

Minutes
Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2003
Jones-Harrison Residence

Call to Order: Pursuant to prior notice, Chad Larsen, President, called the CIDNA Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2003 at the Jones-Harrison Residence. A quorum of directors was present.

Board Members Attending: The following directors were present: Judy Berge, Tom Buck, Bob Corrick, Carla Sariin-Egerman, Kathy Hendricks, Chad Larsen, David Shirley, Cherrie Zitzlsperger, Billy Weisman.

Guests Attending: Vivian Mason-Mpls. Park Board Commissioner, Robyn Repya, Southwest Journal, Doug Kress, Assistant to Council Member Lisa Goodman.

Excused Absences: Charlie Elowson, Ken Moritz.

Commissioner Vivian Mason's Report: Commissioner Mason spoke about the closing of the Cedar Lake Parkway bridge. Reconstruction of the bridge will be delayed as a result of piling requirements that were twice as deep as expected. The bridge will be open to two-way traffic from about October through March. Completion will not occur until at least next year.

The Park Board has moved to its new facilities. Commissioner Mason will distribute information about the new address.

Kathy Hendricks inquired about the success of the Parkway closing. Commissioner Mason responded that the closing has been generally well received. Volunteers are needed for the final closing this year, which is to occur on the last Sunday in October. Ms. Hendricks stated that many residents on Thomas Avenue S. are concerned about the heavy traffic on their street, which proceed at high speeds and ignore stop signs.

Billy Weisman inquired about the status of the budget cuts. Commissioner Mason reported that funds have been obtained from the General Mills Foundation and other private sources to keep the recreation centers open and the water fountains operating. She encouraged citizens to contact the Park Board to support continued operation of the fountains even if funds were short in those cases where private funds were obtained to improve and operate facilities.

Council Member Goodman's Report: Doug Kress repeated Commissioner Mason's concerns about the Cedar Lake Parkway bridge closing. The next Lunch with Lisa, to take place in September, will include past council members. Mr. Kress encouraged residents to volunteer as the receptionist at the City Council offices. The budget cuts required elimination of this paid position. A letter from Council Member Goodman concerning this topic is attached.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 3rd meeting were distributed. Bob Corrick and Tom Buck recommended that the Board approve these minutes at the October meeting because the minutes were distributed late to the entire Board.

Financial Action Item: Mr. Buck presented the financial statements.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the financial statements dated August 31, 2003 by Kathy Hendricks. The motion was seconded by David Shirley. The motion was approved unanimously. No abstentions were cast.

Variance Committee: Mr. Larsen reported that the City Council voted 9 to 4 against the variance request at 2601 Sunset Blvd. Judy Berge, Chair of the Variance Committee, reported that the Committee voted to support the variance request from Martha Rehkamp on West 28th St.

CIDNA Fall Festival: Judy Berge confirmed that the event will be held on September 14th this year. Volunteers are needed to break down the tables and chairs. All residents are encouraged to attend this free event. Cherrie Zitzlsperger stated that Jones Harrison could contribute some massage therapy time for a raffle. Ms. Berge indicated a possible interest in this contribution.

Jones Harrison Fund-raiser: Ms. Zitzlsperger stated that Jones Harrison is a 501(c)(3) corporation, which solicits tax deductible contributions. The morning before the Fall Festival, Jones Harrison sponsors a fundraising event--the Stroll and Roll. Residents are encouraged to participate in a walk or 5K run. A fact sheet about Jones Harrison Residence is attached.

Lake Street Re-paving: Bob Corrick stated that the Midtown Greenway Coalition is a member of the Project Advisory Committee making recommendations regarding the Lake Street re-paving. The primary issue concerns 3- or 4-lane configuration. Mr. Buck stated that a 3-lane configuration would drive more traffic into the neighborhood. Other members of the Board confirmed this opinion.

ACTION: Mr. Buck moved that CIDNA support a 4-lane configuration for the Lake Street re-paving project. Ms. Zitzlsperger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Midtown Greenway Landscaping: Mr. Corrick informed the Board that the Coalition is considering a resolution supporting native plants in the Midtown Greenway. No strong opinions were expressed by members of the Board concerning this topic.

Buckthorn Removal: Gini Housum and Chad Larsen met regarding buckthorn removal. Ms. Housum will tag buckthorn at the Fall Festival to increase awareness.

Cedar Lake Trail: The Cedar Lake Park Association is working with Jones Harrison Residence on a trail beginning at the home and ending at the wetlands west of Cedar Lake. CIDNA's support may be requested as this project progresses.

Adjournment: As there was no further business before the board, Ken Moritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Meetings of the CIDNA board are generally held in the Lake Room of the Jones-Harrison Residence on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of October 2003 at the Jones-Harrison Residence. Approved minutes from previous meetings may be obtained from the President or Secretary of the Board.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Mr. Robert R. Corrick, Secretary. The minutes were adopted at the board meeting held on October 7, 2003.