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Citizens for a Loring Park Community  
**Livability Committee**  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Loring Park Community Center

**Attendance:** Robert Hansen (Loring 100), Jana Metge (CLPC Coordinator), Dick Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Jan Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Lois Conroy (City Attorney's Office), Andrew Virden (2010 Census), Paul Puttlitz (1201 Hawthorne), Dot Belstler (Twin Cities PRIDE), Don Roberts (area resident), Neil Carlson (Summit House), Eric Sandberg (1501 LaSalle), Rose Sandberg (1501 LaSalle), Renee Allen (CPS, Minneapolis Police), Lt. Matt Clark (Minneapolis Police), Monica Nilsson (St. Stephens Outreach), Kay Hanson (local business owner), Lauri Spark (Loring Park director), Dave Jeffries (St. Stephens Outreach), David Marsh (Nicollet Towers), Jeannie Innes (Nicollet Towers), Liz Cutter (Hennepin County Attorney's office)

**I. 6:30-6:45 PM - Call to Order**

Bob Hansen led introductions of those in attendance.

*Motion by Richard Sandberg to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 Livability meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.*

*Approved the agenda as amended (possible adjustment for Chief Tim Dolan and add bells as announcement) by consensus.*

**Announcements and Reports**

- **Community Sing-Along** – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:00-8:30 PM Loring Park Community Center.
- **MCTC Martin Luther King** – Jana reported that several CLPC representatives attended and that the celebration was wonderful.
- **Candidate Forum** sponsored by Lowry Hill for MN House of Representative candidates for District 60A on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1917 Logan Ave. S. It will be moderated by the League of Women Voters.
- **The CLPC Annual Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, hosted by The Woman's Club of Minneapolis at 410 Oak Grove. The Information Fair will run 5:30-7:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting and election of officers starting at 7:00 p.m. Please forward ideas for Information Fair participants to Jana.
- **Court Watch** – February 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Central Library 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Call Jana if you are interested in attending. The current Court Watch sheets are online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/docs/CourtWatch.pdf> and the geo-restriction notification list is at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/about/docs/Pct1GeoRestrictions.pdf>
- **Master Plan Steering Committee** – The next meeting is Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>-6:30-8:30 p.m.; City Planner Beth Elliot will be our guest.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! LOVE LORING**, the CLPC Fundraiser will be Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at The Woman's Club from 6-9:00 p.m. Tickets are available at CLPC – 612-874-9002!! Buy your tickets by February 5—they will not be sold at the door.
- **U.S. Census 2010 Presentation** – Andrew Virden described efforts to hire local residents for the upcoming census. Loring Park is heart of hard to count neighborhoods. Census Day is April 1 and they will hire 1,000+ census takers in Minneapolis. The jobs pay well and hours

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are flexible. Andrew distributed cards with contact information. Call 1-866-861-2010. See <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/> and <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php> for more information.

- **St. Mark's Cathedral** – Neil reported that, due to a software glitch, the bells ran all night for three nights over the weekend. There is a 24-hour phone number for pastoral emergencies that can be called if this happens again.
- **City Attorney letter** – circulated before the meeting and shown as ATTACHMENT #1 addressing the Community Attorney program.

### II. 6:40-6:55 PM – 2010 Community Events – PRIDE FESTIVAL – Dot Belstler

PRIDE will be held June 26-27, 2010. Dot has met with the Friends of Loring Park – they are interested in sharing a booth with CLPC but it would need to be staffed. Dot said that she has also discussed the fireworks issue and noise with friends and Park Board staff. It was suggested that Dot call Pam Lehan about The Woman's Club concerns.

