



Minutes of December 1, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Chairman, Art Higinbotham, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm 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, Judy Berge, Charlie Elowson, David Shirley

Guests present: Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Parker Trostel, Karen Slater, Julie Neal, Jay Isenberg, Lt. Marie Przynski, CPS Chelsea Adams

Agenda and Minutes approved: In abstentia, Bob Corrick made an addition to the agenda regarding Doug Daggett's resignation as co-chair of the Land Use Committee. Ed Bell will co-chair this committee with Bob Corrick. Minutes from the 10/6/09 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Update: Current account balance is: \$7,262.70. A note was made that the accounting is no longer done via bookkeeping software, but is now reconciled directly against the checkbook.

Councilmember Goodman Update:

- Going forward, Lisa may be attending CIDNA Board meetings on alternating weeks with newly elected Ward 10 Councilmember Meg Tuthill. Anita Tabb, Park Board District 4, will also be attending on a quarterly basis.
- There is an open position on the Police Civilian Review Authority. The Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority investigates and makes determinations regarding complaints brought against any Minneapolis Police Officer. If you feel that you or someone else has been treated unfairly or improperly, a complaint can be made with our office. Lisa commented that there has not been a representative from Ward 7 on this panel for many years. For more information go to: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cra/>
- *Later With Lisa* will be held at the "Historic" Normandy Inn on Thursday, December 10 at 4 – 6pm. This is a free event and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- The next City 2010 budget adoption meeting will be held on Monday, December 7 – City Hall, 350 South 5th St, room 317, 6:05pm
- In regard to the Midtown Greenway Re-zoning issue and how it affects the west end of the Greenway and the CIDNA neighborhood; Lisa announced that she and Doug are in the process of drafting an amendment in support of and consistent with the resolution adopted by the CIDNA Board at the October 6 meeting.
- Lisa also encouraged CIDNA to pursue a Small Area Plan to be created in addition to the station area studies, which will be conducted by Hennepin County for the Southwest Transitway. She believes that the neighborhood must take as active a role as possible to A) voice concerns of the people in the neighborhood and B) demonstrate mitigation needs, for example, at the Cedar Lake Parkway crossing. The affordability of

necessary mitigation is, at this point, not in the transitway budget and unlikely to be cost-effective or even possible.

Mpls PD Policing Plan Discussion: Crime Prevention Specialist Chelsea Adams and Lt Marie Przynski attended the Board meeting to discuss the 2010 Policing Plan and concerns with the rash of vehicle break-ins in the fall. The following topics and safety tips were discussed:

- In light of the rash of vehicle break-ins in the fall, neighbors are encouraged to remove everything from their cars – even the change. Also, do not leave items in your vehicle while going into stores or restaurants.
- If credit cards are taken, they are used almost immediately - before stolen credit card is reported. Have a record of credit card numbers and customer service numbers available for quick reporting.
- Report every incidence. Call 911 with any suspicious activity. Call 311 with any ongoing or chronic issue. This alerts the MPD to trends and therefore may start assigning new squads.
- When calling in, try to give a detailed description of the person about whom you are calling. A better description allows officers more latitude for questioning.
- Keep a list of make, model, and serial numbers on often stolen items like bikes, laptops and cameras. Only about 16% of all recovered bikes, for example, are returned due to insufficient ownership information. Be sure to check eBay or Craig's List for stolen items. Also consider purchasing a laptop security program that activates once the computer is reported stolen.
- If your Christmas tree sits in the front window, do not keep gifts under the tree. This simply advertises available items for theft.
- Also discussed were issues of speeding and rolling stops on Sunset Blvd, illegal left turns on Burnham Rd and options for drivers advisory feedback signage. Lt. Przynski will follow-up on these concerns and questions.

NRP Committee Update: The committee is continuing to work on collecting Phase II action plan surveys. Next steps will be to post the survey using an online survey site and to communicate this online survey via a postcard mailing to the neighborhood. The option of inserting the survey into the Hill & Lake Press was also considered.

Land Use Committee Update: The Land Use Committee held a sub-committee meeting just prior to the Board meeting. Amanda Arnold, from the Mpls Community Planning & Economic Development department was present to discuss the Midtown Greenway Re-zoning plan and how the LRT affects the current plan.

CIDNA will pursue a small area plan to look at re-zoning, LRT mitigation, traffic density, emergency services and pedestrian safety issues. Ed Bell will look into sources and requesting proposals for the study.

Also discussed was the importance of creating a dialogue with the West Calhoun and Kenwood neighborhoods as well as the Park Board to create a unified effort.

Transit Committee Update: SW PAC recently approved the Kenilworth as the locally approved route. The next step is the Met Council, which will provide its recommendation in mid-2010. Art Higinbotham stated that he has been in touch with the attorneys currently working on noise mitigation on the Central Corridor. Action will be taken to raise funds for similar possible litigation on the Kenilworth route.

Midtown Greenway Report: Matthew Dahlquist reported that the Midtown Greenway Coalition is working on language changes to the Midtown Greenway Re-zoning Plan as well. He also announced that, due to work and personal obligations, he would welcome a replacement to serve as the CIDNA representative on the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.