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Citizens for a Loring Park Community  
**Land Use Committee**  
Monday, March 24, 2008  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
@ Loring Park Office Building, Room 207

**Attendance:** Paul Hinderager (Summit House), John van Heel (110 West Grant), Becky Gullicksen(301 Clifton), Robert Cook (Eddy's Café), Jana Metge (CLPC Executive Coordinator), Dick Sandberg (Loring Green East), Jan Sandberg (Loring Green East), Carol Ahlgren (City of Minneapolis), John Lauber (Mead & Hunt), Kathy Kullberg (Lowry Hill East), Mike Addy (Greenway Gables), Neil Carlson (Summit House), Dave Hile (Summit House) Beverly Conerton (NRP), Debbie Evans (NRP)

**I. 6:30-7:00 p.m. Call to Order**—Dick Sandberg, CLPC Land Use Committee Chair

**Introductions**

Agenda approved without changes.

Motion by Robert Cook, seconded by John van Heel to approve the January 28, 2008 minutes.

Motion passed

**Announcements and reports**

- The new City Attorney, Susan Segal, will be a featured guest at the May Livability meeting. She will speak about her goals and respond to questions about the prioritization of livability issues, continuation of Community Prosecutor Program, and the continued partnership with Restorative Justice. Lois Conroy, First Precinct Community Prosecutor, and Gail Baez, Assistant County Attorney/Livability Team lead for Hennepin County will also be available for questions.
- Susan Ude will be at the April meeting to discuss the possibility of CLPC hosting a CERT meeting. Paul offered to host any training at the Woman's Club.
- Jana distributed flyers from the Annual Meeting:
  - The New Folk Collective Concert Series ([www.newfolk.org](http://www.newfolk.org)) at the First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Ave will feature Tom Paxton, Saturday April 5, 7:30 p.m.
  - The Dignity Center of the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church is hosting a concert featuring Bruce Henry and Jevetta Steele, April 19, 2008. See [www.haumc.org](http://www.haumc.org)
- **Earth Day** – April 19, 2008 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Loring Park is a clean up site.
- The **Pedestrian Advisory Committee Open House** will be held on March 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library. Committee members expressed continuing interest in a stop light at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> and Oak Grove. John attended a recent meeting of the Loring Hill Parking Task Force which discussed a Hennepin-Lyndale design charette that will include crossing issues. This invitation-only session will bring together several neighboring institutions.
- The new owner of the **Loring Park Dunn Brothers** also owns the Dunn Brothers in the blue building on Lyndale.

**II. 6:45– 7:15p.m. Historic Preservation Survey--Carol Ahlgren**

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The Loring Park, Elliot Park, and Lowry Hill East neighborhoods are included in a federally funded survey of historic features for the City. Field work will be conducted February – April 2008. The product of the survey would be a publication describing the historic resources of the neighborhood. This would be a resource for both the City and community groups.

Carol distributed a schedule for the historic resource survey. She is looking for input from the neighborhood and asked to have information posted on the CLPC Web site. John Lauber listed some of the better-known historic buildings in the neighborhood. The last survey in the neighborhood was nearly 30 years ago and some buildings not considered then would be considered now. They are also looking at clusters of buildings that might qualify as a historic district. The focus is on a building's exterior. The Loring Greenway is a mid-1970s landscape but may be considered for a pre-inventory. Also, there is a house at 1507 Spruce Place that may be the oldest building in the neighborhood.

John would like committee members or others to share their ideas and materials with him – e-mail [John.lauber@meadhunt.com](mailto:John.lauber@meadhunt.com) Jana suggested contacting Richard Anderson about his materials, including antique postcards. The draft document will be ready in May or June and could be posted on the CLPC Web site for community reaction.

Getting a property designated can be perceived by property owners as a disadvantage. Jana suggested that there should be discussion of the pros and cons for presentations to groups such as Loring Park property owners. For businesses on the National Historic Register there is a substantial tax credit but there is nothing similar for homes. John Lauber also noted that some neighborhoods use NRP funds to establish revolving loan funds.

What are the criteria for the newer included buildings? John Lauber said that they are looking for good examples of a period or a well-known architect. A building might be unusual in demonstrating a concept but not necessarily attractive.

### **III. 7:15– 7:45p.m. Trees and the Loring Park Post Office--Mike Addy**

Mike reported that in 2006 there were only two trees planted in the four cutouts on 12<sup>th</sup> Street next to the Loring Park Post Office. After a few letters, and assurances that the trees would be replaced, the other two trees were taken out and concreted over. The City suggested cutting out areas closer to the street (at cost to the property owner) and the Park Board would plant trees. Planters are another option but not for trees.

It is believed that the original trees were planted too close to the building and likely damaged by heat from the building's brick. This problem differs from the City funded streetscape project near the Convention Center. It is not clear who owns the building and that would be a place to start.

*Motion by John van Heel, seconded Robert Cook, that CLPC supports establishing landscaping and trees in the vicinity of the post office.*

*Motion passed unanimously*

Beverly suggested contacting the Longfellow neighborhood which had a similar problem.

Since the property is in DMNA, Jana and John will work with Mike and consult Tom Hoch.

### **IV. 7:45– 8:15p.m. NRP Update -- Beverly Conerton, NRP Policy Board Representative, and Debbie Evans, NRP Board**

Rep. Karen Clark has authored legislation to extend the TIF districts that originally funded NRP. The legislation is expected to generate \$100 million for NRP over ten years or so. This is just part of the money generated by the TIF districts, which is divided among the various taxing entities with the City's share to be divided between NRP and funding for the Target Center. Extending the TIF districts takes money from the state—\$10 from LGA and \$2 million from fiscal disparities.

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Governance is a major issue. The City's governance ideas do not include an independent board. The NRP Policy Board tonight supported the Clark legislation without comment on the governance structure.

**V. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

- 1501 Nicollet and the GLBT Center: It was suggested that the chair contact OutFront Minnesota and invite the person in charge of the 1500 Nicollet project to update the Committee on the project's progress at the April Land Use meeting.
- 1730 Clifton
- Wireless Minneapolis (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/>) progress
- RFP for street furniture <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/street-furniture/>
- 1500 Nicollet Development Proposal
- Loring Parking Ramp
- Commercial Property at 15th and LaSalle
- Berger Fountain
- Lunds Grocery Store