

**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 6:02 PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2004.

The following directors were in attendance: Chad Larsen, Tom Buck, Bengt Sohlen, Kathy Hendricks, Dave Shirley, Ken Moritz, Ed Bell, Carla Sariin-Egerman, Steve Gove, Charlie Elowson

The following guests were present: Vivian Mason, Park Board Commissioner; and Carol Meyer, residing at 2928 Dean Parkway; and Lisa Goodman, City Council.

Vivian Mason informed the CIDNA board that Park Board meetings are broadcast on cable channel 14, and normally take place from 5-7 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month. In addition there are two upcoming special meetings to consider the budget on the second Wednesday of November and to consider the superintendent search on the second Wednesday of December. Some Park Board members were surprised in August to discover that funds they had not known about previously were available and some use of them to do work on Bryn Mawr Meadows and study moving the Park Police offices to the Park Board Headquarters had been authorized by the interim Superintendent without receiving prior review from the Park Board. Moving the Police to Park Board Headquarters is at odds with an earlier plan to rent out the bottom of the building in order to pay of debt incurred in previous construction at the building. Vivian also reported that the Tin Fish concession on the northeast corner of Lake Calhoun has been a success, and has yielded good revenue for the Park Board. There will be a dedication of the new children's playground near 24th St. and Cedar Lake Parkway in the Spring. So far only 8 applications have been received for the position of Parks Superintendent, and public hearings have taken place. Plans exist to set up a foundation to undertake projects which the Park Board cannot legally pursue.

Tom Buck moved to accept the September minutes, and Ken Moritz seconded. Kathy Hendricks and Dave Shirley abstained. All others voted aye.

The Fall Festival was on budget, and well attended.

Chad Larsen reported that the Variance Committee had been notified that the signs on the end cap at Calhoun Village exceeded the size allowed by ordinance, and that the owners had applied for a variance, looking for permission to increase coverage to 302 square feet, although they only plan to use 104 square feet now. A meeting on the variance with the city is scheduled for October 21. Dave Shirley moved that the board resolve: No support to increase the currently allowed maximum permitted wall signage area of 75 square feet. Tom Buck seconded. All present voted in favor of the resolution.

Chad Larsen reported that the Land Use And Development Committee met with architects and developer for the Varco/Fingerhut property. The development issues will be kept in committee for time being. Chad notified the board of a lunch meeting with the Ackerberg development group on October 13. Tom Buck called for discussions to develop a Board consensus on what we want for development near the Greenway and Lakes. Kathy Hendricks talked about the need to keep the Greenway from getting closed in by high structures. Ed Bell mentioned that parking and setback are issues for the development projects in the neighborhood.

Tom and Chad will meet with the Lander group about the Weisman site tomorrow at 4:30 at Caribou.

Doug Kress, in Lisa Goodman's office, will try to get the developers to come up with a cohesive plan taking into account the interests of the neighborhood.

Under new business, Chad informed the board that we had received a request from Kids Voting Minneapolis USA to adopt a precinct to take votes from kids. Under our tax status as a 501c3 organization, we cannot do this, because it is a political activity.

Lisa Goodman informed the Board that October 27, 2004 will be the last Lunch With Lisa this year. This last meeting will be an open session where guests can ask any city government questions they wish to ask. The previous meeting, a debate between school board candidates, was heavily attended, and regarded as successful and informative. Lunch With Lisa meetings take place at Tiburon restaurant at 12th and Harmon. The Walker Library meetings are underway, with the next meeting scheduled for October 13, 4:30-6:30 PM at the Walker Library. Another meeting is scheduled for November 18 from 1-2:30 PM. The Kenwood school crosswalk has been repainted as part of a policy to repaint certain critical crosswalks. Construction at Tryg's restaurant is going well. City Inspectors have been insuring that the site is kept clean. The Board and Lisa discussed parking and traffic safety concerns related to the new developments on the north side of Lake St. A Board member wondered about the possibility of creating access through the back of Calhoun Village. Lisa announced that Chad Larsen has been appointed to the Heritage Preservation Commission. Lisa presented the planned changes to Snow Emergency regulations, affecting the 2nd and 3rd day parking restrictions. Lisa encouraged citizens to call her office if they noticed cars that had not been moved as required during a Snow Emergency, so that those cars can be towed quickly and the streets cleared. She said this applied even when the street had already been partially plowed, leaving one or more cars that the plows had to go around. The desire is to remove those cars and come back and complete plowing of the street. Leaving streets incompletely plowed because of individual cars that had not been moved as required, increases the likelihood that the city would have to go to one side of the street parking at some point in the winter. Finally, although city ordinance now permits parking on streets before the restriction time ends if the street is completely plowed, it is important that parkers know that a street is not considered completely plowed if cars parked in violation have prevented plowing to the curb along the whole length of the street.

Dave Shirley moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.