.

| Name | Address |
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| Prodey Groco | 2815 Sunset Blvd |
| May Ann and Greg Halbert | 2807 Sunset Blvd. |
| Mr & Mrs Jaime Pet Ehrenlofer | 2801 Sunset Blvd. |
| | 2811 Sunset |
| Susan & Seymour Mansfield | 2837 Sunset Blvd. |
| Mike Jarama | 2848 Sunset Blvd. |
| Ross Koplin | 2828 Sunset Blvd. |
| Joanne Bellizzi | 2822 Sunset |