



Minutes of June 2, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting

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

Members present: Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Arthur Higinbotham, Gail Lee, Don Ostrom, Judy Berge, Ken Moritz, David Shirley, Charlie Elowson, Claire Ruebeck

Guests present: Rogers Adams, Meg Tuthill, Dave Walstead – Bryn Mawr

Minutes approved: The minutes from the 4/7/09 Board meeting were approved.

Meg Tuthill – Candidate for Ward 10 City Council: Meg spoke of her intension, if elected, to either personally attend future CIDNA Board meetings or will send a representative from her office.

Election of CIDNA Board Officers: The following Board positions were elected:

Chair:	Art Higinbotham
Associate Chair:	Matthew Dahlquist
Secretary:	Gail Lee
Associate Secretary:	Don Ostrom
Treasurer:	deferred until 7/7 meeting

Committee Chairs: chairs from last year will remain

Transit Committee: Matthew Dahlquist – chair; Art Higinbotham – associate chair

NRP Committee: Ed Bell (to be confirmed at 7/7 mtg)

Land Use and Development Committee: Bob Corrick – Co-Chair; Doug Daggett – Co-Chair

Variance Committee: David Shirley (David will contact Councilmember Goodman's office to determine current Variance application rules. Residents may no longer need to attain neighborhood association approval.

Fall Festival Task Force: Judy Berge

Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Update:

Lunch With Lisa: the next Lunch With Lisa will be held on Wednesday, July 22. Topic will be Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). A mock election will be held to vote on Ward 7's favorite candy bar! This mock election will demonstrate how IRV works. IRV will be used for this Fall's City Council, Park Board and the Board of Estimate and Taxation elections.

Lake of the Isles Parkway Resurfacing: Road closures 1 and 2 are nearly complete. This means detours through CIDNA will be done by possibly June 9. Phase 3 – Calhoun Parkway to Franklin – will begin around June 9. This Phase is slated to take the longest of the 4 Phases.

Results Minneapolis: Lisa commented on the new results-focused Web site – Results Minneapolis. (see www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results) This new Web site will focus on the City's performance in six key areas: public safety, education, neighborhood conditions, housing & economic development, resident health and the environment. Each measurement section

provides background on the measure and work related to improving performance. Relating to this Results Web site, Lisa was asked about murder rates as related to “big city” data. Lisa reported that Mpls murder rates are significantly lower than a year ago this time. She also reported that livability crime rates reflected an increase in reporting and resident/community participation.

Councilmember Goodman will next attend a CIDNA Board meeting in September.

NRP Committee Update: Stephan Goltry informed the Board on the NRP meeting held on Wednesday, May 27. At this meeting the status of CIDNA’s contractual obligations were briefly reviewed; however, the primary purpose of this meeting was to move forward with pursuing and designing the vision on the Cedar South Beach Revitalization project. Park Board chair, Tom Nordyke was present to provide insight and guidance as to working with and through the Park Board. Damon Farber, CIDNA resident and landscape architect, was also present to provide design and construction direction.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will take place on Wednesday, July 17, 7:00pm at 3300 St. Paul Ave. On the agenda will be: next steps on Cedar South Beach (survey, design, timeline, etc); other and new NRP strategy ideation; potential housing strategy discussion and timeline; and budget update.

Transit Committee Update: Art Higinbotham reported that he attended the May 27th meeting of the LRT Community Advisory Committee as the W. Lake St. station representative. The primary topic of this meeting was HCRRA’s (Hennepin County Railroad Authority) call for RFPs regarding alternatives for moving freight into, through and out of Minneapolis. Other issues discussed were: mitigation at the Cedar Lake Pkwy / Kenilworth intersection, grade elevation and water table implications, and the absence of any drawings to date on the Nicollet/Greenway options.

A public meeting is to be held at the Kenwood Rec Center on June 3. Art will attend and report. A Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 11. Although this is a meeting which is not open to community comment, a CIDNA representative will attend and report.

Midtown Greenway Report: Matthew Dahlquist, CIDNA representative to the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC), reported that on Monday, June 8, the Greenway board will be considering a formal resolution regarding the MGC’s position on LRT routing. Some of the MGC board members (including the CIDNA representative) hope that the MGC will change its stance from its current opposition to LRT in the Greenway to a position that is neutral on LRT, and advocates for a streetcar line connecting with LRT at whatever point LRT exits the Greenway corridor.

Matthew also reported that Xcel Energy published their official public notice on June 2, regarding the application to Public Utilities for the Hiawatha Project high-voltage power line, which Xcel currently hopes to route above ground along the Greenway corridor. The Public Utilities Commission accepted the application on May 21, starting a 1-year clock for the PUC to grant the necessary permits. A public scoping meeting will be held on June 18 at 6PM at the Midtown Global Market. Written comments from the public will be accepted through July 10.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

