

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2005 6:30-8:30 p.m.
(See sign in sheet for list of attendees)

Livability Committee:

a) There is an agenda for this committee in the Board packet, which is to be held at the Downtown Command on North 4th Street on June 15. Please notify Jana if you plan to attend so that a count can be passed on to Inspector Allen for the food that he intends to provide.

Land Use Committee: There were three motions that were approved by the CLPC Land Use Committee that were forwarded to the CLPC Board for consideration. See below:

1. Motion by Diane Woelm, seconded by Katie Hatt that it may be resolved that:

Whereas Greenway renewal work has been suspended since 2003 and is not scheduled to be resumed until 2010, by which time the Greenway will be an unimaginable eyesore,

Whereas the City has errantly degraded the Greenway by placing it into a category of a street paving project,

Now therefore, it is hereby resolved by CLPC that the city advance the timetable for Greenway renewal to 2006, and

Be it further resolved that the City place the Greenway in a special capital status reflecting its unique character as an urban pedestrian parkway, and that

This resolution be forward to our mayor, city council member and other appropriate elected officials

motion passed, no nays or abstentions.

2. Motion by Sid Guthrie, seconded by Robert Cook that CLPC support Lunds' request for (1) a conditional use permit for a surface parking lot and (2) a variance request to allow for a surface parking lot in excess of 20 stalls. This support is conditioned on the understanding that parking lot be given an appealing streetscape and that the historic alley way be preserved.

motion passed, no nays or abstentions.

3. Motion by Robert Cook, seconded by Diane Woelm that CLPC support Lunds' request for a conditional use permit to allow for the "business to be open 24 hours" as a full service grocery store with the request that Lunds returns to the CLPC Land Use Committee with their plans when they decide to implement a 24-hour operation.

motion passed, no nays or abstentions

Reports:

a) Jana had explained to the Board that an outreach project which would include a **point of contact in every business and residential building** in Loring Park is in the process of being established. This is an effort to tie in citizen participation to the Board's activities and apprise the community as to its efforts. The project is still underway and additional information will be provided at the next Board meeting.

b) A summary sheet is provided in the Board packet for the **Pre-Primary Mayoral Candidate's Forum**. It was discussed that there should be focused questions provided to the candidates regarding what neighborhood issues should be discussed.

Motion by Sid Guthrie, seconded by Liz Hutter that CLPC be a co-sponsor of the Pre-Primary Mayoral Candidate's Forum on August 24 (the Woman's Club will be hosting the event)
motion passed, no nays or abstentions

c) **National Night Out:** Both Mary and Katie have been working together on the planning for this event which is set to take place on August 2. Mary stated that there will be four main events, each of which will be housed in a tent. They are to be: an art tent (for which a volunteer is needed), a bike tent (for which there is a partnership with Minnesota Bicycle and the Bike Alliance), a tenant tent (which will be staffed by Joshua and other community officials to provide information on tenant issues and community safety), and a pet tent (which will provide treats, grooming tips, and other pet related things. This tent may be in partnership with dogromp.org). An additional planning meeting for this event is scheduled for July 19.

d) **Loring Hill Task Force:** A seven page document was included in the Board packet entitled "Request for Proposals: Loring Hill Small Area Plan" which details the work of the Loring Hill Task Force from its goals and objectives to how it will carry out its mission and the criteria that it will use to select a proposal that will carry out its objectives. A list of the participants for the Loring Hill Task Force was distributed in addition to a fund raising report. The report regarding fund raising detailed a sum of \$3,000 that coupled with the \$10,000 in NRP funds leaves a negative balance.

e) **Eitel Hospital Site:** John VanHeel declared a conflict of interest and offered to leave the room, although no one requested that he not be present. Katie gave an overview of the development that is to cover a "L" shaped parcel of land. She also passed out a document that was drafted by an associate from Magellan Development Group that referenced the original contract that Allina had made with the chosen developers wherein should any disputes arise between the developers and the community task force, the task force reserves the right to pursue any material claims in court and the cost of pursuing those claims would be paid for by the developers. Though, the letter cited an understanding that was different from what Allina had originally communicated to the task force, stating that only if the task force prevails in their claim(s) against the developers will their expenses be reimbursed. It was suggested that clarification be

gained regarding this issue through Allina. The next task force meeting is on June 23. At the July board meeting a small area plan consultant will be present. The future of Emerson School is in question and of concern because it could prospectively be another full block of new development. Because the developers have expressed impatience with the CLPC process to the task force.

Motion by Sid Guthrie, seconded by Liz Hutter that the developer should continue to respect the task force process, including the two task force presentations and any additional meetings that may be needed.

motion passed, no nays, one abstention by John Van Heel

(Eitel cont.)

Doug Kress (from Council member Goodman's office) was present for the discussion about the Eitel development. He agreed with what was suggested and suggested that the task force copy Hillary with the Zoning and Planning Commission and Allina on correspondence that is directed to the developers regarding the aforementioned issues.

f) Meter Farm Site: Doug Kress also reported that OutFront Minnesota, a Minnesota based organization that advocates for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals, has made mention of plans to expand their existing offices at the Sabathani Community Center to the site that is currently coined as the "meter farm."

g) A meeting was held on May 4 at the Harrison Community Center. The details of this meeting and the goals of the **City-Wide Citizen Participation Conference** is included in the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for May 9.

h) Motion by Pat Hafvenstein, seconded by Sid Guthrie to pass the April Board minutes.

motion passed, no nays or abstentions

i) Executive Director Contract Renewal:

Motion by Robert Cook, seconded by Pat Hafvenstein to approve the Executive Director contract as presented to the Board on July 13 with modifications to line 4 of the contract reading: A total of 25 days of paid vacation will be provided (present accrued benefit). Vacation should be taken during the current year. A maximum of 20 days total can carry over from year to year.

motion passed, no nays or abstentions

It was suggested that the Board make a recommendation to Jana that would require her to take more vacation time each year, to ensure her personal health. A suggestion was made that a change to the Employee Handbook be made that the Board require more than two weeks notice from Jana should she wish to vacate her position and the same should the Board wish to cease Jana's employment.

The items listed in the document which covers the Letter of Agreement verses Contract, Time Off Benefits, and Potential Financial Liability was discussed with all Board members, clarification having been provided by members of the Executive

Committee.

i) Miscellaneous: A letter should be sent by the Board Secretary to both Greg Langford and Mike Halverson regarding their attendance as Board members. They must be informed that per section 7 subdivision 3 they will be removed from the CLPC Board of Directors pending any appeal that they may wish to file with the Board requesting otherwise.

Jana had suggested that a motion be made to receive the Women's Club Grant of \$2,500. A grant of \$5,000 was applied for and \$2,500 was granted. This grant was intended to be used toward the purchase of new computer equipment for the CLPC offices. Of the \$2,500 granted, only \$2,000 was used toward the purchase of a new computer. It is Jana's suggestion that the remaining \$250 be used to support National Night Out.

***Motion by Mary Turner, seconded by Katie Hatt for CLPC to receive the Women's Club grant and to apply the remaining funds in support of National Night Out.
motion passed, no nays or abstentions***

Diane Moe introduced herself. She is the new Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board director of Loring Park and the Sculpture Garden. She had worked for the Park Board from 1990-1996 and for the last nine years has been working for Bloomington Parks. She can be reached at (612) 370-4929, via e-mail at dmoe@minneapolisparcs.org, or via mail at MPIRB: Loring Park, 2117 W River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

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