

**Minutes of the CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.
Jones-Harrison Residence
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue**

CIDNA President Chad Larsen called the meeting of the CIDNA board to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

The following directors were in attendance: Chad Larsen, Tom Buck, Ken Moritz, Bob Corrick, Judy Berge, Cherrie Zitzlsperger, Ed Bell, Carla Sariin-Egerman Steve Gove

The following guests were present: Rodgers Adams, Robyn Repya (SW Journal), Lisa Goodman (City Council), Mary McGee, Ruth Jones (Cedar Lake Park Association), Jim Boyer, Jon Gurban

Jon Gurban, interim Superintendent for Minneapolis Parks and Recreation, discussed features of the Lake Harriet Bandshell restoration, and publicized the planned rededication festival planned for September 19, 2004. Tom Buck asked if the Park Board could take measures to increase the likelihood that bike riders would use proper paths in the parks. Mr. Gurban mentioned that signs along the paths are being renewed, including the signs that indicate maximum speed of 10 miles per hour. The park board is also issuing press releases to encourage people to use the right pathways. Carla Sariin-Egerman mentioned that lots of dogs use the parkland in the Dean Parkway and that owners are not cleaning up after them, as required by law. She asked if perhaps a partial cause could be inadequate receptacles in the area. Gurban said the park board would check that situation. Negotiations are under way to create a dog park near Lake Calhoun. Ed Bell observed that park police do not stop at stop signs in the neighborhood, thereby setting a bad example for other drivers. Finally, Mr. Gurban noted that an injection program to protect remaining elms and a program to add boulevard trees around the city will be discussed at the September Park Board meeting.

Jim Boyer, who works with the Twin Cities Marathon, outlined the Marathon's efforts to try to reconnect this nationally recognized event with the neighborhoods through which it runs. Publicity aims to increase awareness of activities for families taking place on Saturday, the day before the Marathon is run. The Marathon organization has a budget of \$1.9 million, a staff of 5, and enjoys and requires the support of approximately 250 volunteers. The event is completely funded from registrations. Mr. Boyer described the Marathon as the "2nd most popular destination marathon" in the country.

Ruth Jones, from the Cedar Lake Park Association, presented plans for the "Jones-Harrison Stroll and Roll" on September 18th from the residence to 21st St. and Upton. In addition there will be a 5-mile race, for which volunteers are needed to staff the watering stations. Ms. Jones praised the efforts of residents to remove buckthorn, and acknowledged that buckthorn eradication is a very long-term project. She also handed out a sign-up sheet for the Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society.

The minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting were discussed. Cherrie Zitzlsperger moved to accept the minutes, and Judy Berge seconded. All voted to accept, except Bob Corrick and Ken Moritz, who abstained, because they had not received the minutes.

Tom Buck presented the Treasurer's quarterly financial report. Among other things, the wine tasting at Campiello yielded \$357 to CIDNA. A donation for the tent fee reduced CIDNA's cost of participating in this event. Bob Corrick moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Ken Moritz seconded. All board members assented.

Lisa Goodman, City Council Member, invited all to attend "Lunch With Lisa" on September 22, 2004 at Tiburon. The plan is to have a discussion among School Board candidates. She encouraged voters to make sure they are registered to vote, and mentioned that if a person did not receive a recent newsletter from her office, that is a sign that they are not on the voter rolls. A local developer is considering purchase of the old Fingerhut building, currently occupied by Variant Insurance, and located next to the new Tryg's restaurant on Lake Street. Her understanding is that the developer is looking to build a 12-story tower, which would be at odds with the Lakeshore overlay zoning. The Cedar Lake Bridge reconstruction is on schedule and on budget, and will open soon. The committee appointed by the Library Board to explore mixed public-private redevelopment opportunities for the Walker Library site will have its first meeting in September. At present, four developers have expressed interest in the site. RFP's will probably come out of the committee meetings.

The CIDNA Fall Festival is planned for September 19, from 1-4 PM at Park Siding Park.

A Greenway Cleanup is planned for September 25th at 9:30 AM, behind Calhoun Village. Volunteers are needed.

Kathy Standing reported that requests for elm tree treatment are down compared to last year. The program has helped to preserve elms in the neighborhood. The Wedge neighborhood has based a similar campaign on the CIDNA program. Ed Bell noted that in the past it was possible to treat elms yourself using material available in hardware stores and nurseries. He was not certain if this was still true. The larger loss of elm trees throughout the city this year is due, at least in part, to drought conditions and a warm winter last year. The season for injection is almost over as the trees begin their annual shut-down. Treatment may begin again next June for those who desire to preserve their elms.

Bob Corrick said that he has received confirmation that the Weisman Enterprises building is for sale, and that the owners hope to have new development on the site.

The development project on the Ackerberg owned site on Lake Street has retained an architect, and would like to present their plans to the CIDNA board. Board members were open to this idea.

Ken Moritz moved that the meeting adjourn at approximately 7:30 PM.