Minutes
Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 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, December 2, 2003 at the Jones-Harrison Residence. A quorum of directors was present.

Board Members Attending: The following directors were present: David Shirley, Steve Gove, Tom Buck, Charlie Elowson, Bengt Sohlen, Ken Moritz, Bob Corrick, Kathy Hendricks, Chad Larsen, Carla Sariin-Egeman, Billy Weisman, Judy Berge.
Guests Attending: Robyn Repya, Southwest Journal, Pat Scott, John Harner, John and Lisa Nicora, Jeff Laux, Roger Adams, Ginny Housum, Donn Waage.
Excused Absences: Cherrie Zitzlsperger

Council Member Goodman's Report:
Council Member Goodman confirmed that Lunch with Lisa will not be held at La Toscana because the restaurant has closed. She will announce the new location of these lunches at a future date.

Construction on the Cedar Lake Bridge will re-commence next spring. In the meantime, the traffic detours are unlikely to change.

The Walker Parking Ramp is open. Lisa encouraged us to visit the project. The parking ramp is unique, and the art in the process of construction is interesting. The Walker restaurant is closing at the end of the month.

The truth in taxation notices have been sent out. Few residents have called. Council Member Goodman passed out a "Frequently Asked Question" piece. Lisa pointed out that there are two ways to receive property tax relief: (1) tax rebate for those whose taxes have increased more than 12%, (2) tax assistance for those with minimal income.

Council Member Goodman thanked Judy Berge and Arlene Fried for providing clerical assistance to the City Council.

City of Lakes Loppet Report:
John Harner presented information about the second annual City of Lakes Loppet. This is a great event for those families who do not have time to travel out to the local regional parks for cross-country skiing. The race is not just for highly trained skiers. The first event is a children's event. Cross-country skies will be available at no charge. This race will be followed by a high performance race. On Saturday, there will be a 10K tour. All participants are encouraged enter. There will be a limit of 500 entrants. This race will be followed by a 35K free style race. Spectators are encouraged to attend. There are many volunteer opportunities. Information can be obtained at info@cityoflakesloppet.com. Brochures were distributed. The contact person is Peg Galvin at 374-4110.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 7, 2003 meeting were distributed by Bob Corrick. David Shirley moved to approve the minutes and Tom Buck seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Walker Library Report:
Pat Scott presented a report about the Walker Library. She referred to an article about the library in the SW Journal. The Library Board has been debating closings due to budget cuts. The decision was made in June by the Board to reduce hours at all libraries with the objective to keep all physical assets in place in hopes that future budgets will permit resumption of normal hours. The Walker Library has another problem resulting from cracks in the parking ramp leading to the potential for leaks, which would cost $600,000 to repair. A funding request was presented to the City, which was declined for 2004 and 2005. The library referendum included $30,000,000 to upgrade the library information system. There has been an ongoing battle at City Hall regarding additional annual funds of about $1,600,000, which may be confirmed for 2006 through 2010.

The Walker Library is not in very good shape through all of this. About $440,000 has been allocated to the building for the needed repairs by the Board. An additional $200,000 or so can be obtained from a fund related to the old Walker Library building. Three options have been considered: (1) improve the existing library, (2) redevelop the site to include the library, and (3) sell the valuable site and place the library elsewhere. It has since been determined that an additional $300,000 would be needed to make other important improvements to the building. The site is really quite small because it cannot support parking very well, and the Library Board is not very prepared for development. It was estimated that sale of the building could yield about $1,500,000 compared to a reconstruction cost of $2,600,000. As a result, the project has been tabled for a while.

Ms. Scott believes that the Library should be saved and suggested that NRP funds might be used for this project. The Walker is an important library in the system, reporting the third largest circulation in the branch system. Ken Moritz inquired about the warranty on the library building. Ms. Scott was not aware of the warranty situation. Mr. Moritz also inquired about the interest of the private sector to provide funding solutions. Ms. Scott responded that this option was not out of the question, but that the central library is causing competition. Mr. Corrick inquired what money was available at other neighborhoods. Ms. Scott was not sure. Such an NRP allocation would required a change in strategy. Billy Weisman inquired whether the parking was income generating. Ms. Scott stated that a small amount of parking was operating by the City. Mr. Weisman also inquired about developing the lot above ground to expand capacity. Ms. Scott stated that she would research this idea. Steve Gove inquired whether we could be sure of the efficacy of improvements. Mr. Larsen will send the request to the NRP Committee.

