

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - Draft
Monday, November 8th, 2010
Loring Park Office Building / 430 Oak Grove, Room #207

Agenda

6:15-6:30 p.m. SOCIAL TIME – Come early & catch up on all of the happenings & projects – Social time lasted until 6:50!!

Those present: Gary Gliem (President), John Van Heel (Vice President), Christopher Hoffer (Secretary), Neil Reardon (Treasurer), Janine Jelks-Seale, Pat Hafvenstein, John Novak, and Bob Hansen.

Those absent: Mike Marn, Neil Carlson (the Board sent their best wishes & thoughts to Neil C.)

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Gary Gliem, Board President. Thanks to Pat for the cookies!

Gary welcomed all and the following announcements were made:

- **NRP Policy Board Elections** – Thurs., Nov. 18th-6:30 p.m. @ Crown Roller Mill-Floor 2. Christopher is our Elector and John is our Alternate. Janine may also attend.
- **Annual Holiday Party & Curry Dinner** – Thurs., Dec. 3rd-5:30-8:30@ 228 Clifton
- **“Late with Lisa”** – 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Thurs., Dec. 9th @ the Normandy
- **“Light Up” Loring** – Thursday, Dec. 9th – 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Loring Park Com. Ctr.
- **“LOVE LORING”** – Fri., Feb. 11th-6:00-9:00-Hosted by The Woman’s Club of Mpls.
- **Transportation Panel** – Hosted by the Basilica – Thurs., Jan. 20th – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Master Plan Community Workshop – Transportation & Public Realm** – Hosted by HN Methodist Church – 9:00 a.m.- Noon – Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 2011

Bob announced that the **Community Sing A Long** will be **Tues., Nov. 16th** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bob also asked that we look into the Community Calendar with the Downtown Journal. Bob reported that there has been little coverage of downtown neighborhoods. We should see if there policies have changed and try to get more publicity for things happening in Loring Park. Neil R. reported that their was an online version and agreed to check it out, to see if there were other items online that were not published in the paper. John talked about discussions held with Sarah a year ago through the Downtown Neighborhood Group. Since that time the Downtown Journal has picked up NE Minneapolis. John/Jana will follow up.

John Novak announced that **“Wesley Wednesdays”** would kick off on **Wed., Dec. 1st** which is World AIDS Day. They will have a social time from 5:30-7:00 with a service to follow. The following **Wed., Dec. 8th** they will celebrate the **90th Anniversary** of Womens’ right to vote. **Sharon Sayles Belton** will be the featured speaker. Then, on **Sunday, Dec. 12th** – they will be kicking off their **“Gospel Brunch”** featuring live music and food from **Chef “BIG E”!** The Gospel Brunch is from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Wesley Church is located on 1st Ave & Convention Ctr.

Motion: To approve the November 2010 Agenda. Neil R./John VH M/S/C

Motion: To approve the October 2010 Board Meeting Minutes Christopher/Bob M/S/Consensus.

II. Master Plan Community Design Session & Thursday Panel

John will reviewed the Nov. 4th & Nov. 6th sessions and planning for the Jan. 20th & Jan. 22nd sessions. Logistics and Speakers are set for the Jan. Events. Additional Updates were given on-

- Rental Property Owners & Managers Focus Group – Nov. 17th
- Condo Owner Focus Group – Nov. 9th
- Harmon Area Focus Group –Scheduled and being planned for Dec. 7th

- Nicollet Ave. Focus Group being planned by Jana and Steve Barberio
- Arts & Culture Focus Group proposed for January 2011
- Developer and/or Long-Time Rental Focus Group – no work done on these yet

Jana reported that the following Key Stakeholder Interviews have been scheduled: Ray Harris, Kim Havey, HN Co. Commissioner Gail Dorfman, Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Sen. Scott Dibble, and Bob Copeland. Diane Woelm’s interview has been completed, Steve Barberio from Master Plan SC attended with Peter Musty.

Public Realm/Safety/Lighting – Consultant Peter Musty is scheduling a ride around with Lt. Matt Clark, Bob Hansen, and John Novak to look at neighborhood lighting, places where crime frequents, public realm areas that could be re-designed to prevent any unsafe feelings or safety threats. Once completed, Peter will generate a document as a part of our Master Plan file.

