

**Minutes of the CIDNA Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, January 4, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Jones-Harrison Residence  
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue**

Chad Larsen, President, called the meeting of the CIDNA board to order at 6:02 pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

The following directors were in attendance: Cherrie Zitzlsperger, Ed Bell, Kathy Hendricks, Charlie Elowson, Chad Larsen, Tom Buck, David Shirley, Bob Corrick, Ken Moritz, Judy Berge.

Excused Absences: Carla Egerman, Bengt Sohlen

David Shirley moved that the meetings from the December 7, 2004 meeting be approved. Changes to the attendance list were requested and added to the minutes. Judy Berge seconded the motion to approve. All present voted aye.

Guests. Mace Goldfarb. Linda Schutz. Ruth Jones. Rodgers Adams. Marissa Lassky.

Chad Larsen asked that the treasurer's report be added to the published agenda, and the board agreed.

Tom Buck presented the treasurer's report. After brief discussion, Bob moved approving the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial statement. Cherrie seconded, and the motion carried. Add treasurer's report to agenda.

Report from the Land Use and Development committee:

A meeting with Mathwig developers immediately preceded this board meeting. Tom reported that Mathwig presented a new version of their project. It showed a big effort to back away from the greenway and stagger the height of the buildings. Parking is tight, but more generous than code requires. The parking plan calls for 134 resident spaces and 32 visitor spaces. A variance will be required for the height of the middle section, which will house an exercise area. The excess height is a matter of a few feet. The committee does not oppose this variance. A desire was expressed for a neighborhood meeting in January, with full Board review of plans scheduled for the February directors meeting, if possible. It was noted again that the height, although it conforms to the underlying zoning, will require a conditional use permit under the shore overlay. A board member commented that although the middle section adds architectural value, it will set a precedent, if allowed. An attempt will be made to publish a date for a neighborhood meeting before the end of January in the Southwest Journal.

The Ackerberg project will present their plans at a January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 4 pm. There are significant design changes since they last presented plans. The Land Use and Development committee and anyone else are welcome to attend this meeting.

Michael Lander and associates plan a neighborhood meeting on January 13 at 7 pm. He has sent a postcard to people in the neighborhood. A board member will introduce the context in which development is occurring in our area and state the purpose of the meeting. A board member offered the opinion that the board should lead the meeting. It might be appropriate to present pertinent information about the zoning code. Lander has no plans at the present time, but wants to talk with the neighborhood to get an idea of what kind of projects the neighborhood would accept. Hope was expressed that he knows of past opposition to certain kinds of over-development from CIDNA and other neighborhood organizations, that he knows city will want to uphold the zoning. The board must face the fact again, that the shore line overlay will be difficult to apply. The plan is that a board member will offer information about what other developers have adhered to in the neighborhood and what the zoning code requires.

Variance committee:

Judy Berge reported that the city council has passed the request for a non-conforming use variance on Benton Ave.

Last year CIDNA received a bill from the East Isles neighborhood association for a skating party that took place on Lake of the Isles during the 2004 City of Lakes Loppet. CIDNA had received no request for assistance nor any notification of the event until after the event. Chad posed the question: how should we respond this year if a request comes from East Isles? The board concluded that we should contact the East Isles board chairman before deciding on any action.

Ruth Jones said that they were looking for volunteers for the snack area during the Loppet. This will probably be set up at Vivian Mason's. Board and neighbors are encouraged to volunteer.

Lisa Goodman reported on city activities. Christmas tree pick-up will be made with garbage. Trees must be cut to be less than 6 feet. Lunch with Lisa is scheduled for the third Wednesday. Representative Dee Long will speak about the city's employee pension liabilities. The liabilities are large, and to some extent unpredictable, as reported in the press. A significant portion of the city's budget is already devoted to debt repayment, and unless the pension plan is restructured, there could be tremendous taxpayer liability, perhaps reaching something on the order of 385 million dollars by 2010. Today the total annual tax levy is only 275 million, by comparison. The pension fund is managed by beneficiaries. The current structure gives beneficiaries bonuses in years when the funds investments do well, but imposes no penalties in years where the fund does badly.

The Walker Library Request for Proposal is out.

Streets in Bryn Mawr near the north end of Cedar Lake are scheduled for repaving. However, the project does not include bumpy stretches of France and Ewing Avenue, which are largely in St. Louis Park.

Marissa Lassky, a member of the wind surfers' association presented objections to the construction of a new building for concessions and the Calhoun Yacht Club. The wind surfer's association feels the new building would create wind and safety problems for wind surfers. She noted that ECCO had voted unanimously in opposition to the project.

Tom moved to adjourn at approximately 8 pm.