

Citizens for a Loring Park Community Annual Meeting
Woman's Club of Minneapolis
Tuesday, March 16, 2010

According to the sign-in sheets there were about 30 exhibitor staff and xx residents in attendance.

I. 5:30-6:45 – Information Fair

The bustling Information Fair was a great success. Information tables were filled to overflowing.

180 Degrees	Loring Park
Census 2010	Loring Park Art Festival
CenterPoint Energy	Loring Park Entrance Project
Downtown Improvement District (DID)	MCTC
Emerson School	Minneapolis Community Prosecution
Friends of Loring Park	Minneapolis Police CCP/SAFE
Health Place/Healthy People	MN Aids Project
Hennepin County Attorney	Music Box Theater
Hennepin County Transit	Park Police
Hennepin Methodist Church	Red Eye Theater
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative	Restorative Justice Community Action
Loring Greenway Association	St. Stephen's Outreach
	Woman's Club of Minneapolis

II. 6:45-7:00 – Welcome by Dick Sandberg, CLPC President

Dick Sandberg called the meeting to order and welcomed community residents and Information Fair presenters.

A. Special Recognition Award

CLPC Past President John Van Heel called up several folks including current and past CLPC presidents (Dick Sandberg and Richard Anderson), Ione Siegel (Friends of Loring Park), Bert Berlowe (a founder of CLPC), and Laurie Spark (manager of Loring Park) to make a special presentation. Emma Wokotich, our CLPC founder and incorporator who passed away this year, painted an original oil painting of Loring Park. Emma's daughter Cynthia presented the painting to CLPC and it is passed on to Friends of Loring Park for display at the Loring Park Community Center. Ione Siegel said a few words.

III. 7:00-7:30- Guest Speakers

“Safety and Safety Initiatives in the Loring Park Neighborhood”

1st Precinct panel – Lt. Matt Clark, Inspector Kris Arneson, & Deputy Chief Janee Harteau

Deputy Chief Harteau began the presentation with some words about the challenges coming this year. There are no plans to cut police from the 1st Precinct. Use of police as bikes and horses is a tactic and if those tactics are working, then those tactics will continue to be used.

Lt. Clark began by calling out the good work of Jana Metge. Lt. Clark reviewed the results of a survey from last year. About 75 % of respondents felt the neighborhood and Park were safe; the least safe hours were in the evening. Most felt that the police presence was not sufficient. Intoxicated persons, the homeless, loitering and panhandling were top crime problems to target. Perceived as less problematic were theft, disorderly and traffic. Most residents don't see a lot of crime. Those who witness crime or are victims will call 911. Most (80 percent) felt police were doing well—MPD wants to increase that percentage. Strategies being undertaken in response to the survey are to add a night beat (Officers Steven Kingdon and Michael McCadden) to Loring Park. Also, Officers Doug Dubay and Tom Subject came to the

Annual meeting in their off time —they are working in the neighborhood during the day.

Inspector Arneson introduced Renee Allen. Inspector Arneson then reviewed the crime statistics for 2008-2009 and discussed the focus for the year. Robberies are grouped around Loring Park in 2008, spreading out in 2009. There were few robberies near the end of the year. However a trend started at the end of the year with an increase in robberies to date. It is unclear if the same person is involved with a string of robberies. For 2010 so far there have been six robberies. A number of these have been along LaSalle and 15th. In reaction, the MPD has a CERT team working undercover in this area and also more visible proactive patrol. Second, the four beat officers will not be pulled downtown unless there is a major problem downtown. Inspector Arneson invited residents to contact police with ideas about how to make things safer. Residents are urged to call 911 if there are problems. Inspector Arneson said that it helps if there is a description of the person, clothing and activity. Remember that calls are prioritized so the police may not get there immediately. There were several questions about follow through with 911 calls. Inspector Arneson will speak with the questioner about a specific case. Question about changes in the last few years in the neighborhood—the police did not have this data immediately available. Residents should talk to Renee about crime tips and how to feel safe—it is probably true that older women feel vulnerable. Suspects are looking for opportunities and we need to minimize those opportunities. Lt. Clark reiterated that overall Loring Park is still a safe neighborhood in part because the community has taken the lead in working with safety issues. St. Stephen's asked about detox priority for 911 calls. Detox is a separate unit that responds on a first-come first served basis. There may need to be calls back if the situation escalates. Finally, it was noted that panhandling arrests are up 425%. Crime maps are online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/codefor/index.asp>

IV. 7:30-8:00 – General Membership Meeting

Copies of the 2009 CLPC Annual Report were distributed to attendees.

A. 2009 Highlights of Citizens for a Loring Park Community

1. Land Use/Master Plan

John Van Heel reviewed information on pages 8 and 9 of the Annual Report pertaining to the Land Use Committee. In 2009, the committee addressed a range of issues, from liquor licenses to threats to historic assets.

John also reviewed the work on the upcoming Master Plan as shown in more detail on page 13 of the Annual Report.

