

Neighborhood Organization Information

1. NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)

2. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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3. DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL

Once your board has reviewed this draft annual report, please provide the date of the meeting at which the board approved submission of this report to NCR. Note: Meeting minutes may be requested by NCR.

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Stakeholder Involvement - Basic Outreach & Engagement

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DID YOUR ORGANIZATION USE IN 2016?

4. MEETINGS (please check all that apply)

- Held regular committee meetings or discussion groups that are open to all stakeholders.
- Held at least one general membership or community meeting (in addition to the annual meeting) to gather input from residents and other stakeholders for a neighborhood specific initiative.
- Hosted at least one general membership or committee meeting in response to a City request for input - such as a development proposal, transit planning or public works project.
- Conducted one or more focus groups.

5. DOOR-TO-DOOR (please check all that apply) Door-Knocking or Dropping Flyers Door-to-Door

- At least once with goal of reaching a portion of neighborhood.
- At least once with goal of reaching most or all of neighborhood.
- For more than one issue/outreach effort.
- On a routine basis.

6. Door-Knocking/Flyering

- Was carried out primarily by staff
- Was carried out primarily by volunteers

7. Door-Knocking/Flyering

- Was carried out primarily to increase membership and participation
- Was carried out primarily to get input on specific city or neighborhood issue
- Was carried out primarily to inform stakeholders of a city or neighborhood issue

8. Approximately how many households did your organization reach through door-knocking in 2016?

0

9. EVENTS (please check all that apply)

- Staffed a booth or table at neighborhood event or other community event that included sign-up sheets, surveys or information about your organization.
- Organized one or more issue specific event (such as a safety forum, housing fair, Open Streets, Creative Citymaking, etc).
- Organized smaller events for specific outreach to target audiences (e.g., sidewalk tabling to reach renters, lemonade stands, tabling at Farmer's Market, etc.)

10. OTHER (please check all that apply)

- Conducted at least one community-wide survey (such as a random sample or all-household survey).
- Conducted another form of survey (e.g., intercept survey).
- Developed partnerships with cultural, religious, professional or business associations to expand outreach into under-represented populations.
- Distributed a quarterly or semi-annual newsletter to all households.
- Other activities (please describe here):

Two neighborhood-wide mailings to promote CIDNA, advertised in local newspaper (Hill & Lake Press), published monthly meeting minutes in local newspaper. Placed fliers on community bulletin boards and in Little Free Library. Used lawn signs and banners placed in high-traffic areas to promote special events. Sent monthly e-newsletter to distribution list.

11. Please provide an estimate of volunteer hours provided to your organization in 2016

3,460

12. How did your organization reach out to under-represented groups in your neighborhood? (Please check all that apply)

- Worked on an issue of particular interest to an under-represented group within the neighborhood.
- Provided notices of annual and special meetings in multiple languages.
- Provided newsletter articles or web pages in multiple languages.
- Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach renters.
- Targeted tabling at other events or locations (such as farmers markets, cultural events, etc.).
- Held focus groups or open meeting formats for under-represented communities.
- Met with other agencies in the community that work closely with under-represented constituencies in the neighborhood.
- Included an Americans with Disabilities Act statement on meeting and event notices.
- Reviewed participation activities, and identified new leaders and volunteers for volunteer, committee and board participation.
- Held one-time/pop up events in areas of the neighborhood that don't often have neighborhood meetings
- Other activities (please describe here):

Two mailings are sent to every address in the neighborhood with the goal of raising awareness about CIDNA and inviting every resident to participate in the organization. Monthly neighborhood newspaper is delivered to residential properties in the neighborhood and is available at area businesses. The newspaper includes neighborhood news and events.

**13. What more would you like to tell NCR or the community about your Stakeholder Involvement?
What are you doing that is new or particularly successful to involve residents and others?**

A board member door-knocked residences on two blocks for a specific issue.

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Neighborhood Priorities

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY NEW PRIORITIES YOU HAVE APPROVED.

Southwest LRT remains the official Neighborhood Priority for CIDNA.

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2016 Highlights

PLEASE DESCRIBE ONE OR TWO MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- What was the issue or opportunity the neighborhood was facing?
- Who was impacted?
- What steps did you take to address the issue or opportunity?
- What was the outcome?

15. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #1

CIDNA has, for many years, been making attempts to enter into a cooperative planning process with the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board (MPRB) for redesign, rehabilitation and improvement of Cedar Lake South Beach and the surrounding bike and pedestrian access. Plans and drawing have been in the works for as far back as 1996.

Any efforts to move ahead with South Beach improvements were postponed by MPRB due to uncertainty of how Southwest LRT would impact the area. In the summer of 2014, the route for Southwest LRT was formally approved. Members of the CIDNA NRP Committee initiated a meeting with MPRB to once again advocate for South Beach improvements. MPRB agreed to undergo a planning process for the area if CIDNA provided the funding for the design study. CIDNA NRP funds were used to fund the study.

In the summer of 2015, MPRB held a series of three community meetings to collaboratively create a design for the construction of new facilities and amenities at this neglected beach. In April 2016, MPRB formally approved a plan detailing numerous proposed improvements at Cedar Lake South Beach. Unfortunately, no funding was available to implement the plans at any time in the near future.

In August 2016, an anonymous donor came forward with an offer to provide matching funds to implement the plans for South Beach.

CIDNA strategized to identify matching funding sources and worked with MPRB staff to map out a plan to utilize the private donation, Park Dedication Fees* and CIDNA NRP funds for the reconstruction and to get the project included in MPRB's Capital Improvement Plan for 2017.

CIDNA is pleased to report that the funding and approvals are in place for the construction of beach renovation to begin in September 2017. Cedar Lake is part of the

Chain of Lakes Regional Park. The beach, primarily funded by neighborhood funds, will be available for all users of the regional park to enjoy.

*The CIDNA NRP Committee created a tool to help facilitate discussion of proposed projects and the use of Park Dedication Fee dollars. The tool was used for the first time on this project.

16. MAJOR HIGHLIGHT #2

A second highlight for the Cedar-Isles-Dean neighborhood in 2016 was the focus on community engagement and livability issues.

CIDNA focused on community-building events such as our annual meeting, a game night in the park, Fall Festival and Art Mart. These events help raise awareness of the organization as well as bring people together to share information, discuss issues and work on solutions.

CIDNA spent considerable effort on livability issues such as addressing development pressures, providing feedback on transit projects, and advocating for pedestrian/bicycle safety on the busy commercial corridor.

- The Land Use Committee continued to work with developers of two large projects (90-units and 230-units) under construction in the neighborhood. They worked with the new owner of Calhoun Village on proposed changes and later in the year began working with a developer who is proposing a new 200-unit building.
- The Transportation Committee and countless neighborhood residents continued to work on issues related to the design, construction, and operation of Southwest LRT which are particularly sensitive in the neighborhood where LRT will be co-located with freight rail carrying hazardous materials in a narrow corridor running through a residential area.
- CIDNA continued to partner with West Calhoun Neighborhood Council on a joint safety committee that is advocating for traffic calming and safety improvements on Lake St (the busiest county road in Hennepin County) and Excelsior Blvd.