



Minutes from February 3, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

Call to order: Chair Arthur Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis.

Members present: Edwin Bell, Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Arthur Higinbotham, Gail Lee, Charlie Elowson. Cherrie Zitzlsperger, David Shirley, Ken Moritz

Guests present: Rogers Adams, Lisa Goodman, Bob Corrick, Doug Daggett, Meg Tuthill

Minutes approved: Gail Lee moved, Stephen Goltry seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

Land Use and Development Committee: Doug Daggett was introduced and recommended to the Board as co-chair of the Land Use and Development Committee. David Shirley made the motion (Cherrie Zitzlsperger seconded) to officially approve Doug as committee co-chair. Motion passed.

In respect to Land Use, the issue of MGM Liquor applying for a permit to move its store, currently located in Calhoun Village, to Calhoun Commons. Future lease tenants and strip mall changes may become a topic in the future for this committee.

Web site Report: Gail Lee reported that www.cidna.org is now a live site. Officers and Committee Chairs received information on setting up their cidna.org email address and updating Committee pages on the site.

Next steps will be to:

- A) Send out email blast to all collected email addresses. This will do two things: 1) weed out dead and undeliverable addresses and 2) offer an option for people to have their names removed from the list
- B) Run an insert ad in the Hill & Lake Press announcing the new site
- C) Do a Web site introduction mailing
- D) Get a debit card for the CIDNA bank account for EFT Yahoo payments

Lisa Goodman: Minneapolis City Council Member Lisa Goodman reported:

Repavement of Lake of the Isles Parkway will begin in April of this year. The City Council, in coordination with the Park Board, is calling for a volunteer citizen task force / review panel. This panel is to consist of 2 people from each of the 4 neighborhoods affected by the construction. Public Works staff members will meet with the review panel. Charlie Elowson and Art Higinbotham volunteered to be part of this review panel. First meeting scheduled for late-February. A formal public hearing will also be scheduled.

Public Works does not anticipate any full road closures as they intend to work on one side of the street at a time. Traffic; however, will obviously be impacted. In addition, some properties will incur assessments by the Park Board. This repavement is not considered to be a full reconstruction of the street. Only selective areas of curb and gutter will be replaced.

Street paving will be asphalt except in those areas where buses run – those areas will be paved in concrete. An overlay of red crushed aggregate will be added next year.

The next “Lunch With Lisa” will be noon, Wednesday, February 25, at St. Thomas University, Opus Hall room 202. The discussion at this month’s luncheon will focus on Pension Funding.

NRP Report: Ed Bell, Judy Berge, David Shirley and Gail Lee met with Carsten Stosted, staff member of the Neighborhood Revitalization Project (NRP) twice over the past month to review status of budgets, contracts and non-dedicated funds. Next meeting, to be held at the CBBurnet offices on Wednesday, Feb. 11 @ 3:00pm, will review and begin discussion of allocating remaining Phase I funds. Initial brainstorming for Phase II fund designation will also be discussed. A few of the ideas are:

- South Beach Revitalization
- Computer & hazardous waste pickup day
- Replacing trees on Sunset lost to Dutch Elm
- Low interest loan pools for housing upgrade strategies

NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) will soon be reorganized and will become the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). This new 16 member resident commission will have 7 members selected by the City Council, 1 member appointed by the Park Board and 8 members selected by neighborhood organizations. On February 21, the neighborhoods of Mpls will be sending representatives to a meeting to determine how these 8 members should be selected or elected. Ed Bell and Judy Berge will be attending this Feb 21 meeting to represent CIDNA.

Meg Tuthill running for open Ward 10 Council Seat: Meg Tuthill introduced herself to the Board. She is running for the now open Ward 10 City Council seat, as Councilmember Ralph Remington is not seeking reelection. Southwest Transit obviously came up as a topic of discussion. Board members encouraged Ms. Tuthill to research the background of all proposed SW Transitway routes – especially in respect to Councilmember Remington’s proposed “Subalternative to Option 3C.” Ms. Tuthill agreed to schedule a meeting with Transit Committee Chairs, Matthew Dahlquist and Art Higinbotham.

Transit Committee Report: The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Southwest Transitway has removed the CIDNA endorsed Option E from consideration. In light of this recent event, the CIDNA Board has made the decision to put its full support behind “Subalternatives to LRT 3C.”

The Board feels that this modified option 3C, submitted by Councilmember Ralph Remington, best creates maximum ridership for both incoming and reverse commuters provides the shortest and quickest commute times.

Of the options remaining on the table, and absent of reasonable mitigation on the Kenilworth routes (1A and 3A), the modified 3C route does the most to achieve the goals of the prior CIDNA resolution (In Support of Southwest LRT Route Serving the Largest Population). Ed Bell moved, David Shirley seconded, to draft a new resolution in support of Subalternative LRT 3C. Motion was approved.

At the time of writing these minutes, the resolution had not yet been disseminated to the Board. This new resolution will embody the spirit of the prior resolution stated above and will contain a firm commitment by CIDNA to support the LRT 3C alternative.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Moritz, David Shirley second. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the CIDNA board of directors will be Tuesday, March 3, 5:00 p.m. at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Early start time is due to Precinct Caucuses, which are being held on the same night.

Gail Lee
Associate Secretary