2. Livability

Robert Hansen reviewed information on pages 10 and 11 of the Annual Report. The Committee is a forum for the community, being proactive as possible and reactive when needed. Activities that CLPC will continue to support include the Community Sing Along, MCTC Annual Health Fair (April 14), National Night Out (August), the Loring Park Arts Festival, and possible direct involvement with PRIDE this year.

3. Traffic Calming

Sasha Mayer described the work of the Traffic Calming Task Force from page 12 of the Annual Report. The Task Force formed in part based on feedback from several of the local residential buildings. The top priority is the crossing from the Loring Park Office Building into Loring Park. The next

meeting is Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Loring Park Office Building.

4. Financial Report

Gary Gliem presented information on the finances of CLPC and fundraising efforts. In 2009 CLPC brought in more income than projected and spent somewhat less than projected. The profit and loss statement is available at the CLPC office. Gary thanked the work of Joe Horan to process NRP Phase II contracts resulting in no cash flow problems for 2009. Gary described the fundraising plan developed in 2009. Gary also described work with the Loring Greenway Association. He thanked many volunteers for the success of the Love Loring event held last February and several businesses and others who supported the event financially.

B. Recognition of Committees for 2010

Dick Sandberg asked for a voice vote to recognize the five ongoing committees for next year: Land Use, Livability, Traffic Calming, Fundraising and Master Planning. (Motion Neil Carlson, second Ed Newman). Motion passed.

C. Board of Directors openings

Dick Sandberg explained that this year the membership is to consider five two-year terms and one one-year term (due to the resignation of a Board member). Dick called on each of the five Board members whose term is up to confirm whether he or she wished to run again.

John Van Heel wishes to continue Dick Sandberg nominated John Van Heel for election to the CLPC Board, seconded by Neil Carlson.

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Ed Newman does not wish to continue.

Becky Gullickson does not wish to continue.

Dick Sandberg then called for other nominations.

John Van Heel nominated Christopher Hoffer from 510 Groveland, seconded by Pat Hafvenstein.

Dick Sandberg nominated Janine Jelks Seale from 110 West Grant, seconded by John Van Heel.

Dick Sandberg nominated Richard Anderson from Loring Way, seconded by Robert Hanson.

Gary Gliem nominated Mike Marn from Summit House, seconded by Pat Hafvenstein.

Dick explained that in previous years the five candidates with the highest number of votes would win the two-year seats; the sixth highest vote getter would win one-year seat unless someone is specifically interested in the one-year seat.

All candidates were invited to say a few words as ballots were distributed. *Richard Anderson withdrew his name from nomination.* With that, Dick Sandberg asked for election by acclamation. Janine Jelks-Seale volunteered to take the one-year seat. *Motion by Ed Newman for unanimous consent to accept the list of candidates (John*

Van Heel, Gary Gliem, Neil Carlson, Christopher Hoffer, Janine Jelks-Seale and Mike Marn) second by Pat Hafvenstein. Motion passed.

Dick invited those just elected to introduce themselves.

Dick reminded those in attendance to sign in.

B. Presentation, Discussion, on proposed bylaw changes

Dick reviewed the list of proposed bylaw changes. These were distributed to the Board several months ago and reviewed by Joe Horan at the NRP office. The version of changes showing with revision marks has been posted on the CLPC website for over a month. Dick reviewed each change individually.

1. IV-1 Limits business membership to one organizational representative

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

2. IV-1 Eliminates the requirement for members to have registered attendance in the previous 12 months and the requirement for members to agree with by-laws.

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

3. VI-7 Permits board discretion on removing directors for 3 absences in a year – rather than requiring an automatic removal.

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

4. VI-9 Authorizes board to replace vacancy of organizational representative directors

There was one question about whether there are any such representatives now. Dick answered that these are typically invited from larger organizations such as churches and there are none on the Board now.

5. VI-11 Acknowledges electronic communication as “written.”

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

6. VI-11 Permits emergency board action between meetings with written consent by all directors.

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

7. VI-14 Extends executive committee beyond officers, to include “additional members appointed by the Board” and requires a ¾ majority for executive committee action

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

8. VI-14 Clarifies that committees are open to all residents of the geographically-defined neighborhood, with no barriers to participation.

There was a question about whether property owners were included and Dick clarified that language elsewhere in this section includes them.

9. VI-14 Requires committee chairs be appointed by the board.

A technical change is needed in the wording from “Chairs - committee's chair” to Chairs – committee chairs

10. VI-14 Requires final board approval for committee actions.

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

11. VIII-2 Requires audit to be in compliance with state law rather than once per year.

There were no questions from attendees about this change.

CLPC members approved the proposed bylaw changes. (Motion Ed Newman, second Robert Hansen). Motion passed.

D. Comments from Elected Officials

Marion Greene candidate for House District 60A spoke briefly.

E. Questions from Community

There were no other questions.

Adjourned 8:35 p.m.