

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, June 13th, 2011 – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Loring Park Office Building / 430 Oak Grove, Room #207

Boardmembers Present: John Van Heel, Gary Gliem, Janine Jelks-Seale, Brad Conley, Greg Renstrom,
and Diane Moe

Boardmembers Absent: Christopher Hoffer, Pat Hafvenstein, Mike Marn, John Novak

Staff: Jana L. Metge

I.a. Welcome/Introductions, Announcements, & Approvals

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.; social networking from 6:30-6:55; the following announcements were made as reflected on the agenda:

- **Community Sing-Along** – Tuesday, June 21st @ 7:00 p.m. @ Loring Park Com. Center
 - **Livability Committee** - Wednesday, June 15th @ 6:30 p.m. @ Loring Park Com. Center
 - **Land Use Committee** – Mon., June 20th - 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Loring Park Office Bldg/Rm 207
 - **Master Plan Steering Committee** – Wed., June 22nd; 7-9 p.m. @ Loring Park Community Ctr
- TOPICS: Synthesis of Discovery Phase-Plan Development; it was noted that June 22nd is the 4th Wed. since there are 5 Wednesdays in the month of June.
- **Downtown Court Watch** – Fri., July 8th - 10 a.m.-Noon – Dwtwn Central Library – 2nd Flr.
 - **PRIDE Festival** – Friday-Sunday, June 24th, 25th, & 26th; CLPC will have a booth, to be shared with Friends for Loring Park. Jana has distributed a volunteer sign-up sheet. Volunteers will sign up for a 2- hour shift. She is scheduling for Saturday and Sunday. All but 3 shifts have been filled in to date!
 - **A Concert for PRIDE** – Wed., June 22nd, 2011 – 7:00 – Art Show at Wesley; 8:00 – Concert; 9:30 – Reception at Loring Theater – CONCERT features The Galactic Cowboy Orchestra – FREE Admission.
 - **Loring Park Family Fun Aquatennial Event** – Wed., July 20th, 2011 – 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- Diane reported that Aquatennial planning was moving ahead. They are adding 1 pony for a total of 3 ponies at the event. Jana is working to get Heart of the Beast puppet stilt-walkers at the event. Kidsdance will be the musical entertainment. Laurie Sparks is coming back to lead children games, there will be inflatables and facepainting. Diane is working on vendors for the event. **Next Steps: Jana and John are working on sponsorships/funding for this event. Event budget to be distributed to Board Tuesday.**
- **National Night Out!!** Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 – planning has not yet begun. Jana suggested that a role for CLPC could be to publicize all of the ongoing NNO parties – there are parties being planned for Laurel Village, Loring Greenway, Nicollet Ave., Summit House, and The Woman's Club of Minneapolis.
 - **Loring Park Art Festival** – Friday & Saturday, August 6th & 7th, 2011; Jana will distribute a Volunteer sign-up sheet post the PRIDE Festival.
 - **Invitation from DMNA/Downtown Mpls. Neighborhood Organization** – John announced that DMNA has offered to host a networking breakfast for all downtown neighborhood organization boardmembers. All thought it a great idea, but felt that it should be in the Fall – post Event season. John also discussed the monthly Downtown Neighborhood Group meeting – each month a different neighborhood hosts it; participating organizations are: Elliot Park, DMNA, North Loop, and Loring Park. All mtgs. are open.

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

I.b. Incoming Requests/Issues for the Board:

IDS Exhibit – Gary reported on an opportunity which Neil Reardon forwarded for Board Action. The Annual Community Development Exhibit will be at the IDS Center this year. This could be a great way to display our Loring Park Master Plan, as well as to bring in implementation partners. Jana asked for a motion to amend the current CLPC Annual Operation Budget.

