



Minutes of January 5, 2010 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Chairman, Art Higinbotham, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis

Board Members present: Art Higinbotham, Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Gail Lee, Don Ostrom, Ed Bell, Claire Ruebeck, Charlie Elowson, David Shirley, Ed Ferlauto. Bob Corrick

Guests present: Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Councilmember Meg Tuthill, Leslie Foreman and Breanna Patsch, 60A Candidates Marion Greene and Katie Hatt,

Agenda and Minutes approved: Art Higinbotham introduced new Board member, Ed Ferlauto. Ed Bell asked for additional time to review a variance request. Minutes from the 12/1/09 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Update: Current account balance is: \$7,412.85.

Next Steps: An additional \$2,000 due from NRP. Ed will work with Carsten to secure this payment and to reconcile all of 2009 to bring the NRP account up to date.

Councilmember Goodman Update:

- Going forward, Councilmembers Lisa Goodman and Meg Tuthill will each be attending 5 CIDNA Board meetings throughout the year and will both be in attendance at the Annual Meeting.
- *Lunch with Lisa* will be held on Wednesday, January 27. The topic this month will be City of Mpls job creation and economic development.
- Minneapolis Wi-Fi update: only one area in the 7th Ward is yet to go live. Complete coverage of the Ward is expected later this month.
- Snow: Dangerous ice and snow is on the roads and sidewalks. With the extreme cold temperatures, salt and chemicals are not recommended and ineffectual. Residential sidewalks need to be cleared 24 hours after a snowfall. Commercial sidewalks need to be cleared in 4 hours. To assist the sidewalk inspectors in Minneapolis, please report unplowed or icy sidewalks to 311.

Councilmember Meg Tuthill Introduction: Meg Tuthill was present to introduce herself and staff members Leslie Foreman and Breanna Patsch. Councilmember Tuthill encouraged calls to her office with concerns and questions and that her staff would do their best to return all calls in a timely manner. Councilmember Tuthill has been assigned to the Zoning & Planning, Ways & Means and Public Safety committees.

MN House District 60A Candidates: Marion Greene and Katie Hatt were present to introduce themselves as candidates seeking the DFL endorsement as candidate for Representative of 60A.

Land Use and Development Committee Update: The Planning Commission voted on the Greenway Re-zoning plan on December 14, 2009. Council Member Schiff, who sits on the planning commission made the motions to deny the staff recommendations and keep the existing zoning on the parcels identified by CIDNA. Unfortunately not all the motions were supported by the Commission:

- Motion to keep Cedar Lake Townhomes as R1 PASSED
- Motion to keep Dean Court as is (aka Calhoun Isles Association) PASSED
- Parcels on Xerxes Ave S north of 29th St as is PASSED

- Motion to keep parcels between Chowen Ave S, Chowen Pl and St. Louis Ave as is FAILED on a tie
- Motion to keep parcels on the corner of Drew Ave S and W Lake Street as is FAILED

Next Steps:

- Councilmember Goodman and Doug Kress will continue to work on this re-zoning issue on behalf of CIDNA.

Variance Request: 3422 St. Paul Ave. has applied for a variance to reduce the set back of the new detached garage from 25' behind the property line to 6' from the property line. It appears that most of the properties on this side of Sunset have garages that are built less than 25' from the property line. (Just for a point of reference, our garage – 3438 St Paul Ave – is 21' from the Sunset curb.)

David Shirley moved that CIDNA take a position of *no opposition* to the variance request on the property at 3422 St. Paul Ave.

Transit Committee Update: The Transit Committee met on 12/15 to draft a resolution on mitigation measures along the proposed SW LRT route. The Resolution draft was circulated to CIDNA Board members as well as other effected neighborhood groups.

Art Higinbotham made, and Don Ostrom seconded, a motion to reword the section regarding the 21st St Park-and-Ride to “.... That the 21st Street Station Park-and-Ride be eliminated.” Motion passed.