Variance Committee: Judy Berge summarized the results of a Variance Committee meeting held on December 1, 2003 at the request of Jones Harrision Residence. Significant parking may be added on the east and west sides of the building in order to relieve parking congestion and traffic problems in the neighborhood. The consensus of the committee, without a vote, was that the project might be a good idea, but deserves further significant analysis and neighborhood input. The request to the neighborhood to be involved early in the process was appreciated. It was agreed that they would come back to us with a more specific proposal to which the neighborhood would react. Concerns related to continued parking and traffic flow on the street despite the improvements. The other piece of their proposal related to a park path leading down to Cedar Lake.

Ginni Housum stated that a very odd traffic situation occurs because many cars park on Chowen and Cedar Lake Avenue. It is a dangerous situation because drivers cannot easily see, and traffic is limited to one way. Ms. Housum indicated that traffic calming would be needed. Ms. Housum's second concern was whether the nursing home genuinely needed this additional parking. She would like to see more analysis of why they need additional parking. If there is going to be attention given to additional parking, Ms. Housum would rather see parking construction in a staged fashion. Many mature trees would be destroyed with the project as proposed. With respect to the path, there was some concern raised by Ms. Housum as to whether the new path would destroy too much of the woodlands when another path already exists, and could upgraded. Don Waage was concerned about the new trail. The trail he believes could remove more understory and add intrusive lighting.

Mr. Shirley would disagree that there are any high quality trees to be concerned about. He was also impressed with the amount money that is might be invested. Mr. Shirley also indicated that there might be a prohibition of speed bumps on Cedar Ave., a bus street. Mr. Shirley was not sure that a handicapped path would need to be lit. The variance committee may form a subcommittee concerning this problem, which would likely be composed of several immediate neighbors including Desmond Whitney, Ms. Housum and Mr. Waage.

Financial Statements: CIDNA's annual report to be filed with the Minnesota Attorney General was presented by Mr. Buck.

***ACTION ITEM*:** Be it resolved that the Board of the Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association hereby approves the content and attachment of the State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report for Year Ending May 31, 2003 for submission to the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Shirley moved and Ms. Hendricks seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Mr. Buck presented the financial statements for the 3-month period ended November 30, 2003. Ms. Berge inquired whether anyone received a $200 check from Stuart Ackerberg. No one received the check.

ACTION ITEM: Resolved that the Board of the Cedar Isles Dean Neighborhood Association hereby approves the content of its financial statements for the three month period ended November 30, 2003.

Ms. Hendricks moved and Mr. Shirley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

Transit Committee: Mr. Corrick summarized the meeting of the Transit Committee held on December 1, 203. He stated that the committee met to discuss whether the Board should give consideration to a position regarding the streetcar in the Midtown Greenway. Mr. Corrick stated that eight other neighborhoods have passed resolutions supporting the streetcar. In addition, other organizations such as the Midtown Community Works Partnership, the Lake Street Council, and the Midtown Greenway Coalition have announced support of the idea. Finally a number of political leaders such as Minneapolis City Council Members have announced their support for the project. In light of this activity, and CIDNA's resolution opposing the Southwest Light Rail Transit project, Mr. Corrick suggested that we may also want to consider a position, pro or con, regarding the streetcar.

Mr. Buck stated we do not have a specific proposal concerning the streetcar, and that much more information would be needed before a position could be taken. He strongly believes that no position should be taken by CIDNA at the present time. Ms. Hendricks inquired whether there was a significant time deadline. Both Mr. Corrick and Mr. Buck confirmed that no specific deadlines are looming, such as was the case with the Southwest Corridor LRT Project Advisory Committee. Bent Sohlen stated we have sufficient information available to make a preliminary conclusion. Information already available includes feasibility studies by Hennepin County/Metropolitan Council and the Midtown Greenway Coalition. The technology, Mr. Sohlen stated, is proven. Mr. Weisman inquired whether any neighborhood has opposed the streetcar. Mr. Corrick responded that there were no known neighborhoods opposing the project. Mr. Shirley stated that he and Mr. Corrick attended the public hearing for the Southwest LRT today. Substantial testimony was given in favor of the streetcar in the Greenway, which in his opinion had the effect of undermining CIDNA's work opposing the SW LRT. Mr. Corrick stated that support of the streetcar at today's hear represented another reason why CIDNA may want to take a position. Mr. Larsen stated that a position taken in the near future may be more important if CIDNA opposed the streetcar than if it supported the project.