Motion: That CLPC support an increase in the promotion line item of our 2011 Operating Budget of \$200 to exhibit the Loring Park Master Plan & Process Aug. 15th-19th, 2011 pending Master Plan Steering Committee Review, Discussion, and Approval.
John VH/Janine – M/S/C Unanimous approval

Assignments: Gary will call Neil with the Board Action, Jana will call Peter Bruce, John will bring to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Park Conservancy Concept – Jana distributed a Meeting Flyer for Wed., June 29th for discussion with Park Commissioner Anita Tabb, Park Staff Don Siggelkow, and Ray Harris regarding a concept for a private/public partnership to create funding for programs, repairs & improvements, and capital expenses. The meeting will be held at the Loring Park Community Art Center from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Additionally, it was reported that a Presentation on this concept will be held at the MPRB Meeting on Wed., June 15th at 4:30 at the MPRB office. Information and staff report are available online at the Park Board website.

PRIDE Block Party – Friday, June 26th from 6-10 p.m. – Jana received a request for sponsorship from Loring Kitchen & Bar to co-sponsor the opening PRIDE block Party which will be at the LK & B site and along their Willow property.

Motion: That CLPC supports co-sponsoring the Annual PRIDE Block Party.

Greg/Brad M/S/C Unanimous approval

This will mean that Jana and Board members will promote through email and personal/business contacts and attend.

NCEC Elections – CLPC to appoint an Elector and Alternate – Sat., June 25, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the American Indian OIC / 1845 Franklin Avenue; *We will circulate a request and action to the entire board of Directors.* Christopher Hoffer has submitted an application to run for our District Seat!

430 Oak Grove – Jana reported that there is a development proposal to re-purpose the Loring Park Office Building (where the CLPC Offices are) from an office building with adjacent parking to 72 units of rental housing and 2 levels of underground parking with access from 15th Street and from Oak Grove. The new owner, Todd Phillips, has proposed to the City of Minneapolis this concept and will be presenting in front of the Minneapolis City Planning Commission Committee of the Whole this Thursday at 4:30 at City Hall in Room 317. City Hall is located at 350 S. 5th Street. Jana is encouraging representation of the 430 Oak Grove tenants and adjacent property owners to be present at the COW meeting. This proposal will be on the June CLPC Land Use Committee agenda.

401 Oak Grove – Jana reported that this development proposal is also on the Committee of the Whole agenda this coming Thursday at City Hall – Room 317. Additionally, Gary distributed a letter from the City announcing to adjacent property owners that the 401 Oak Grove development proposal will be presented to the City of Minneapolis Planning Commissioners on **Monday, June 27th, 2011 at City Hall, Room 317.** Interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. The Planning Department staff will issue a recommendation to the Planning Commission. After hearing from the public, the Planning Commission will make a determination based on required legal findings of fact. The staff report will be posted on the city website: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/agendas/planning-commission/

If you have questions about the proposal, please contact Becca Farrar, Senior Planner – 250 So. 4th Street, Room 300, Minneapolis, MN 55415 – 612-673-3595 – Rebecca.Farrar@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

The requests from the developer for this project to be located at 401 Oak Grove are:

- Conditional use permit to allow 124 dwelling units
- Conditional use permit to increase the maximum permitted height in the SH (Shoreland) overlay district from 2.5 stories to 7 stories or 84 feet at the tallest point
- Variance of the front yard setback requirement adjacent to the north property line along Oak Grove Street
- Variance of the corner side yard setback adjacent to the west property line along Clifton Place
- Site plan review for a new 7-story, 124-unit multi-family residential structure in the SH overlay and OR 3 districts.

Motion:

Master Plan – John reported on the presentation and introduction to our Master Plan at the City Planning Committee of the Whole meeting, last week in May. John VH, Neil, and Beth presented. John covered the RFP and plan components, Neil covered Community Engagement, and Beth covered some top emerging concepts. Commissioners were VERY impressed with the Community Engagement elements. They were also very interested in the LEED/ND element of our plan. The question asked was one of balance – how would we balance enhancing urban density with retention of our urban fabric – development over non-development – green space vs. development – Balance. Jana reported that she heard favorable comments from Beth, Barb Sporlin, and Steve Bosacker about our planning effort and incorporating arts and education as a part of the process through our Panels.

