

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, May 13th, 2013
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Hosted by Loring Park Community Center!

Agenda

I. 6:30-6:35 – Welcome/Introductions, Announcements, & Approvals

Announcements:

- **Master Plan Steering Committee** – Mon., May 13th @ 6:30 @ Loring Park Center
- **Joint Livability & Land Use Mtg.** – Wed., May 15th @ 6:30 @ Loring Park Com. Center
- **Community Sing-Along** – Tuesday, May 21st @ 7:00 p.m. @ Loring Park Com. Center
- **Downtown Court Watch** – Fri., May 10th - 10 a.m.-Noon – Downtwn Central Library – 2nd Flr.
- **Neighborhoods, USA Conference** – May 22nd-May 25th at the DT Hyatt.

- **Loring Park Acoustic Music Festival** – Saturday, June 8th from Noon to 8:00 p.m.
- **PRIDE Festival** – June 29th & June 30th
- **Aquatennial Pre-Parade Party** – Wed., July 17th from 5:00-7:30 @ Loring Park
- **Loring Park Art Festival** – Sat., Aug. 3rd and Sun., Aug. 4th – Loring Park
- **National Nite Out Neighborhood Party** – Hosted by The Woman’s Club of Minneapolis/
410 Oak Grove on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Live Music, Free Food, Facepainting, FUN!
- **Operetta** – Sat., Aug. 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Loring Park

II. 6:45-6:15 Strategic Planning/Friends of Loring Park – Dave Hile

Dave reported on the Strategic Planning the Friends of Loring Park completed. They discussed priority projects for Capital Improvements, Program, and Fundraising Opportunities.

Program –

- More Programming in the Park; utilize the stage & performance building more
- Winter Programming; i.e. Ice Skating, Horse rides
- Utilize Community Resource for programming inside the building.

Capital Improvement Priorities –

- Remove the Cattails – Legislation in pending this session thanks to Sen. Dibble.
 - Restore & Renovate Berger Fountain and with that a raised crosswalk from Loring Greenway to the Park
 - Safe Crossings to the Park
 - Repair the Tennis Courts – they need resurfacing
 - Repair the walkways – they are cracking up, flood in Spring & Winter snow melt.
- Concern expressed about the ice and shoveling in the winter; needs to improve.

Potential Funding –

- MPRB Capital Budget
- Hennepin County Youth Sports Facility Fund – Commissioner Tabb will be applying to this fund in the Fall.
- Legacy Funds
- Private Contributions
- Park Foundation
- People for Parks

III. Commissioner Anita Tabb Update:

Commissioner Anita Tabb joined our meeting to update on several items:

- Cattail Remediation – The Pilot project by the Fishing Pier is working. Now, we will need to replant Native Vegetation and maintain the area, so that these cattails do not grow back.

III. Commissioner Anita Tabb Update (con,t):

- There is an Amendment to a bill in the Legislature which will allow Loring Park to remove cattails without a DNR permit.
- Berger Fountain will be up and running early for the Neighborhoods, USA conference.
- Tennis Courts – Commissioner Tabb plans to submit a proposals to HN County for funding towards our Tennis Courts and their resurfacing and improvements. She asked for CLPC support. Commissioner Tabb will send Jana the language, where the letter is to be sent and to whom it should be addressed.

Motion: That CLPC support funding application to Hennepin County for capital improvement to the Loring Park Tennis Courts. *Brad/Joseph M/S/C*

Questions from Board:

- *How can we get Food Trucks/Food Sales in Loring Park*
- *How do we get Loring Park needs into the Park Capital Improvement budget?*
- *Do we have adequate staffing for the needs of our Park (reviewed was the Policing incident which occurred recently and rolled up in front of Loring Kitchen & Bar).*

IV. Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan – John Van Heel

John reported on the completion of our 45 day public review period for the Master Plan. There were several comments which the Steering Committee went over and integrated comments as appropriate and agreed upon. Comments were distributed to the Board. There was a lengthy comment from a Loring Park Property owner worried about future zoning, due to the Master Plan, of Loring Hill. Jana was asked to let him know the date of the Public Hearing, so that his concerns could be heard at this venue.

Recommendations from the Steering Committee for changes per the 45 day Review period:

- Add “Safe Crossing Improvements” icon at 15th & Spruce on the Map of Public Realm Improvements, on page 11 of Chapter 4: Public Realm.
- Add a definition of “Eat Street” on page 7 of Chapter 2: Land Use and Built Form. Example: Eat Street is the newest of Minneapolis’ commercial districts, formed in the late 1990’s to promote the international variety of restaurants along Nicollet Avenue. The designation technically starts at Grant and Nicollet, running south through Stevens Square and Whittier neighborhoods. Mexican, Somali, Chinese, American and other cuisine are just a few of the unique, authentic, and ethnic food experiences from independent and family-run businesses represented on Eat Street in Loring Park alone.
- Add a policy – or amend Policy 2.15 “Collaborative Improvements in the Activity Center” – in the Loring Village section of Chapter 2 Land Use and Built Form (pg. 29-30) about collaborating with existing businesses (and CPED) around the needs of existing businesses and the role they play in future development. Example: Collaborate with existing small, independent businesses in advance of re-development in the Loring Village Activity Center to ensure that new investment does not inadvertently lead to gentrification and displacement.
- Strengthen language (or add more) on the creation of more Family Housing in Loring Park (new development) so that we can offer Full Lifecycle housing in the neighborhood and that our young couples stay, once they begin a family.

