



## Minutes of April 6, 2010 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

**Call to order:** Chairman, Art Higinbotham, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis

**Board Members present:** Art Higinbotham, Don Ostrom, Ed Bell, David Shirley, Ed Ferlauto, Judy Berge, Steve Gove, Charlie Elowson, Gail Lee

**Guests present:** Councilwoman Meg Tuthill, Amanda Arnold (City of Mpls), Adele Hall and Katie Walker (Henn Cty), Rodgers Adams

**Agenda and Minutes approved:** Agenda was approved with the deletion of the Cedar Lake Pkwy crossing gate update. Minutes from the 3/2/10 Board meeting were also approved.

**Treasurer's Update:** Balance as of 4/6/2010 = \$5,812.73. NRP has just cut a program reimbursement check for \$2,094.27.

### **Announcements:**

Art Higinbotham presented several announcements to start the meeting:

- Emerald Ash Borers: Ash trees in CIDNA are concentrated on Drew and Chowen Aves. A map of specific locations was forwarded to Don Ostrom for distribution to residents on Drew and Chowen.
- According to MPD reports car break-ins are again on the rise in the neighborhood, this time concentrated around the lakes and on the parkways and boulevards. Crimes are to be called into 911 and suspicious activity to 311. This will help ensure our neighborhood receives adequate police patrol.

David Shirley announced that after 26 years, the Annual Wine tasting fundraiser event would not be taking place this year due to additional costs incurred by moving the event to the street and due to Cowboy Slim's neglecting to contribute what they had previously committed.

### **SW LRT Station Planning:**

Amanda Arnold, City of Mpls and Adele Hall and Katie Walker, Hennepin County were in attendance to update the neighborhood regarding the Southwest Transitway development progress. Current work includes developing a Station Area Planning study; working on the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS); and transitioning work and development of the LRT line to the Met Council.

**Station Area Planning:** The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), in cooperation with the City of Minneapolis, is reviewing proposals for the development of Strategic Plans for the five proposed Minneapolis stations along the proposed Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA – 3A Kenilworth route) for the Southwest Light Rail Transit line: Royalston, Van White, Penn, 21st Street, and West Lake. This work is considered to be part of the project development process not the environmental process for the Southwest LRT line.

Concurrent with the Station Area Planning process, the HCRRA is developing the DEIS. The DEIS is an environmental study required for major transitway projects seeking federal funding. The purpose of the DEIS is to better understand the benefits and impacts of the proposed LRT line on the surrounding community and natural environment including natural and water resources, noise / vibration, hazardous / contaminated areas and historic / cultural properties.

The DEIS is slated to be sent to the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) in June. The FTA will then open a 45-day public comment period in August. The public will be able to comment through the Web site and at least one public meeting. All input and comments will be collected and addressed by the FTA.

It is the intent of CIDNA to ensure constructive dialogue and participation between the effected neighborhoods and the HCRRA, City of Mpls and the Met Council in the attempt to produce needed mitigation.

**Councilwoman Meg Tuthill:** reported on the ongoing ruckus at the Calhoun Beach Club over the loud and disruptive air conditioning units. The CBC and the City are working together to rectify the situation. Tuthill also reported updates on supplemental City budget planning, sidewalk renovations and pothole / curb damage repairs.

**Small Area Plan RFP Update:** Upon review, Stephen Goltry found significant overlap and parallels between the proposed Henn Cty Station Area Plan and CIDNA's potential Small Area Plan. Carsten Slostad from NRP forwarded the Phillips neighborhood Small Area Plan for reference. The decision was made to put the CIDNA RFP on hold until the County's Plan gets underway. Land Usage / RFP committee will meet and make a recommendation for how to proceed.

**NCEC / NCR:** NCEC District 2 leadership has asked CIDNA to participate in bi-monthly meetings to discuss common goals and mutual interests. A representative from the CIDNA Board or NRP Committee will attend the meetings to offer a voice and represent the neighborhood.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

**Next Regular Meeting:** To be held Tuesday, June 1 @ 6:00pm **CIDNA Annual Meeting:** To be held Tuesday, May 4 @ 6:00pm.