B4N Zoning – John overviewed the request by the City Planning Dept. for a Letter of Support. B4N zoning is a new zoning developed as an answer to land uses reflected in the North Loop Master Plan. It allows for Urban Development, up to 10 stories, but prohibits such uses as night clubs, and sex shops/Adult Entertainment. The Harmon Area within the Loring Park Neighborhood is proposed for inclusion in this initial zoning district. The Harmon Area is in the Historic District Overlay, which prohibits development over 4 stories. The key factor in the Loring Park application of the zoning is to prohibit uses in future development for a nightclub or Adult Entertainment.

Motion: CLPC supports B4N Zoning as proposed by the City of Minneapolis.

John VH/Brad M/S/C Unanimous approval

Follow-Up Action: *To be reflected in our Master Plan, John will contact Beth, Jana will write letter to the City.*

II. 2013 Neighborhood USA Conference

CLPC will be the “Host Neighborhood” for the NUSA 2013 Conference. Janine & Jana attended the 2011 NUSA Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. Janine reported back on the conference sessions, attendance, experience, and the opportunity for the City of Minneapolis in 2013. She also reported that our first step will be to get folks in Minneapolis to respond to the Call for Presentations for the 2012 Conference in Indianapolis. We should also apply for NUSA Neighborhood Awards. She noted that Corcoran and Standish-Ericksen Neighborhoods won the Award for “Best Written Newsletter”. Additionally, Minneapolis will be featured on the last day of the Indianapolis Conference to showcase their City and get folks excited to attend. Janine reported that there were 26 States and 55 Cities present at the Conference, as well as 4 Countries – Japan – Canada – Phillipines – United States

Jana reported on attending the NUSA Board meetings, meeting with NUSA Board Officers, and the Planning Team meeting held between Anchorage, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, and Eugene, Oregon. One of the requirements as a Conference Host is to attend 2 conferences prior to hosting, as well as to assist with the following conference. The NUSA Board handles the Conference Registrations and sends the host city 4-5 payments based upon the Registration fees. \$50 is a NUSA membership which they keep out of the Conference Fee. The remainder of the fee is transferred to the Host City as a part of the Conference Budget. NUSA Board also handles the Calls for Presentations and Selection of Workshops, as well as the Award Posting and Selection.

The Host City designs the Conference format, raises the Conference Budget, sets up a Development (funding) Committee, Planning Team, and host activities. There is a Grand Opening Conference Event Wednesday Evening. The Conference runs from Wed.-Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend in 2013. There are two (2) Award Breakfasts, and one (1) luncheon. A second luncheon promotes the local neighborhood businesses. The Minneapolis Planning Team will also set up 10-15 neighborhood Tours. Janine reported on taking a bike tour in Alaska and what a great component of the Conference. It gets folks in and networking with the Communities – it provides an opportunity to showcase great neighborhood work, as well as the City – and each tour provides a meal at the end of the Tour. Another feature of the Conference is a Community Event. Jana reported that she has already been meeting with Loring folks and that there is a desire to additionally set up a “Loring Host Neighborhood Planning Team”

to specifically showcase our neighborhood as the host neighborhood and plan specific events/activities in our Arts Venues throughout the week and weekend.

Jana reported that duties for the Conference Coordination from Loring Park would be to work with David Rubedor and the Neighborhood Community Relations Department to set up these Planning, Development, and Host Teams – participate in the Events and Conference Development – to recruit attendance at NUSA 2012 and participate with the Minneapolis presentation (which Meet Minneapolis will partner in the development of) – to take in funding and pay the NUSA 2013 bills – to recruit for Presentations in 2012 and 2013 – to think of Events, Prospective Neighborhood Tours, funding partners. We would like to get no less than 1,500 folks in attendance at our 2013 Conference – our official goal for NUSA may be set at 600 – but it was felt that Mpls/St. Paul/Rochester should get at least 500 to attend.

