

Citizens for a Loring Park Community
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - draft 3.13.2011
Monday, March 12th, 2012
Thanks to Loring Park Community Center for hosting this Meeting!!

Boardmembers present: Gary Gliem, John Novak, Diane Moe, John Van Heel, and Christopher Hoffer

Boardmembers absent: Mike Marn, Pat Hafvenstein, Greg Renstrom

Guests: Paul Hinderager, Neil Reardon

Staff: Jana Metge

I. *Christopher asked that the March agenda be amended to allow for Master Plan discussion as Item 2, that this be followed by Coordinator Report and then the Livability report, that the "Love Loring" report be tabled until April and that Item #6 be read.*

*Motion to approved agenda as amended. M/S/C Christopher/John Van Heel.
February Board minutes tabled to April meeting.*

II. Master Plan Discussion

John updated the board as to the status of the Master Plan Document. He felt that all five (5) policy chapters could be ready for the Annual Meeting. He overviewed the history of this 2-year project and stated that he was committed to get it on track and continue to move it ahead. He suggested that the extensive community engagement process could have used up the majority of the Consultant team's time, thus a reason for the delays.

Jana discussed a Master Plan status report which she had developed for the Board and distributed via email today - 3.12.2011. She requested action on an invoice submitted and review of a contract/scope submitted by Bill Weber, who has been editing our Land Use chapter and has offered to complete our Introduction and Executive Summary, as well as the Implementation section.

Paul discussed frustration with the Master Plan process and with the lack of focus and follow through from Consultant Peter Musty. Concern was expressed that there seemed to be too much on his plate and has led to a question as to the priority of our project. Paul stated that he was pleased with the Land Use re-write by Bill Weber.

Jana reported that she felt we were not at 50% plan completion at this time and reported that she had told Mr. Musty that no payment will be made until the Chapters were completed and approved by the Steering Committee members and the CLPC Board.

Once chapters are finished, still be left to completed are: the Plan Introduction, the Executive Summary, the Developers Checklist, the Opportunity Site illustrations, and the Implementation section. Additionally, City-County-and Park staff need to review the final chapters to ensure that their input was heard and integrated. Jana reported that her best estimate of project completion at this time is August of 2012. That hopefully we will be in front of City Council Fall of 2012. She reminded the group that this project started Spring of 2010 with an expected end date of Summer 2011. She reported on the 3 timelines that have been given since June of 2011 and not met. Paul stated that the SC still needed to have a line by line review on most chapters.

Jana reported on the conversation at the January 2012 Steering Committee meeting, follow up conversations with Peter Musty and Bill Weber and the agreement that Bill edit the Land Use Chapter. This conversation and agreement occurred early February 2012. Jana reported that there is \$19k remaining in our Master Plan Contract budget.

Motion: The submitted invoice from Peter Musty, LLC be reviewed following the Annual Meeting and once Chapters are completed.

Christopher Hoffer/John Novak M/S/C Unanimous approval

Motion: The Contract, Scope, and payment of Bill Weber be reviewed following the Annual Meeting. *Christopher Hoffer/Diane Moe M/S/C Unanimous*

Motion: The above two (2) motions be completed by the end of March 2012.

Christopher Hoffer/Diane Moe M/S/C Unanimous

John reported that he will circulate the Land Use chapter via email and that the other chapters are on the CLPC website. He also stated that he, Jana, and Pete meet with Beth monthly on Master Plan specifics and plan development/maps and that he, Jana, and Pete meet 1-2x per month to integrate comments following any meetings with SC or city staff.

Jana stated that the Future Land Use/Built Form map needed to be updated and at the Annual Meeting. This is the most important item for community to see in a review of work to date.

John proceeded to walk through the Future Land Use map with the CLPC Board.