Based on informal feedback from the Board, Mr. Larsen instructed the Transit Committee to develop possible resolutions to be considered by the Board during perhaps the February Board meeting.

Fall Festival: Ms. Berge passed out a financial statement for the 2003 Fall Festival. We saved $150 because we were not charged for the tent. The total budget was $1050 compared with $1019 of actual expenses. Burnett Realty will pay for about $150 of supplies, and Stuart Ackerberg's check of $200, if received, may reduce our expenses further.

Dean Green Rock: Ms. Hendricks presented the plaque for the rock. Augie Rivera will pick out the rock.

Nora's Closing: Mr. Larsen confirmed the closing of Nora's. Charlie Elowson stated that low-rise condominiums may be built in the back. Mr. Buck stated that there were rumors concerning high rise as well. Mr. Buck also heard that a restaurant may be built to replace the existing one. Mr. Buck stated that he may serve on a committee to deal with the developer.

Adopt A Greenway: Chad inquired whether anyone would like to lead this effort.

Adjournment: As there was no further business before the board, Ken Moritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 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 January 2004 at the Jones-Harrison Residence.

These minutes were prepared and submitted by Mr. Robert R. Corrick, Secretary. The minutes were adopted at the board meeting held on ________________, 2004.

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CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2003 @ 7:00 p.m.
Jones-Harrison Residence

AGENDA

Call to order - 7:00

Introduction of guests and Board - 7:00

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Council Member Lisa Goodman – 7:05
City of Lakes Loppet – Bill Callas – 7:25
Walker Library – Pat Scott – 7:35

Review/Approve Minutes October 7, 2003 Meeting (Action Item) – 7:50

Variance Committee – 7:55
Report of Committee Meeting

Treasurer's Report – 8:10
Charitable Organization Annual Report Resolution **(Action Item)**
Quarterly Report

Transit Committee – 8:20
Report of Committee Meeting

Old Business – 8:30
Fall Festival
Dean Green Rock

New Business - 8:45
Nora's Closing
Adopt-a-Greenway

Adjournment – 9:00

Next CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting: January 6, 2003

JONES-HARRISON RESIDENCE

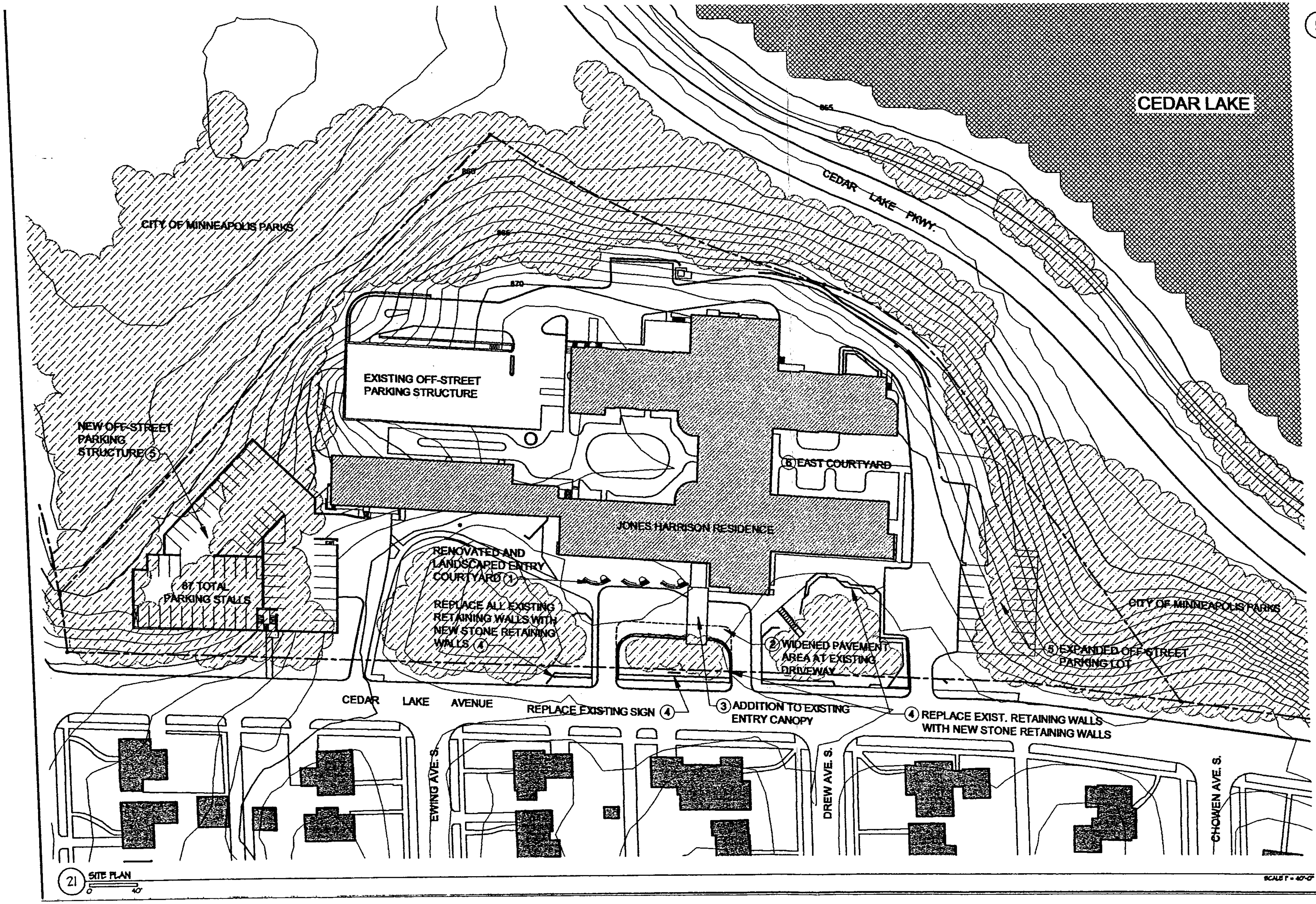
PROPOSED VARIANCE PROJECTS
CIDNA VARIANCE COMMITTEE
December 1, 2003