Greg reported that Peter Hutchinson is the Director of the Bush Foundation and he would be willing to contact him for the Development Team. Gary reported that the Daytons attend Westminster and that the Carlsons attend Hennepin Ave. United Methodist. Greg also reported that the retired President of The St. Paul Foundation has come to the New Harmony Church at Historic Wesley.

CLPC Boardmembers stressed the opportunity for the City of Minneapolis and for the Loring Park community in this venture!

Motion: CLPC supports their role in a NUSA 2013 partnership and authorizes CLPC Coordinator to negotiate a contract with the City of Minneapolis.

Brad/Greg M/S/C Unanimous approval

Follow-up Action: *Greg will contact Peter Hutchinson and Jana will inform David Rubedor of our action.*

III. NRP Legislative Update

Brad reported that NRP Legislation passed both the House Committee and the Senate Committee, but never made it to the Floor. No action taken. It will not come up in a Special Session. Legal action is pending and under discussion. Jana reported that she had run into Rep. Jeff Hayden and he reported that he and Councilmember Robert Lilligren had the City of Minneapolis at a table to discuss paying back to neighborhoods the NRP Phase II funds over 4-5 years. The issue of governance was a road block. NRP activist sentiment was that if Governance and Control of those repaid funds was not defined, neighborhoods would be in a constant and annual struggle to retain their funding. Jana suggested that CLPC take a lead with a few other neighborhoods to meet with Rep. Jeff Hayden and Councilmember Lilligren on the issue of regaining NRP Phase II funds to implement and complete our Phase II plan – as reviewed and approved by the City of Minneapolis in 2008.

IV. Administrative/Finance/Coordinator Report

Gary reported that Neil is in transition. His company relocated him to western Minnesota. Neil has been applying and interviewing for jobs back in the City of Minneapolis. He drove back for Saturday's event and staffed the Master Plan booth and remains active as Treasurer via the internet and texting. The Board determined that no action will be taken on Neil's absence and that the issue will be reviewed again in October if Neil has not relocated to Minneapolis by October 1st. The Board will network with their contacts to pursue opportunities for Neil and help as best they can.

Gary reported that the IRS Audit continues. They are now reviewing the checks cut under the Loring Greenway fiscal agency arrangement. Jana reported that Brad fixed the network between the computer and printer and we are up and running! Jana has inputted all hand written checks into the Quick Books data base. Jeanne, from Lottsa Financial will be in next week to complete reconciliations and begin work on tax filing. Extensions have been filed with the IRS and the Charities Division of the Attorney General's Office. Gary reported that cash flow is good through the end of the fiscal year and Jana distributed a copy of the electronic transfer of our Community Participation Fund advance.

Minute taking procedure – Proposed CLPC Policy – Tabled until our next Board meeting since Christopher was absent from meeting.

V. Livability Committee Report – John Novak injured his ankle and was at HCMC getting a MRI on his leg. Diane asked to table this report. Jana asked if time, to discuss the Music Festival and she distributed Booth Manor Outreach photos.

VI. Land Use & Master Plan – John VH & Neil R.
HPC Update – 337 & 419 Oak Grove: Jana reported HPC unanimous support for the historic designation of these properties.

Lund's Redevelopment Proposal – Gary reported that he thought he made a motion to support the Lund's proposal at Land Use. Brad reported that he attended the HPC meetings. 8 of 9 conditions for approval were granted. The 9th condition is with regards to the windows and signage. There will be follow up work by Lunds and city staff on this element. Kim Havey/Bellevue, Nancy Jones/Kenosha, and Brad Conley/CLPC testified in support of this project to the Heritage Preservation Commission. CLPC has attended all meetings for this project in front of HPC and the City Planning Commission and Planning Commission Committee of the Whole reviews.