Motion: The CLPC Board of Directors approves the Loring Hill section of the Built Form map as amended and presented by John Van Heel

dated 3.6.2011. *John VH/Christopher Hoffer M/S/C Unanimous*

Review of the Eitel/Emerson/Spruce Area - Paul proposed that the height be at 4 stories, he expressed concern in this area (and the Loring Hill mansion area) that zoning imposes an

economic reality on existing buildings and that if our goal is to preserve and protect our housing stock, we need to ensure a zoning/height that will not force owners to sell or properties to be demolished. Discussion talked about light and air and the possibility for set backs on 5 and 6 stories if proposed. Paul stated that he could live with this in the Emerson area as a compromise.

Christopher wanted to ensure that th "T" placed on 510 Groveland had been removed.

Motion: The CLPC Board agrees to keeping the Eitel area at 6 stories with a Discussion at the Steering Committee meeting on setbacks above 4 stories.
Christopher/John Van Heel M/S/C Unanimous

Motion: That the Future Land Use/Built Form Map be amended as approved tonight updated by the Consultant and available at the Tuesday, March 20th CLPC Annual Meeting. *Christopher/Diane M/S/C Unanimous.*

John reported to the group that Peter has a GIS-trained staff which updates the maps.

Activity Center area - Agreed that no "T" will be on the map but for the Central Lutheran "Boot" site and that plan language will read "additional height may be considered within the Activity Center" as an outcome of community discussion and process, site by site.

Jana reported to the group that John had updated the **Developers Checklist**. John reported that he had revamped it to have a set up priorities for any developments and then have heightened criteria if a developer wants more height.

Jana reported that John had met with Loring Greenway Association and rewritten that section in the Public Realm Chapter, as well as Nicollet Avenue, Grant Street, and several other sections. The Board thanked John for all of his hard work.

The CLPC Board put forward the following timeline:

That by March 21st, all five (5) chapters of the Master Plan will be in complete to include consistent formatting, corrected text, corrected photos, page numbers, and that all areas where "tbd" is stated it will contain text. John will contact and inform Peter of this expectation and deadline Wednesday, March 13, 2012.

Paul stated that he felt the Historic Chapter formatting was a mess and needed to be consistent with the other Chapters. John reported that following the Oct. SC meeting, the HPC chapter was totally reworked and re-organized through team discussions between Pete, Beth, Jana, and himself.

Jana suggested that John ask Beth for the boundaries of the approved B4N zoning in the Emerson school area. John reported that we needed to get Magellan back to the table to discuss parking and circulation and that he would contact Hilary Dvorak.

John reported on the LEED/ND kick off this Spring. Certification will be \$20,000- we need to raise the additional \$10k. Jana reported that we should be raising additional money for a Housing staff person to assist with LEED / ND project and implementation. She reported that she and Joe Horan had worked on a Scope of Service to contract \$10,000 of NRP Phase II funds under our Sustainability section in December 2011. This will serve as a match. She also reported that Lauren had been working with Lunds and that they had offered to "kick off" our fundraising as a part of their Spring Opening Event.

Master Plan "To Do":

1. **John to inform Peter of March 21st deadline and Consultant tasks.**
2. **Next Steering Committee will be Wed., March 28th,** the agenda will be to go through Sustainability and Arts & Culture Chapters, moving to Historic Chapter if time. 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Loring Park.

John spoke with Mark Nelson and he reported that he has not had the time to pull together a review group of Tom D'Angelo, Christopher, Mike Marn, and folks on the hill. He committed to reviewing the Chapter and sending in comments. *(Anyone want to volunteer to pull this group together to review this Chapter prior to March mtg?)*

3. **John and Steering Committee members will coordinate on Master Plan Display and Annual Meeting presentation.**
4. **Peter will update Future Land Use/Building Intensity map for the Annual Meeting**
5. **John will print off Current and Future Land Use Maps, Public Realm, Activity Center, Building Intensity maps, and Harmon Streetscape for the Annual Meeting.**
6. **John will email all Boardmembers and Steering Committee members the Land Use Chapter.**
7. **Jana will notify Steering Committee of Date and Agenda for upcoming meeting.**
8. **Beth will be contacted and updated by Jana, as well as B4N boundary requested.**
9. **Chris will review new language about Structured Parking**

III. Coordinator Report

Jana reported that she and Neil had presented on CLPC at the Kenosha Annual Meeting. It was well attended and several may attend the upcoming Annual Meeting. They presented on the Master Plan, the office move, the VA Center, and the LEED/ND pilot project to kick off this Spring. They also discussed, as a part of the Master Plan, the streetscape proposals for Harmon Place.

