



CEDAR ISLES DEAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 8, 2012

The February Board meeting was held at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Board Members in attendance: Vice Chair Art Higinbotham, Treasurer Ed Bell, Secretary Ryan Fox, Judy Berge, Ed Ferlauto, Stephen Goltry, David Shirley, Craig Westgate and Mike Wilson. Staff: Monica Smith

Vice Chair Art Higinbotham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Announcements

- Neighborhood and Community Relations is holding the first annual Community Connections Conference on February 11. Board members and residents are invited.
- Notice of Public Hearing for ordinances relating to land subdivision on February 21, 4:30 at City Hall.
- The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will seek public comment on a reconstruction plan for Parade Parkway, March 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Kenwood Community Center.
- Paint-a-Thon is accepting applications for homes to be painted in the summer of 2012.
- A new single family home will be built at 3420 29th St. W. Construction will begin in the spring.

CPP/NRP budget update

Monica Smith provided budget details for the Community Participation Program (CPP) and NRP.

The next meeting of the NRP Committee will be Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 p.m.

Sunset Boulevard

Ryan Fox discussed plans for finalizing the sidewalk decision on Sunset Boulevard. The suggestion was made to offer two meetings for Sunset residents to reach the 75% approval needed for the sidewalk location. Ryan Fox and Mike Wilson will door knock the residents who were not able to attend the meeting.

Council Member Lisa Goodman, Ward 7

- Lunch with Lisa is February 29, noon at St. Thomas. State Representative Marion Greene will be the guest.
- City budget is now on line on the City's website: www.minneapolismn.gov.
- Also check the City's website for openings on boards and commissions.

- Preliminary redistricting maps were recently released. One option shows all of CIDNA in Ward 7, the other shows all of CIDNA in Ward 10. Public hearings will be February 29, 5-7 p.m. at Webber Community Center and March 1, 5-7 p.m. at Hosmer Library. More information is on the Charter Commission webpage: www.minneapolismn.gov/charter.
- Neither Lisa Goodman nor Meg Tuthill will be at CIDNA's March meeting.

Transportation

In December, the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) passed a resolution that HCRRA will amend the DEIS to include freight line relocation in the scope of the Southwest LRT, and freight location either to the MN&S corridor or within the Kenilworth corridor will be included as an element of the overall Southwest LRT project that will be subject to environmental review.

R.L. Banks & Associates determined that the minimum space requirement for freight and LRT operating side by side is 76 feet. The right-of-way between W. Lake St and Cedar Lake Parkway is 62 feet at its most narrow.

Ed Ferlauto presented two resolutions. Chair Gail Lee was not in attendance but was allowed to vote by proxy.

Summary of resolution 1: "The CIDNA Board requests that the co-location of the freight rail SWLRT on the Kenilworth Corridor be denied." The resolution was unanimously approved.

Summary of resolution 2: "The CIDNA Board requests that the location of the SWLRT be reconsidered to include options studied during the SWAA PAC studies and any other options that would meet the cost and environmental criteria of the FTA." The motion to approve resolution 2 did not pass (3 yeas, 7 opposes). The motion to table resolution 2 until such time as the FTA makes a decision on co-location was approved (with 1 vote opposed).

Midtown Greenway Coalition Report

- The Public Utilities Commission voted to bury power lines under 28th Street.
- Greenway Coalition is planning a Winter Wonder Walk/Ride on February 11, noon at Midtown Bike Center. All are invited.
- Metro Transit will begin an Alternatives Analysis to review transit options between the Hiawatha LRT and the proposed W. Lake Station of the Southwest LRT. Mike Wilson will serve as CIDNA's representative for the Alternatives Analysis.

Area Stakeholders Report

Meg Forney from West Calhoun Neighborhood Council (WCNC) attended the meeting to discuss a health and wellness event planned for April 21 to promote the business district near Lake and Excelsior (Calhoun Village and Calhoun Commons). WCNC is developing and funding a brochure for the area and is asking for CIDNA to support the event. The Board unanimously approved a motion to match WCNC's \$1200 contribution to fund the wellness event and the brochure.

Weisman Project Update

Bob Corrick, Chair of CIDNA's Land Use and Development Committee, provided minutes of the January 23rd meeting with Bigos Development regarding a proposed 150-170 unit apartment building at Lake St and Thomas Ave. Two options were presented (a tower and a pancake style). The project appears to be 20% larger than the Lander project previously approved at the site. The committee encouraged Bigos to consider other options. The next meeting is February 13.

Carol Lansing, an attorney with Faegre Baker Daniels, has been hired by a group of neighborhood residents to work on their behalf. The neighbors will provide legal information from Faegre to CIDNA and its Land Use Committee. This information will include analysis of applicable Minneapolis zoning laws and a legal comparative analysis of the proposed Bigos development with other real estate projects in the Lakes Area.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Brownie Lake CAC

The Park Board is holding an open house to review and discuss improvements to Brownie Lake. The open house is February 14, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Kenwood Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting

Wednesday, March 14 at Jones-Harrison, 6:00 p.m.

--Submitted by Monica Smith