

Save Cedar Lake Park

UPDATE

December 1990

Support for Park Growing

Park reality depends on legislative funding.

Legislators offer key support. Six legislative districts are touched by the Wirth Plan, so the support of these legislators is critical. Dee Long, the House Majority leader has called this a "critical acquisition priority" and has given the project strong support. She will work with SCLP to analyze alternative funding. Similarly, Senator Alan Spear has been strongly supportive. He will have a meeting for SCLP with Steve Morse, new chair of the Senate natural resources funding committee. Representative Gloria Segal, St. Louis

Park indicated at a recent community meeting that both she and newly elected Senator Ted Mondale solidly support the acquisition and link to Hwy 100. To the North, another strong supporter, Senator Carl Kroening



recognizes the importance of the linkage for downtown housing development, to tie the trail system to the River and Boom Island and to eliminate the barrier of Hwy 394 to park access. Other meetings with key legislators will begin after the legislature convenes in January.



Legislative Plan

Park acquisition has usually been done with bonding monies. The legislature probably will not enact bonding until at least 1992. So our first priority is to insure that the key legislative committees are aware of the importance of Cedar Lake Park to the trail connections.

Second, we will explore the possibility of other funding for the park, justified because of its unique character.

Land Use Plan Changed by City

A key step in protecting the park area from interim development pressure recently was taken by the Mpls. City Council. With the strong support from Pat Scott, Chair of the Council's Zoning and Planning Committee and councilmember from the area, the council changed the

land use plan designation from residential to open space. This sends a message to any potential developers that the city is supportive of the park. The land use change also applies to the county land owned by the light rail authority.

Acquisition Fund Raising

Hats off to Ellen Sturgis, Cedar Lake Park acquisition fund raising chair. She has been busy working with large donors getting pledges of support. \$435,000 has been raised to date. Our goal is to raise at least one-third of the \$1.7 million asking price.

In 1991 Ms. Sturgis will be seeking other donations. Plans are underway for a spring benefit dance and a fall bike ride benefit.

Thanks to all of you who have made generous pledges and contributions.



New

Volunteer Coordinator

Laurie Lundy has consented to be our volunteer coordinator until December 31st. In the past, many volunteers were not used due to time constraints of the steering committee.

SHORT HISTORY

Cedar Lake Park Preservation and Development Assn. was formed April, 1989 by a group of neighbors concerned about future use of the 28 acre parcel on the north edge of Cedar Lake that Burlington Northern Railroad wished to sell. After incorporation, the group d.b.a. as SAVE CEDAR LAKE PARK.

95% of the people surveyed wanted the land preserved for a nature park. After meeting with Mpls. leaders to explain goals, it has been a constant task to inform and educate the community.

The Ted Wirth Plan, a concept of a nature park with connecting foot and bike trails, was the result of study done by a citizens committee, the Park Board staff, and an outside consultant. The plan was presented and approved by the Mpls. Park Board and the Metro Council's Parks and Open Space Commission.

Acquisition of the land is being discussed with The Nature Conservancy; and negotiations continue with Glacier Park Co., a subsidiary of Burlington Northern Railroad.

So Close, Yet So Far Away—We Need Your Help Today!

December Is Operating Funds Drive Month

We are at a crucial time in our endeavor to save the park, and to continue we need YOUR help! Save Cedar Lake Park has raised funds for acquisition, but desperately needs operating funds. As an auto will not run without fuel, and one of the small animals in our park cannot live without food, SCLP needs operating funds!!! To continue we need YOUR help!

Please, put your contribution in the enclosed envelope and mail it today.

During December volunteers will canvass the neighborhoods in a campaign to raise operating funds. For easy identification they will be wearing large white and green "SAVE CEDAR

LAKE PARK" buttons. Please be generous when a SCLP volunteer knocks on your door. Remember, your contribution not only helps in the effort to save the park and nurture nature, but it is also tax deductible. If you want to volunteer to canvass your block, call Laurie Lundy at 377-9522. We will provide you with a button and other materials.

Political Action Committee Needs Help

With the support of key legislators and the City of Mpls., prospects of legislative action are excellent. We can use help on the political action committee, so if you have a political bent or a good legislative contact, please call SCLP, 377-9522.

PLEASE

Remember—

Save Cedar Lake Park

—in your Holiday Giving!

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To Learn More About Plans

and Developments

Plan to Attend

Our Annual Meeting

at 7:30 p.m. on January 24, 1991

at Lurie Eiger Besikof & Co.

2501 Wayzata Boulevard

NEW DESIGN T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

Guarnaccia has designed new "Nurture Nature" shirts for SCLP. They are attractive and would make excellent Christmas and Hanukkah gifts. They come in most children's and adult's sizes.

The T-shirts are \$12 and the sweatshirts are \$24 plus postage if mailed. Call SCLP to order, or T-shirts and sweatshirts are available at:

Kenwood Mkt.
2115 W 21st St.
Shoe Zoo
3146 Hennepin
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2455 Hennepin