Bob Hansen suggested that we consider putting together a Focus Group for Russian speaking Seniors in the neighborhood. The Board all agreed that this was a great idea.

III. Finance Report – Neil Reardon (Treasurer) & Jana Metge (Coordinator) presented.

- 2010 Year to Date, Finance Report – Neil reported that we will have funding through January with existing resources and then with the \$20,000 of NRP Phase II funds dedicated to 2011, this will carry us through the 1st quarter of 2011 in case NCEC funds are not turned around by January, when neighborhoods need them to begin their fiscal year.
- NCEC Update – Jana distributed the current guidelines have been circulated to the Board. The formula calculation was revamped. The impact to CLPC was a loss from a projected \$53,000 to \$44,000 - \$9,000! Jana spoke to many NCEC Commissioners and staff. It was stated that David Rubedor, the NCEC Director should be invited to an early 2011 CLPC Board meeting. The Board expressed concern and dissatisfaction with the structuring of the current formula. CLPC is doing a lot of “community engagement” which receives inadequate funding under the current formula. Jana expressed concern that a variety of items were already “weighted” therein setting priorities for neighborhoods and their funding, yet there was no criteria to actually organize on the items that generated the funding allocation. Gary reviewed a letter Jana had circulated to NCEC staff regarding CLPC’s community engagement needs. To summarize, we are organizing on the development of a Master Plan, we have an entire Nicollet Block in foreclosure, we have one elementary Spanish Immersion School, a Spanish Immersion pre-school on Nicollet, and a new Somali daycare. We are working with MCTC students and Administration on a variety of issues. We actively participate in the Downtown Court Watch project to holistically address issues of Livability/Part II crimes (vs. Part I which are given a % in the formula). We participate in several Loring Park events which have a Regional draw. Yet, the current formula does not give “points” for the items we are “engaging the community” on.

The Board reviewed the spreadsheets generated by NCEC and several questions were raised. We will invite David Rubador to an early 2011 Board meeting for further discussion.

- Cash Flow Status and fundraising report – Neil reported that Loring Kitchen & Bar hosting another FUNDRAISER for CLPC. 20% of the receipts will be donated to CLPC the **Week of Nov. 15th – Nov. 19th – LUNCH SPECIAL – 11-2:00 pm**. Jana has also forwarded via email GIVEMN.org – November 16th information. She will promote this again the week prior.

The Dec. 2nd Holiday Party and Curry Dinner is a fundraiser for CLPC. Pat brought Invites for Boardmembers to distribute throughout the community. The Dinner will be at 228 Clifton and run from 5:30-8:30 p.m. People can come when they wish and stay as long as they like. We will have a donation bowl available and a CLPC Sign Up for anyone who may come and not be familiar with CLPC and want to be on the database. The Board thanked Pat for her work on this.

- Neil R. reported that Highland Bank (formerly Ridgedale) is closing - so we have to find a new bank. Jana proposed either the 1) City/County Credit Union at the Government Center or 2) Franklin Bank. Franklin Bank is known for their community investment, so Jana reported that she is leaning in this direction. Neil circulated a letter we received from the bank. This branch will be closed. We could use the ATM at the Wells Fargo bank, but their open banks will be in Minnetonka or St. Paul. Jana recommended that we move banks and do it after year-end and before we have 2011 transactions, so we have a clean switch during our fiscal year end.

Motion: The CLPC Board gives Jana (Coordinator), Neil (Treasurer), and Gary (President) the authority to switch CLPC's financial institution. Chris/Bob M/S/C

Year-End 2010: We will close in the black, all bills paid - with revenue in excess of expense! Jana reported that she will be doing one more NRP Reimbursement prior to year end.

Revised 2011 Operating Budget – Neil circulated copies of the updated CLPC budget. It reflects the loss of projected NCEC funding from \$53,000 to \$44,000. Budget is balanced by striking the project PT contract position proposed last month.

Motion: That the revised 2011 CLPC Operating Budget be accepted. Bob/John N. M/S/C – Approved unanimously.

Neil reported that of the \$5,000 in the Master Plan program line item, the Master Plan Steering Committee dedicated \$900 of it for economic/cultural research to be completed by Tom Borrup. This will be billed in 2011, even though being done in 2010.

