

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
LIVABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 16th, 2013

Thank you to the Loring Park Community Center for hosting!!!

Those present: Joseph Finley (resident), Bob Hansen (resident), Terri Ashmore (Basilica), Renee Allen (CPP/SAFE), John Outlaw (Loring Park Director), Dave Hile (Friends of Loring Park), Park Police (Name?)

I. Chair, Joseph Finley called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The agenda was approved as presented. Aug. & Sept. minutes tabled to November 2013 meeting to give folks time to read them.

The following Announcements were made:

- **City Council Zoning & Planning Committee** - Discussion & Approval of the Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan - Thursday, Oct. 10th @ 9:30 a.m. @ City Hall/350 So. 5th St.
- **Downtown Court Watch** - Held Fri., Oct. 11th 10 -Noon - Downtown Central Library
- **Community Sing-Along** - Last Night, always fun!! Tues., Oct. 15th @ 7-8:30 p.m. @ LPark Com. Center
- **La Guadalupana** - In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre production to be held **at the Basilica on Dec. 7th at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Loring Park Holiday Party & Curry Dinner** - At the "Mansion on the Hill" - 228 Clifton - Thursday, December 5th, 2013. Come anytime between 5:30-8:30 & stay as long as you want. Donations requested - Fundraiser for CLPC.
- **"WinterFest" at Loring Park** - Thursday, December 12th, 2013. Bonfire, Horse & Carriage Rides, Live Music, Performance by Kairos Dance Company, Refreshments.

II. Nicollet Avenue Safety Issues

Renee Allen - CPP/SAFE distributed Year to Date Crime Maps on both Part II/Livability crimes and Part I/Violent crimes. Renee reported that there were 3 arrests made on the murder at 15 E. Grant. One was charged with murder and his sister/daughter were charged with being an accomplice to the crime since they were seen on video transporting the body out of the building. The charge was Sept. 13th. Residents from the north end of Nicollet had witnessed the country trucks and Deputy Sheriff's at the site. Very stressful for them. Stated that it is good to get talking points and information out fast so that folks in the neighborhood have a report right away. September 9th was the triple shooting on Nicollet. Inspector Schafer got out talking points and a coordinated action plan the next day. Very efficient and helpful. Renee reported that there are no arrests to date, but this is being investigated with a Metropolitan focus.

Renee talked through each of the incidents on the Map. She reminded folks to keep items in their truck, not in their car and to be alert when using cell phones. Majority of crimes are thefts of cell phones. People are concentrating on their cell phones and they get snatched out of their hands. Due to the increased activity of the month, a camera has been placed across from Bashaal Café and Grant/Nicollet remains a CODEFOR focus area. Renee reported that Bashaal Café's hours have been reduced. The late hours are drawing in negative activity. The City is reviewing licensing and working with the owner on management inside and outside of the property.

Renee reported that Inspector Brian Schafer had gotten a job as the Chief of Police in Hastings and will be leaving in December. Committee members asked Renee to Thank the Inspector for all of his hard work with us this summer.

III. 2014 Loring Park Priorities

Dave Hile, President of Friends for Loring Park reported on the Strategic Plan completed last year. Their focus is:

1. Remove the Cattails
2. Renovate Berger Fountain
3. Program the Park, in partnership with CLPC and MPRB and neighborhood businesses for support.

Dave reported he had met with Commissioner Anita Tabb and that she had requested park staff to review the cost projections to repair the Fountain. Dave reported that the next step will be for CLPC and Friends reps to meet with the Commissioner and Park Superintendent Jayne Miller to determine how we can get into the MPRB Capital Budget for needed repairs. The sidewalk are cracking and need repair. Dave reported that the request for HN County Sports Funding is going to the Park Board for approval and we are organizing a "Letter of Support" campaign, as well as a petition of support that has been at all summer events and official letters from CLPC and Friends. Jana reported that she could get MCTC to write a support letter, and suggested that the Loring Greenway Association may also write one. Jana will work with Dave on gathering these letters.

IV. Heart of the Beast Performance @ Basilica - Terri Ashmore

Terri Ashmore presented to the Committee an update and talk about the Performance Workshops and how folks in the Community can be involved. The production will be Sat., Dec. 7th @ 1:30 p.m. Tickets on sale online or through In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre. Performance is at Basilica of St. Mary. The play is a Story of Inclusion and Generosity - "La Guadalupe". Kalpulli Ketzal Coatlicue Aztec Dancers, along with muralist and musician Gutavo Lira, bring to life this story through dance and music with sacred drums, conch shells, and instruments from nature.

Terri reported on the **Puppet Making Workshops for La Guadalupe**:

- Saturday, November 2nd - Basilica School
- Wednesday, November 13 - Basilica School
- Sunday, November 24 - Basilica School

The CLPC Board approved \$1,500 to go towards Tickets to the performance on Saturday, December 7th, 2013 for folks unable to afford the \$15/per person ticket price. It was suggested that we make some of the tickets available to Emerson School families.

Terri reported that they are partnering with the Charter School at the Basilica, Emerson, The Jeremiah Program to date. She asked for other ideas from the community and asked folks to email her with any partnership ideas.

V. Community Engagement Review

Jana distributed Event Evaluation/Summary reports for National Nite Out, Aquatennial Pre-Parade Party, and the Loring Music Festival. She stated that planning for the Music Festival occurs in the Fall, with contracts needing to be done by year end and publicity by January 1st. Team meetings to plan have all been done virtually to date. The Aquatennial planning begins in January, 1st meeting with the Aquatennial staff, the Park, Friends of Loring Park, and CLPC. There are usually 5-6 planning meetings. Joseph stated that if we started earlier, we could work to get additional volunteers. Renee reported that Rick Maas, runs a Juvenile Diversion Program for MPD and that helping with the Aquatennial Event would be a perfect fit. We would need to coordinate with him after the 1st of the year, but his calendar fills up fast for partnership projects. National Nite Out planning starts in the Spring and has 3-4 planning meetings. Jana reported that The Woman's Club of Minneapolis wishes to host again in 2014.

MOTION: CLPC supports the 2014 Annual Community Events to include a Booth at the PRIDE Festival (June) & Loring Park Art Festival (August), Promotion of the Operetta (August) and the WinterFest (December), the Loring Park Music Festival (June), the Aquatennial Pre-Parade party (July), and the National Night Out Event (Aug). Joseph/Bob Hansen M/S/C Unanimous

John Outlaw presented on the Senior Social Dance Hall that he has been putting together with Kairos Dance Company. They will have live music and host a dance for Seniors at the Park. The Committee brainstormed hi-rises to invite, as well as the Skyway Senior Center. Jana will get that contact for John. The dance will feature violinist David Stenshoel and accordion player Mark Stillman. It is set for **Friday, October 25th from 10 a.m. to noon** at the Loring Park Community Center. The Committee felt that our Seniors were a good community to focus on and get to know, they felt this was a good fit for Community Engagement.

MOTION: To dedicate \$200 to Loring Park Community Center to assist with Senior Outreach Efforts during the "Kairos Dance Hall" on October 25th.

John/Terri M/S/C Unanimous

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

VI. 7:55-8:00 The Committee help to put away chairs & tables away.

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