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Board of Directors Meeting
Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Monday, January 13th, 2008; 6:30-8:15 p.m.
Loring Park Community Center

Board members present: John Van Heel, Robert Hansen, Dick Sandberg, Richard Gardell, Neil Carlson

Board members absent: Terry Thompson, Becky Gullickson, Robert Cook, Pat Hafvenstein

Guests : Jan Sandberg

Staff: Jana Metge, CLPC Executive Coordinator

I. Call to Order -- John Van Heel

Motion by Neil Carlson, to direct the Livability Committee to engage the Police Department to address robberies in the Loring Park neighborhood. Seconded by Dick Sandberg.

Passed unanimously.

Neil will forward information he has collected to Jana and she will include those statistics with comments from property owners and bring the information to the Livability Committee meeting.

Motion by Robert Hansen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Neil Carlson.

Passed unanimously

II. Announcements

- The annual Martin Luther King celebration will be sponsored by MCTC with festivities at the Basilica starting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. There is a reception starting at 5:00 p.m.
- A meeting to discuss the Historic Resource Survey that will focus on Lowry Hill East, Loring Park, and Elliott Park will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2008 at the Elliot Park Recreation Center Building: 1000 East 14th Street.
- The next Loring Greenway meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on January 17, 2008 in the Community Room at 110 West Grant.
- The City is sponsoring a meeting on January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Millennium Hotel for local businesses concerning the 13th Street Plaza. Dick Sandberg will represent CLPC.
- There will be a “summit meeting” of residents from Lowry Hill and other neighborhoods on January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Walker film auditorium.
- The Restorative Justice Annual Banquet will be held January 22, 2008 at Plymouth Church, 1900 Nicollet; contact Barb to RSVP at 746-0792.

III. 6:45-7:15 Production of NRP Phase II Plan

A. Review of tasks

Jana and John discussed next steps, starting with a preliminary framework (goals and objectives) for the annual meeting. Discussions have included a transportation section (Van Heel), land use (Copeland), Livability (Jana will work with Bob Hansen and Luther) and various other pieces such as the Berger Fountain. Jana also reported on Council action on December 7, 2008 that assured neighborhoods 70% of the Phase II revenue barring certain exceptions.

Discussion included how to fit together some of the pieces such as Nicollet Avenue into a larger land use plan. It might make sense to look at developing a master plan for the neighborhood. Also, the term “land use” may be too restrictive – perhaps it should be land use and the environment. Jana will be meeting

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with folks at NRP and they may have an outline that would simplify plan development. John asked board members to select an area of special interest that they would help develop in preparation for a meeting to finalize the goals, objectives, and framework. John suggested that Board members look at the Stevens Square and Standish Erickson plans as guides. The Board will meet to discuss the plan on January 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Jana suggested including a few other persons to allow setting up separate groups to address the park, livability, and land use.

B. Review of timeline

Draft goals, objectives, and framework/draft plan to be ready for the Annual Meeting (which will function as a community meeting). At the City level, the plan must go to Zoning and Planning (CLPC should meet with Lisa first) and then to Ways and Means before going to the full Council.

IV. 7:15-7:30 CLPC Fundraising Drive

A. Review status of current efforts

Jana reported that as of the end of December 2007, CLPC had received \$4,575 in individual donations, \$800 from the curry dinner, a check from Loring Green East for \$3,000 and a pledge from Loring Green West for \$2,000.

B. Review tasks for continuing efforts

There will be some changes in events, such as a previously discussed cocktail party – there may be an event at Marquette Place. There are also several possible presentations for January and February. It was suggested that the fundraising group meet again to review follow-up previous presentations including getting materials to Summit House. CLPC still needs to develop a one-page sheet to give to condo associations to solicit individual contributions.

V. 7:30-7:40 CLPC Annual Meeting

The traditional meeting date is the March Board meeting – this year the date is March 10th. However this is Spring Break at City Hall and none of the elected officials are available. March 19th does work for the mayor and our councilmember.

Motion Richard Gardell, seconded Neil Carlson, to change the date of the annual meeting to March 19, 2008 at the Woman's Club.

Motion passed unanimously

Jana reviewed likely attendees and information fair vendors.

VI. 7:40 – 8:00 p.m. CLPC Financial Review

Jana reviewed the financial data discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. The Board previously approved a budget for 2008 but it is likely that fundraising goals will not be met. Jana distributed cash flow data and balance sheets. There will be about \$50,000 available to CLPC after approval of the Phase II Plan and there may be an additional \$14,000 unspent from NRP. CLPC is also applying for a grant from the Woman's Club. Jana thinks that somewhat less than \$5,000 must be raised to meet a barebones budget for 2008. For 2009, there may be as much as \$20,000 from the city and \$10,000-20,000 from NRP based on an approved Phase II plan.

Richard Gardell suggested revising the budget to better fit and identify likely fundraising and other revenue sources and operational needs for 2008. John noted that it had been anticipated that an amended operating budget would be brought to the February Board meeting.

Motion by Richard Gardell, seconded Richard Sandberg that staff bring back a revised operating budget that reflects available funds, cash, contracts, and fundraising goals.

Motion passed unanimously

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VII. 8:00-8:20 p.m. Committee Actions/Reports

A. Land Use Committee

At the December meeting, the committee passed two motions concerning a liquor license for a restaurant in the Eitel Hospital development:

Motion by Jan Sandberg, seconded Becky Gullickson, (as amended) supporting the following legislative language. This language to be forwarded to the Eitel Hospital Task Force for discussion in conjunction with the second motion about City restrictions. There will be final discussion at the January Land Use meeting:

The city of Minneapolis may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a restaurant located at xxxx Willow Street South notwithstanding limitations of state law or local ordinance or charter provisions. The license authorizes sales on all days of the week.

Amendment passed, John van Heel abstain.

Motion Jan Sandberg seconded Neil Carlson, to request the Eitel Task Force to consider possible restrictions on a liquor license for the Eitel Hospital retail space. This language will come to the January Land Use meeting for final discussion. Restrictions might include amplified music, hours of operation, type of liquor, class of license, and other factors.

Amendment passed, John van Heel abstain

So far there has been no feedback from the Eitel Task Force concerning possible restrictions. The Board awaits the January Land Use meeting for final discussion of this issue. Also, our councilmember will be at the February Board meeting and can add to this discussion.

B. Executive Coordinator Report

Jana reported on her lengthy deposition for the Brad Hoyt lawsuit.

VIII. 8:20-8:40 p.m. Review and Approval of 2008 Executive Coordinator Contract

A PDF including the draft contract, 2001 job description, and 2005 contract was sent to Board members before the meeting. The Board reviewed the draft contract and made several changes.

Motion by Richard Gardell, seconded Neil Carlson, to approve the revised contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Livability chair to contact the Police Department concerning robberies in the Loring Park neighborhood.

Board members to identify and work on an area of the Phase II Plan in advance of the January 23, 2008 meeting.

Fundraising committee to meet and review necessary follow-up on previous presentations and schedule new presentations.

Fundraising committee to develop one-page sheet to give to condo associations for soliciting donations from individuals.

Jana will develop a revised operating budget for the next Board meeting that reflects available funds, cash, contracts, and fundraising goals.

Adjourned 8:52 p.m.