



Minutes of September 8, 2009 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, Matthew Dahlquist, Stephen Goltry, Gail Lee, Don Ostrom, Bob Corrick, Ed Bell, Ken Moritz, Claire Ruebeck, Judy Berge

Guests present: Rogers Adams

Agenda and Minutes approved: Bob Corrick added a rezoning issue to the meeting agenda and the minutes from the 7/7/09 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Update: Current account balance is: \$19,360.12. Treasurer noted that some Park Board expenditures were made for the Fall Festival since the last meeting and \$10,000 will going to the KEIP (Kenwood Environmental Improvement Project) within the next few weeks.

Fall Festival Update: Judy Berge updated the Board as to the status of the Fall Festival. Concern was raised regarding the closure of all parkways on Sept 20 for the Minneapolis Bike Tour. These closures would potentially and primarily impact the delivery of the tent, chairs and tables that morning. Judy asked for volunteers to help with setup, the event and tear down.

Councilmember Goodman Update: Councilmember Goodman was not present at the September meeting.

Transit Committee Update: Art Higinbotham reported on 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/>

Matthew Dahlquist informed the Board that the Technical Advisory Committee would be meeting Thursday, September 10 at the St Louis Park City Hall. At this meeting (open to the public, but not open to public commentary) the TAC would make their recommendation for the locally approved alternative - which would be based on the preliminary data available.

(Note: Art forwarded the following information on Thursday, 9/10: *"The TAC approved a resolution supporting Route 3A (Kenilworth) as the locally preferred alternative this morning. Three amendments were attached: one on the TCW rail relocation, one on the maintenance of the existing trail system, and a third (contents of which I cannot recall). Don Pflaum asked that the resolution and the amendments be put up on the SW Transit website, so I suggest you look at them there. Don started to offer a fourth amendment calling for adequate mitigation in the narrow part of the Kenilworth corridor, but withdrew it after comments from other TAC members that it was dealing with only one specific mitigation issue. The vote was a roll call, with Amy Vennewitz of Met Council abstaining (on the basis that the Met Council will consider the LPA later) and Bob Suko of TC&W abstaining; all other TAC members (about 7 of them)*

voted for the resolution. The amendments had previously been approved unanimously. Ralph Remington, George Puzak, Eric Lind and I stayed for essentially the entire proceedings, which lasted until 11:30 and included lots of questions on the transparency of the ridership data, in particular, and the currency of the comprehensive plans. Many of the TAC members had received and read our one-page summary supporting the Uptown route; I gave Ralph an additional copy at the start of the meeting.

Apparently, the Minneapolis updated comp plan has been approved, but ones from Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Edina are still not approved”

Upcoming Meetings:

Policy Advisory Committee Public Hearing - September 17, 2009 (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)

Hosted by the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority on behalf of the Southwest Policy Advisory Committee Eisenhower Community Center Theater 1001 Highway 7 Hopkins, MN 55305

Community Advisory Committee Meeting - September 23, 2009 (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm) Wolfe Lake Professional Center 5000 W. 36th Street St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Policy Advisory Committee Meeting - September 30, 2009 (8:00 am - 9:30 am) St. Louis Park City Hall 5005 Minnetonka Blvd. St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Art Higinbotham remarked that a position paper including petition data as well as questions pertaining to ridership data would be presented at upcoming meetings.

Art added that there was an Environmental report on Southwest Transitway Web site (<http://www.southwesttransitway.org/project-progress-past-a-future.html>), which describes impact to natural resources, parklands and cultural/historical properties.

Also noted and discussed was the information that the Whittier Alliance has voted not to support the 3C alternative. This position statement can be found at www.whittieralliance.org.

Midtown Greenway Report: The Greenway Coalition is taking the lead on the Xcel Energy high voltage power line issue and has contracted with an environmental lawyer for input. A motion was made that – “If appropriate and permissible under NRP rules, CIDNA would donate up to \$1,500 to help pay for said attorney fees.” The motion passed.

NRP Committee Update: \$112,812 of Phase I funds remain available to be contracted into neighborhood projects. A total of 86% of Phase I funds have now been contracted and of that, including the Kenwood School project, a little over 83% is expended. Add in additional expenditures for the '09 Fall Festival and for all other practical purposes, CIDNA now meets the 85% expended threshold to enter into Phase II.

CIDNA's allocation for Phase II is \$261,420. Of that allocation, 70% must be used for housing or housing related strategies. Only 80% of these total funds can be expended in the first three years after the plan is adopted. The CIDNA NRP Committee will be soliciting community input at the Fall Festival, Sunday, September 20, for the creation of the Phase II draft plan.

Land Use Committee Update: The Community Planning and Economic Development staff is proposing zoning changes affecting neighborhood. The recommendations and other information can be found at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/mgrs.asp. Hard copies of maps can be viewed at the Public Service Center, 250 South 4th Street, Room 300. Comments will be accepted up until September 28th, but in order to insure that your comments are given the fullest consideration

possible, you are encouraged to forward them as early as possible. Please forward any comments or questions to mgrs@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

A public hearing was scheduled for September 28th to consider the rezoning recommendations. However, at the time of this writing, we have been informed this meeting would be delayed and split into two hearings. The rescheduled hearing date has yet to be announced.

Park Board Candidate Forum: Art Higinbotham moved that CIDNA make a \$50 donation to the League of Women Voters to support a Park Board Candidate forum.

Change in Board Meeting time: Steve Gove moved to change the CIDNA Board meetings from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.