Ed Bell made, and Don Ostrom seconded, a motion to approve the CIDNA Resolution Regarding Mitigation Measures along the Proposed Southwest Light Rail. Motion passed. Please go to: <http://www.cidna.org/transit.html> to see a pdf of the full Resolution.

Next Steps:

- Matthew Dahlquist to make required revision to the Resolution and forward to the Board electronically
- Gail Lee to post the resolution on www.cidna.org
- Matthew Dahlquist to forward the Resolution to the Midtown Greenway Coalition in time for their Jan 11 Land Use Committee mtg so that they may consider supporting.
- Art Higinbotham will formally submit the Resolution to Hennepin County.
- Transit Committee will work on pooling the three effected neighborhoods on these mitigation issues.

NRP Committee Update: Bob Corrick and Ed Bell are continuing work on sourcing firms and developing an RFP for a Small Area Plan for the CIDNA neighborhood. This Small Area Plan would focus on areas affected by an LRT line running on the Kenilworth trail.

Next Steps:

- Bob and Ed to pursue potential firms and create an RFP
- Bob and Ed to coordinate with the NRP Committee to write a strategy for use of NRP funds on Small Area Plan.

The Phase II development survey will go live via surveymonkey at the beginning of February. A postcard alerting the neighborhood to the survey will drop within the next couple weeks.

Link to the survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KS55JJP>

Next Steps:

- Claire Ruebeck and Gail Lee to create postcard, get printed and deliver to mailhouse for mailing on Jan. 28.
- Gail Lee to send email notification on Feb. 4
- Gail Lee to post link to the survey on www.cidna.org

Regional Sanitary Sewer Improvements: The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) prepared a draft facility plan of alternatives studied and resulting recommendations for upgrading the regional wastewater force main sewers to provide sufficient capacity and reliable service to the cities of Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis Force Main Sewer Segment of the draft facility plan includes:

Phase I: Relocating the existing force main sewer in the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood.

Phase II: Constructing a new force main sewer parallel to the existing force main sewer from the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood along the Midtown Greenway to the East Isles Neighborhood to provide redundancy in the system.

The Met Council will be hosting the following public meetings:

Public Meetings

Weds., Jan 13 (6:30 – 8:00) St. Louis Park City Hall

Weds., Jan 20 (6:30 – 8:00) Kenwood Community Center

Thurs., Jan 21 (6:30 – 8:00) Hopkins City Hall

Public Hearing

Thurs., Jan 28 (6:30 – 8:00) City of St Louis Park Rec Center

All comments and concerns must be received by the Met Council no later than Feb. 8.

Next Steps:

- Claire Ruebeck to contact Tim O'Donnell at Met Council Environmental Services to find out the extent of the possible disruption and invasiveness of these proposed improvements.
- The CIDNA Board needs to then consider sending a representative to a meeting and the hearing to learn more about the effect of this project on the C-I-D Neighborhood.
- CIDNA Board to consider forming a sub-committee to cover this type of issue/project so Neighborhood representation can be insured.

CIDNA Bylaws review: Art renewed the review of the CIDNA Bylaws and announced that proposed revision and/or amendments will be on the agenda at the Feb. 9 Board meeting.

Next Steps:

- Gail Lee to electronically forward the current (3/4/03) CIDNA Bylaws to Board members again and post on www.cidna.org.
- Board members to review bylaws and bring marked up hard copies or review template prepared by Claire Ruebeck to Feb 9 meeting.

Next Meeting: David Shirley moved to move the start time of CIDNA Board meetings back to 6:00pm. Motion passed. Gail Lee moved to schedule the February CIDNA Board meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 9 rather than Feb 2 due to caucuses. Motion passed.

Next Steps: Gail to send notification of time change and date change to Board members and regular guests. Gail also to notify the Hill & Lake Press and the Southwest Journal as to the time and schedule changes.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.