Love Loring - Gary and Jana met on this to develop a workplan for the event. This workplan was distributed to the Board. Gary has already been working on Silent Auction items and presented these ideas/pictures to the board for review and input. There will be a planning meeting in Nov. and 1 in Dec. and 2 in January. Jana confirmed the use of The Woman's Club for Feb. 11th, 2011. Tickets have been made, are printed, and available at the CLPC Office. John Van Heel updated the flyer. Janine, John VH, and John N. volunteered to help on the planning team. Pat agreed that she and Becky Gullickson would take on the decorations again for the event. Jana and John will update the donation request letter.

Board members took assignments to pursue Silent Auction Items:

Janine – Will donate a cape made by her mother

Bob – Will ask Jim Daly if he'd like to donate a photograph - Bob also then announced that Jim Daly will be having a photo exhibit of his work on Tuesday from 1-3:00 at the Skyway Senior Ctr.

John VH – Will ask Carl Reichert to donate a Berger Fountain photograph

John Novak – Will donate a clock from his family's business and go to Eli's and BUCA. He also volunteered to to after liquor donations from Greenway Liquor.

Christopher – Will work on Twins Tickets and ask Kristie Breske about her artwork. He will also see about a gift card from La Belle Vie. He also volunteered to ask Peace Coffee.

Neil R. – Will work on Vikings Tickets and Firestone Garage to donate a tune-up.

Pat – Will offer and cook a dinner for 10 at "The Mansion on the Hill"

Gary – Will follow up with Mission, Oceanaire, 2021, Walker Art Center and suggested that someone may want to follow up with Orchestra Hall and the Dakota Jazz Club.

Jana – Will follow up on Gift Bags and CRAVE with Cam Talebi. She will also contact folks who donated coffee table books last year. Jana can also follow up with the Graves Hotel and will ask Diane Woelm to ask the Millineum and the Hyatt for a Gift Certificate.

IV. 7:10-7:20 Event Dates – Jana asked for the Board to set a date for the 2011 Annual Meeting. She will have some time in December to begin the organizing of the Resource Fair.

The Board proposed that the **March CLPC Annual Meeting**, be set for Tuesday, March 22nd. The Woman's Club of Minneapolis is closed on Mondays and the Board decided to move it to the 3rd vs. 2nd week to give the Master Plan effort another week. The presentation at the 2011 Annual Meeting will be on the draft Master Plan and gathering input and allowing neighborhood-wide review of the work done to date. Jana will follow up with Paul.

V. Livability Committee – John Novak reported that in November the committee will be working on the development of the Loring Park Neighborhood Policing Plan. Concerns about Bus Shelters, Taxi Cab Noise, and Lighting have been expressed by participating residents. The Downtown Improvement District mobile camera was placed on the corridor following concerns expressed at a Nicollet Ave. Business Safety meeting. Folks would like safety ambassadors on the Corridor. Concerns were raised that “beat Cops” – Officers on foot have not been seen. We had been told that we would have Beat Officers walking the street. No one is seeing them. John also reported that the initial sweep on Taxi Cabs drivers generated a lot of tickets, but now that the traffic patrol presence is gone and the initial sweep over, it has reverted back.

VI. Land Use Committee – John reported that the November meeting will be a joint meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee and Land Use Committee. Chuck Ballentine from HN County will present for 30 minutes on the Interchange Project and the remainder of the time will be for Master Plan work. John reported that St. Mark's did not show for the Oct. meeting and that their presentation will be in January and that MCTC has asked to report on their Master Plan in January as well.

Historic Resource ACTION Team – Next meeting is set for Dec. 1st, but that is the kick off for “Wesley Wednesdays”. Christopher will discuss with Mark. Christopher also announced that he is now the President of 510 Groveland. He would like someone else to co-chair the Historic Resource ACTION Team.

Traffic Calming Task Force – Jana reported that the next meeting is from 5:30-7:00 the same night as Land Use and that Land Use will then be at 7:00 – Monday, Nov. 15th @ the Loring Office Building/430 Oak Grove.

VII. Executive Coordinator Contract (closed session)
Jana distributed a draft updated job description, proposed 2011 contract, and a work history/resume to the Board. The Board meeting was closed, the Executive Committee will meet with Jana per tonight's discussion.

VIII. *The regular Board meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, JLM