

Citizens for Loring Park Community
Land Use Committee
July 24, 2006
6:30-8:30 PM
@CLPC Offices/Loring Park Office Building
430 Oak Grove Street, Room 207 612-874-9002

Attendance: Robert Cook (Eddy's Café), John van Heel (110 West Grant), Mike Marn (Summit House), Dick Sandberg (Loring Green East), Jan Sandberg (Loring Green East), Terry Thompson (Loring Green East), Becky Gullickson (301 Clifton), Kelly Bachman (Hunt Associates), Sandy Morris (Women's Club), Anna Marie Ganje (301 Clifton), Paul Hinderager (Summit House), Jana Metge (CLPC Coordinator), David Hile (Summit House), Jim Hunt (Hunt Associates), Lawrence Kehia (Summit House)

Agenda

I. 6:30-6:45 p.m. Call to Order – Robert Cook

Robert Cook led introductions of the 12 or so people in attendance. There were eventually 15 persons in attendance.

Motion John van Heel, seconded Jan Sandberg to approve the agenda with an additional item for announcements.

Passed unanimously

The minutes were deferred to the August meeting.

Announcements:

- National Nite Out is August 1 in the park at the Loring Park Community Center., early evening. There will be a dog parade, food, music, and fun!
- NRP Phase II Revitalization Plan.
Jana reviewed the history of the planning process. The phase I plan is on the NRP Web site. The results of that plan are being reviewed. There is a draft of a plan to plan for the NRP Phase II Citizen Participation Plan that will go to the CLPC Board for approval before going to the NRP Board so that work can begin on this plan. This will include transportation and broader area planning.
- The RFP for the Meter Farm is out. The pre-proposal meeting for developers will be August 10 at Crown Roller Mill. Robert Cook gave a brief history of the project. The proposal could include a larger site.

II. 6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Loring Hill Task Force Design Guidelines

The guidelines are complete, in the hands of the consultant, and may now be printed. There will not be a request for approval tonight pending a more formal presentation.

Many people were out of town during July. Mike and others prepared suggestions after reviewing the draft. In order to keep the document to 16 pages the graphs cannot be made as large as some would like.

There will be a task force meeting on August 7, 2006 at the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church to approve the final document. They will first go to the CLPC Board for approval pending approval by the Land Use Committee. Mike would like to use the Land Use Committee as a public forum in August.

The guidelines do not change the zoning for the Hill or declare it to be a historic district. The document is not a small area plan but could be the basis for such a plan—a small area plan is more formal and would impact the city plan. Council member Goodman has said that she will honor the guidelines.

Sandy Morris reviewed some comments that she developed to parallel the guidelines and would like to see included in the guidelines. The comments address maintaining the character of the neighborhood including preserving existing businesses possibly through tax breaks. It was suggested that this issue be forwarded

Sandy Morris moved, seconded by Mike Marn, that the Land Use Committee for CLPC consider the issues raised in the Livability and Character addendum for inclusion in the upcoming ten-year plan.

Passed unanimously

III. 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Westside Convention Center Project

John updated the committee on the history of the Westside Convention Center Project. When the project was complete there was an agreement between the Nicollet Mall Service District and Nicollet Avenue Service District to maintain the kiosks, banners, and similar. For a variety of reasons there has been no maintenance in the last three years. For example, of the dozen banner holders (fork and knife) several have been damaged or are missing. It is unclear how damage to a kiosk would be fixed. Also, some information is out of date but John thought it would be timely to update this information when the kiosk graphics are replaced. After repeated requests, John understands that there will need to be a petition of about three or so properties to expand the district. John thinks this is good news. Jana reminded the group of a similar petition done several years ago to deal with new street lighting that used CLPC funds.

IV. 8:00-8:30 p.m. Requests

Jana explained that while on vacation she had calls from a Hunt Associates rep interested in a meeting with an area development team for the proposal to come on the 1730 Clifton. CLPC will follow up on this request in the next few weeks. The Loring Hill Development Guidelines call for a Development Team to be created to work with developers on following the guidelines as they build a proposal. Those present at tonight's meeting and expressed interest in being a part of this team included Paul Hinderager, Dave Hile, Anna Marie Ganje, Lawrence Kehia, and Becky Gullickson. Jana will contact others who are not present including Rob Daniels, Mike Marn, Scott Mayer, Colleen Foster, Gene Gaines (president of 510 Homeowners Association), Pat Scott from St. Mark's Church, and Sasha Mayer from Summit House.

Adjourned 7:45 p.m.