



## **Minutes of July 7, 2009 CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Call to order:** Vice-Chair, Matthew Dahlquist, called the meeting to order at 6:05pm at the Jones-Harrison Residence, 3800 Cedar Lake Avenue, Minneapolis

**Board Members present:** Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Gail Lee, Don Ostrom, David Shirley, Charlie Elowson, Doug Daggett, Bob Corrick, Ed Bell

**Guests present:** Rogers Adams, Martin Richmond

**Agenda and Minutes approved:** The meeting agenda and the minutes from the 6/2/09 Board meeting were approved.

**CIDNA Web site and Communications:** Gail Lee presented a motion that no advertising be accepted on the CIDNA Web site or on email communications. David Shirley seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was agreed that a copy line would be included on the Web site as well as email communications stating that no advertising will be accepted and email lists will not be sold or shared.

**Treasurer Election:** Ed Bell was re-elected to the position of CIDNA Treasurer. Election had been deferred to the July meeting as Ed was unable to attend in June.

**Treasurer's Update:** Current account balance is: \$21,463.91. June deposits include: \$12,448.76 from NRP reimbursements and \$975 in earnings from the Wine Tasting benefit.

**3422 St. Paul Ave Wrecking Permit:** The CIDNA Board was notified of the application for a wrecking permit at 3422 St. Paul Ave. While the Board has no authority over these permits, neighborhoods will be notified as to wrecking applications as an opportunity to voice any concerns. The property was discussed and the neighborhood took the position of no issue / no opinion. Councilmember Goodman was present at the end of the discussion and will report back to her office that CIDNA has taken no opinion to this matter.

### **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 and Park Board election.

**Hidden Beach update:** Councilmember Goodman shared information about some recent arrests and disturbances at Cedar Lake Hidden beach. Evidently some people have been congregating on lawns and private property. 5 arrests have been made in the last few weeks and both Minneapolis and Park police are continuing to monitor the situation.

**New Walker Library:** A meeting is set for July 16 at the library (2880 Hennepin Ave.), 6:30-8pm, to discuss plans to replace the current building. Hennepin County Commissioner Gail

Dorfman is looking for community input. The County Board has approved capital funds for the project. A new building may be more cost-effective than making on-going repairs.

**2840 Chown:** The ongoing issue with the condition of the home at 2840 Chown was brought up. This is a property about which surrounding neighbors have been reporting to both 311 and Housing Inspection Services for more than 15 years. Neighbors are growing increasingly concerned about both the health and safety effects this property presents to the community. Often in the summer months, affected neighbors cannot be in their yards because of the odor emanating from the house.

Councilmember Goodman stated that there are 100s of problem properties all over the city. Because there may be some mental health issues with the homeowner and that beyond the Senior Ombudman, Ruth Kildow, who has visited the property, this is a Health and Human services issue beyond the scope of the City. Also, because this homeowner is current with all utilities and taxes, there is only so much that can be done within the law.

Suggestions included:

- 1) Continue to report code violations to 311 (311 has reported that there are many open violations on this property)
- 2) Get the County involved
- 3) Get a meeting with the current Housing Inspector and alert the Board so that members can be present to show support. At this time, we are waiting for the District Supervisor to return from vacation (7/20) to learn who the new inspector is covering this neighborhood.

Follow-up: Subsequent to this meeting, Councilmember Goodman's office has responded with the position that:

- 1) the resident of this property does not have mental health issues
- 2) the property does not qualify for assistance from any other lever of government
- 3) it is the inspector's and Ruth Kildow's job to determine the safety of the property
- 4) the only open violation on the property is repainting the trim

The neighbors next door to the property have responded to Ms. Goodman's office with some information regarding the homeowner's current family status that was inconsistent with facts stated in the Ward 7 response.

**NRP Committee Update:** Ed Bell reported that Damon Farber has made progress with the Park Board on the Cedar South Beach renovation project. The project is being initially well received. There is no detailed survey of the beach area available so next steps will include collecting bids to survey. Next meeting will be scheduled per Damon's availability.

**Transit Committee Update:** Matthew Dahlquist reported several upcoming committee meetings and public hearings regarding the Southwest Transitway. For more information on any of these meetings, please go to: <http://www.southwesttransitway.org/>

- **Community Advisory Committee**  
6:00 - 7:30 PM, Jul 22 @ Wolfe Lake Professional Center  
Art will be back and able to attend. If not, Matthew will go as his backup.
- **Southwest LRT Open House**  
11:30 - 1:00, Aug 13 @ Minneapolis Central Library

This is to be the public release of the evaluation of each alignment - ridership, cost, mobility, environmental impacts, etc.

- **Policy Advisory Committee**  
8:00 - 9:30 AM, Aug 26 @ St. Louis Park City Hall  
This MAY be the meeting where they choose the preferred alternative.
- **Policy Advisory Committee Public Hearing**  
6:30 PM, Sep 17 @ Location TBD  
This will probably be to solicit feedback on the evaluation and/or route selection.

**Midtown Greenway Report:**

- The Minnesota Office of Energy Security (OES) conducted a public meeting on June 18 and will continue to take comments by email or mail through July 10 regarding the scope of their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Xcel's Hiawatha Project.
- **Tour de Fat** will come to Minneapolis for the first time. This will be an event promoting bicycles transportation, and benefiting the Midtown Greenway Coalition. The event will be on Saturday, July 18, 2009, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Parade Athletic Fields by the Walker Art Center's Sculpture Garden. The Coalition is Also Looking for Volunteers to Pour Beer! Please visit [www.greenwaycoalition.org](http://www.greenwaycoalition.org) for more information.

**CIDNA Fall Festival Budget:** Judy Berge proposed (in abstentia) a budget for the 2009 Fall Festival to be held on Sunday, September 20, 1:00-4:00pm at Park Siding Park. The budget of \$1,700 included mailings, rentals, supplies and miscellaneous. The budget was approved by unanimous vote. Gail Lee mentioned that CIDNA now has a "ghost permit" on file so that non-profit rates can be used for mailings. Gail also suggested that possibly this year CIDNA consider having a non-perishable food donation box for Joyce Food Shelf available.

**Request for Variance:** Martin Richmond presented remodeling plans for his home at 3539 Cedar Lake Ave. Plans include addition of dormers to the house and building a gable roof on the garage. Martin stated that his immediate neighbors have already signed off on and are in agreement with the plans. Ed Bell commented on the beautiful results the Richmond's have had with previous remodeling and landscaping projects. Charlie Elowson made the motion (Ed Bell seconded) of no objection to the variance application. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. CIDNA Board will not be meeting in August as it is National Night Out. The next CIDNA Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 6:00pm, at the Jones Harrison Residence.