Jana reported that she had submitted paperwork for CLPC to have a booth at the upcoming MCTC Sustainability Fair March 21st. John Novak volunteered to help staff the booth. Jana requested others to think about volunteering for a 1-2 hour shift. Great connections and networking and a lot of fun.

2012 Annual Meeting - Assignments were made:

- * Recruit attendance and participation in meeting
- * Come early and help set up (4:30-5:30)
- * Master Plan Steering Committee needs to develop yet their presentation
- * Review the Board roster and think about Candidates to run for the 5 openings

Jana reported:

- * Information Fair is set - reminder notices out to all participants
- * Logistics and Refreshments confirmed with Paul in January 2012
- * Elected Official invites/emails are out
- * Flyers and Meeting postcards were developed and continue to be distributed
- * Reminder email out to Senator Dibble, Jana will call this week
- * Email publicity out to all building and business contacts in Loring Park, flyers have been available at all committee meetings, events, and at the Property owner meetings. Email blast went out to membership list and adjacent neighborhoods.
- * There will be no add in the Downtown Journal this year due to limited funding.
- * All were asked to spread the word in their buildings, take flyers, put up in businesses and coffee shops.
- * It is the 40th Anniversary of CLPC!
- * There will be a couple of Special Tributes

NUSA 2013 Conference - No time at this meeting to discuss. (We will set an additional meeting time with Executive Committee to update and discuss.)

III. Livability Issues

John reported on Nicollet Ave. Gunfire - weekend of March 5th, 2012. Arrest was swift by Officer Patrick McCarver who attends Downtown CourtWatch with us.

John expressed some concerns, as well as goals for 2012. At the upcoming Livability meeting, he will be stressing that these be incorporated into the 2012 Neighborhood Policing Plan. *These include:*

- Request for the Chief to hire new recruits from those who live in the City of Mpls.
- Tracking & Monitoring of Part II (drug dealing, prostitution, loitering) to be included in the Neighborhood Policing Plan with strategies developed with the committee
- Request for Beat Cops along Nicollet Avenue like Stevens Square has

- Concern expressed as to the escalation of low level crimes to now automatic gunfire and a murder at the hotel.

Boardmembers raised safety concerns in and around Nicollet. One boardmember stated that a friend of his is moving from 15th & LaSalle due to the unsafe environment along 15th. This needs to be resolved by the Minneapolis Police Department. This needs to be discussed at the upcoming Livability Committee meeting. We have been talking about this escalation since June of 2011.

The Board suggested that we have a conversation with the 1st Precinct Inspector Kristine Arneson prior to June. Jana encouraged the Board to email concerns to the Inspector directly at Kristine.arneson@minneapolismn.gov

V. "Love Loring...in bloom" DeBrief - *tabled until April.*

VI. **Announcements** - Read by all

Tuesday, March 20th, 2012 - CLPC Annual Meeting & Information Fair hosted by The Woman's Club of Minneapolis/410 Oak Grove. Information Fair from 5:30-7:00. Magellan Development on display as well as the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan. **Sen. Scott Dibble is the Speaker.** This is **CLPC's 40th Anniversary** as a Neighborhood Organization. Come and Celebrate!!

New Harmony Church at Historic Wesley - Free Soup Supper catered by Birchwood Café Sundays at 6:15 p.m.; Service follows at 7:00 p.m.

MCTC Sustainability Fair - March 21st from 10:30-2:30 - Free & Open to the Public

Community Sing - Tuesday, March 20th (Same day as our Annual Meeting - bumper).

VII. *The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, JLM/CH