Master Plan Payment: Discussed was the final payment for Consultant Peter Musty.

Jana reviewed the Schedule of Payments, as listed in the Contract:

Phase IV. Plan Review and Finalization of Documents – Payment after Project Completion - \$9,000.00. Much Board discussion on what and when “project completion” was.

IV. Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan – John Van Heel (con't.)

Jana reviewed the Project Deliverable section of the Contract:

The Master Plan should be submitted in booklet and electronic formats, including text, photographs, graphics, tables, charts, and renderings for both existing conditions and visions for proposed development, including, but not limited to, building typologies, streetscapes, movement patterns, land uses and boundary/entry descriptions including freeway edge remediations. The Master Plan is to be in full color and must include sections that relate to the focus areas delineated in the Scope of Services. Project deliverables should include:

- 1) Twelve (12) hardbound copies of the Master Plan and one (1) unbound copy of the Master Plan.
- 2) Distributable visual summary of the plan, with number of copies to be negotiated.
- 3) One (1) disc or CD-ROM with the Master Plan in Microsoft Word, and maps in ArcGIS. The disc should also include printable versions for both 8 1/2 x 11" one-sided and two-sided booklet format.
- 4) Documentation of all community meetings facilitated including, but not limited to, presentations, photographs, meetings notes, and display boards (maps).
- 5) A draft of the plan will be provided to the Steering Committee at the end of the project, and 15 days before the final presentation to the community.

The project budget allocated for the consultant fee and project deliverables is \$49,000.

Following much discussion, John proposed a payout of \$8,000.

Motion: CLPC to pay Peter Musty, LLC \$8,000, to include a letter to be written by Christopher Hoffer with our expectation to receive the Deliverables upon Document completion and that the last \$1,000 will be paid upon receipt.

Jana will send certified with the letter. *John/Neil M/S/C*

Developer's Guide: John distributed the Developer's Guide. There was discussion regarding the black background and white printing. Neil suggested that we may want to review this. Decided that this could be done at a later time.

LEED/ND – John reported that CLPC has been approved to register for LEED/ND certification by the US Green Building Council.

Motion: That CLPC approves Jana to begin Administrative items to secure funding for LEED/ND certification and to begin the registration process. *John/Neil M/S/C*

V. Rock the Garden Event – Gary/Jana reported on the requested support letter from the Walker Art Center. Gary reviewed the support of the past two (2) years.

Motion: CLPC supports the 2013 "Rock the Garden" Event at the Walker Art Center.

The Walker will send a letter to CLPC for Gary to sign. Jana will get it to Gary for signature and mail.

VI. Land Use Committee Report – Neil

Motion: CLPC to support the MCTC Urban Farm Project as presented. *Neil/Brad M/S/C*

VII. Livability Committee – John N & Joseph

John & Joseph reported on the Nicollet Ave. Safety Meeting hosted by Ryan's Pub. Approximately 20 businesses and property owners present, as well as representative from the CLPC Livability Committee. The group met the two (2) Loring Park Beat Officers. The Magellan Development Construction Manager was also present, as was Emerson School.

There was a call out for Volunteers to help with Summer Events, be at the CLPC Booth, help with the Loring Music Festival.

John Novak requested a short leave of absence from the Board, which was granted unanimously.

John N and Gary thanked Kelly for organizing NeighborDay at Loring Kitchen & Bar.

VIII. Neighborhoods, USA 2013

John VH and Jana talked about Tour planning. Kim Havey, Joseph, John VH and Jana met at the Hyatt to plan the tour route. Kim created a map. Jana has bicycle patrol, the VA Center, St. Stephens street outreach, Downtown Improvement District, Dave Hile/Sherry from Friends of Loring Park and MCTC staff/students geared up to help with the Tour. Pam Lehan and Patti Weber/The Woman's Club of Minneapolis will host refreshments on the roof of the Woman's Club. The group is planning a Walk-a-Bout to actually time the Tour and the stops. Jana has secured donations for the Neighborhood Tour.

John reported that Loring Greenway obtained funding for "Concerts on the Greenway" – live music to start the Thursday of the NUSA conference. CLPC will get information and spread the word.

Jana asked for volunteers to be at the CLPC Booth in the NUSA Exhibit Hall. The Booth will be shared by Friends of Loring Park. Friends submitted the registration.

Information has been sent to NCR, on the scheduled docent tour of the Basilica.

Jana reported that our National Nite Out Event was selected as one of five (5) finalists for the "Best Program of the Year" Award by NUSA. They will be presenting at the conference.

Those registered to attend the Conference are: Pam Lehan/The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, Dave Hile/Friends of Loring Park, Joseph Finley/CLPC, and Jana Metge/CLPC. Also registered to attend from MCTC are Professor Lena Jones and Intern Say Yang.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, JLM