1. OFF STREET PARKING

- Provide additional off street parking east of the building as originally proposed in the 1999 facility remodel. Additional parking capacity would be designated as visitor parking.
- Provide additional off street parking by constructing a parking structure at the open area west of the current facility to France Avenue. The proposed west parking structure would consist of two levels with the upper level being roughly at the same elevation as the existing west parking area, and would provide 80 to 100 parking spaces.
- The proposed west parking structure would include interior storage space and an emergency generator room.

2. PARK ACCESS PATH

- Provide direct access for Jones-Harrison Residence and area neighbors to The Cedar Lake Park system.
- The path design intent would be to meet handicap requirements.
- This project is proposed as a partnership with the Cedar Lake Parks Association and Jones-Harrison Residence in conjunction with the Minneapolis Parks Department.



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EXISTING STRUCTURES

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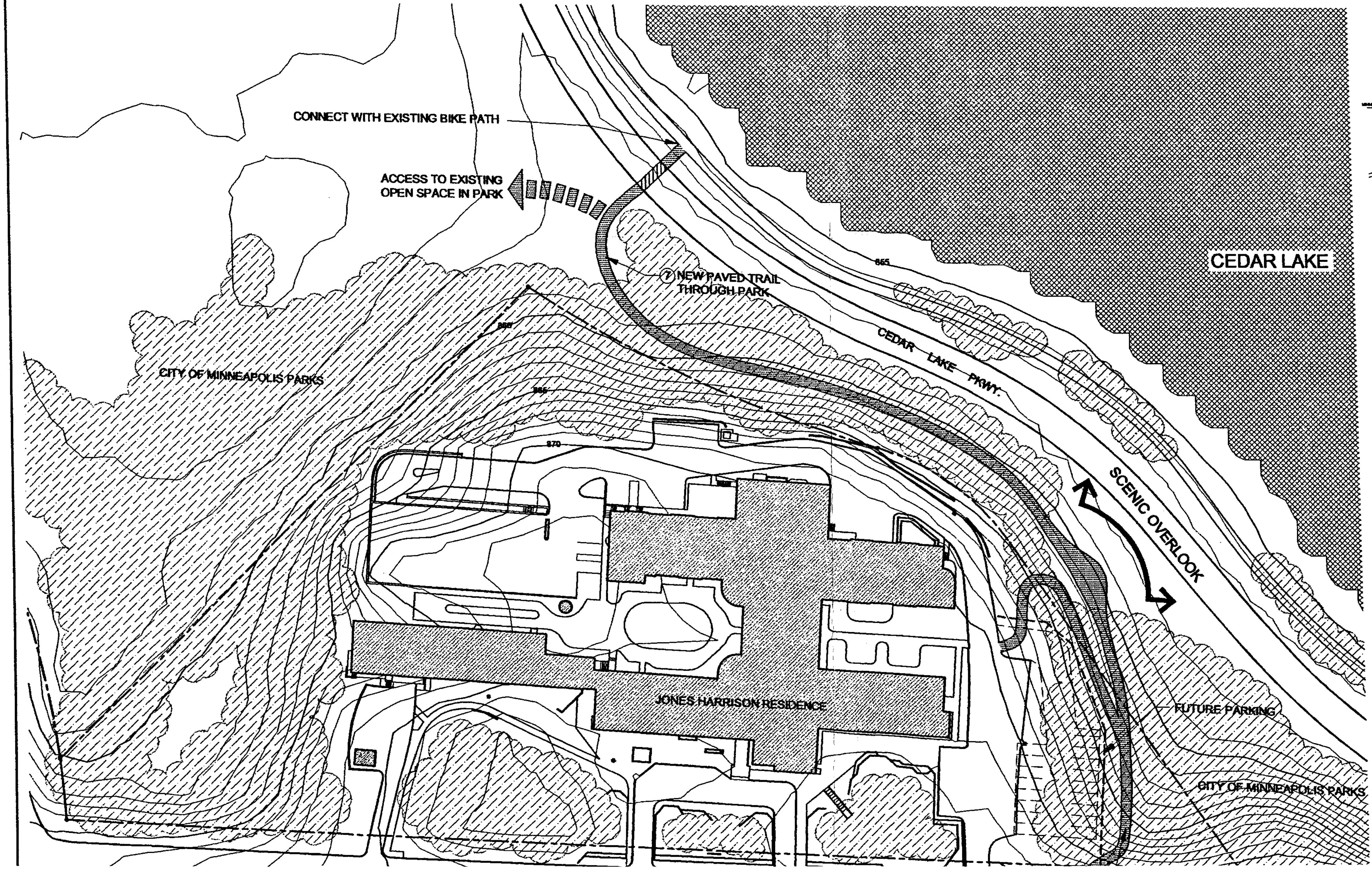

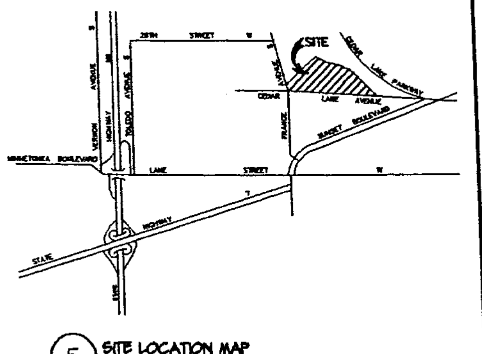

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To: CIDNA Board members

From: Judy Berge

Re: 2003 Fall Festival