Motion: CLPC supports Lunds development plan as proposed and presented.
Diane/Greg MIS/C Unanimous support

401 Oak Grove – Brad and Janine reported. John abstained per Conflict of Interest since he works for BKV Architects and they are the development architects for this project. Janine and Brad reported that the motion of the board coming from Land Use had 1 no vote/Bob Copeland and 2 abstentions/Michael McLaughlin and John Van Heel. The motion passed from the Land Use Committee to the Board was:

Motion: CLPC rejects the development proposal as presented for 401 Oak Grove 1) Due to the proximity to the surrounding buildings, 2) the plan ignores the Shoreland Overlay, and 3) the plan ignores the Loring Hill Development Guidelines.

This motion was amended to read:

Motion: CLPC rejects the development proposal as presented for 401 Oak Grove for the following reasons:

- 1) The proximity to the surrounding buildings;
- 2) The bulk and height of the proposed development negatively impacts light and air to the surrounding and recently historically designated mansions surrounding the site;
- 3) The proposed development plan ignores, is inconsistent with, and does not meet the criteria for the Shoreland Overlay; and
- 4) This development plan ignores the Loring Hill Development Guidelines.

Furthermore, CLPC opposes unanimously the requested Conditional Use Permits and Variances requested for this project. *Brad/Diane MIS 1-abstention/John Van Heel*

Motion: CLPC supports development at the 401 Oak Grove site which is collaborative and supports the community's vision of the neighborhood, and as articulated in the Loring Hill Guidelines. *Janine/Brad MIS/C Unanimous*

OVERVIEW of Comments made – Highlights of Input through project:
Courtyard/Garden on front side (entrance to hill)

Parking ramp entrance east side – model 333 Oak Grove entrance
4 stories vs. 84 feet – too tall for area
Crowds adjacent mansions, should not be built property line to property line
Eliminates lights and air from recently historically designated properties adjacent to this proposed site
Curved entrance at corner which is the Gateway to the hill
Set backs are needed from the mansions, esp. 337 Oak Grove – to ensure light and their future viability
Enhance pedestrian experience at the corner of design, which is the “Gateway” to the hill
Suggestion for curved balconies – think of flowers streaming from those balconies
Partnership has been developed with adjacent institutions for an additional level of underground parking
should they produce the financing for it.
Materials utilized should compliment the adjacent & surrounding Mansions & Woman's Club

- 401 Oak Grove Workgroup Rpt. – Loring Hill letter – Request to CLPC – Tabled to the next Board meeting, since Board representation from the Hill was not available to present.

Brad threw out the idea for folks to think about a September Event focused around Recovery – September is Recovery Month – could be a partnership with MCTC, Wesley, and CLPC.

Greg announced that this Fall is the 20th Anniversary of Councilmember Brian Coyle's death. His memorial service was at Wesley Church. Dec. 1st is World AIDS day. Greg would like to do something in memory and in tribute to Brian Coyle. He will ask Sharon Belton and asked Jana to contact Sen. Dibble.

Motion: CLPC approves the April & May 2011 Board of Directors minutes.
Brad/John VH MIS/C Unanimous approval.

Booth Manor – Jana reported that 30 individuals turned out for our Outreach Event. Interpreters were on the northside, but our musician, Mark Stillman spoke Romanian and Russian. Lots of singing in Russian and folk dancing. John and Jana went on behalf of CLPC. John reported that several residents said it was the best thing ever! Jana reported that staff at Booth Manor would like to do it again in the Fall. They were very pleased.

Loring Music Festival – Jana and Diane reported on a successful event. John and Janine reported that the Master Plan booth received lots of comments and people stopping by to ask questions and discuss project. Beautiful day – estimated attendance throughout day is 750-800. Jana conducting an evaluation with volunteers, planning team, musicians, and funders. She will compile results and distribute to the Board. Strong sentiment to do this event again next year and build it into an Annual Event. Diane said she thought it went great and that it went very well and was a lot of fun!

VII. 8:30 ADJOURN