The 2003 Fall Festival was held on Sunday, Sept 14 from 1:00---4:00 PM. The weather was perfect. It is difficult to estimate attendance because people came and went, but Jack from the Kenwood Rec Center estimated about 400 people, adults and lots of children! Every scrap of food was gone.

Due to a mistake by Aarcee rental, who gave us the wrong tent and then didn't have the right size when I came to exchange it, we weren't charged for the tent, which was a smaller size. This saved us $150. Luckily it didn't rain, but thanks to several strong volunteers, we put it up anyway and this proved to be a great decision—it gave a festive atmosphere to the area and provided a focal point for the food and raffles. In the future we will always put up the tent, rain or shine.

Funjump, who provided the moonwalk, agreed to bring the tables and chairs back to the Kenwood Rec Center for only $30, which saved us several hundred dollars in overtime for Park personnel.

Estimated Expenses:		Actual Expenses
Postage	$275	$316
Printing	125	132
Face Painting/ Storytelling	150	140
Food and Prizes	125	109
Tent---------------	150	-0-
Moonwalk----	150	190
Supplies	75	132
Total	$1050	1019

Charlie Elowson has arranged for Burnet to cover some of our supplies for about $120. There may be some additional donations yet to be accounted for.

We received food donations from Dixies, Caribou, Whole Foods, Applebees, and Super America.

The CIDNA Board authorized expenses not to exceed $1200.