Dot is working with the dog park and local dog sponsors to host an adoption day, probably on Saturday. Fees are still an issue. If the Festival gets much bigger, they may have to look elsewhere. Check their web site for updates: [www.tcpride.org](http://www.tcpride.org)

Don Davis related that concerns about fireworks were raised last year with several community votes asking that there be no more fireworks.<sup>1</sup> Damage to the dock from fireworks was not repaired. Dot responded that Minneapolis Park Board staff and representatives of the Friends of Loring Park told her that fireworks would be OK this year. Kay Hansen also expressed concerns about impact of fireworks on the wildlife. Neil added that PRIDE events in the past did not include fireworks. Don said that DNR was willing to write a letter supporting no fireworks. Jan suggested contacting Park Board commissioners as well as staff. Jan will send these minutes to Dot and Anita Tabb.

*At the suggestion of Neil Carlson, the committee agreed to add an item to the February agenda addressing fireworks at the PRIDE Festival.*

### III. 6:55-7:25 PM – Downtown 100 – Lois Conroy

Lois circulated the *Downtown Journal* article with a 2010 New Year's resolution from Jana in support of the Downtown 100. Lois described the background of the Downtown 100 project, designed to include a prosecution team for downtown crimes. Unlike other neighborhoods, many folks committing crimes downtown do not live here. The team works with other agencies, such as St. Stephens Outreach, that address issues related to crime.

The DID is dedicating \$150,000 to the project and CLPC has also committed funds through its Phase II plan. Within the next 60 days Lois will know for sure how the project will be implemented and the exact size of the budget.

When the original round of funding was not achieved, Court Watch stepped in (over the last 15 months) to help track offenders. Court Watch was recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Committee as the best large-city model. See <http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org/about.php> One feature is the high degree of cooperation across jurisdictions such as cross deputization across the county and city. Lois described this as a holistic approach with both carrots and sticks. Neil suggested following up on a particular past offender.

In response to a question about whether the strategy is still 100 top offenders, Lois said that if funding is limited, it may have to start with the top 50 offenders. About six years ago the top offenders averaged 12 offenses per year; today the average is about 6 per year.

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<sup>1</sup> The CLPC Livability Committee passed a motion opposing fireworks in June 2008 that was supported by the CLPC Board at its September 2008 meeting. The minutes are on the CLPC web site at [www.loringpark.org](http://www.loringpark.org)

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Both Lois and Jan thanked Neil for his contributions to monitoring the neighborhood, which was recognized by Court Watch at the last meeting. Lt. Clark noted that Lois' work on Court Watch has made it happen.

### **V. 7:40-8:00 PM – Loring Park Neighborhood Safety Update – Renee Allen/MPD Crime Prevention Specialist and Lt. Matt Clark/ MPD 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Sector Lt.**

Liz reported on Minneapolis Police response to an assault at Greenway Gables. The victim was very complimentary about the department and response. The offender may have mental health issues and is up for a hearing soon.

Lt. Clark spoke with Inspector Arneson and plans for 2010 policing are based on the survey last year, including the need for more police visibility in the evening. Five beat officers are assigned to the neighborhood, two during day (M-F, 10-6). The rest of the time will include foot and bike patrol on ten hour shifts. Evening hours are 4:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m. or one hour later. The five officers are:

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Doug Dubay -- Douglas.Dubay@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Steve Kingdon -- Steven.Kingdon@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

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The foci will be Hennepin from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to the Basilica, Nicollet from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> streets (which will include sections of Grant and LaSalle), and Loring Greenway. The assigned officers will be variously attending neighborhood meetings. We should add their emails to events and other communication. Neil expressed a concern about response time on Fridays & Saturdays, 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. Lt. Clark described the process for prioritization of calls.

Renee described again how to get on Luther's alert list. She distributed an information list with a wide range of contact and resource information (ATTACHMENT #2), Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Alliance (ATTACHMENT #3), and statistics for the serious Part I crimes (ATTACHMENT #4).

Question by Robert Hansen about disruptive folks that are taken away but not charged so does not appear on the calls for service report. Lt. Clark thought that the person might have been taken to detox so that there is no police report and therefore no action alert. Renee offered to look up the Calls for Service upon request and will do so for the address discussed.

Jana suggested sending some positive thoughts about the MPD to the chief and Inspector Arneson.

Monica asked about Part I and II crimes and getting a report on misdemeanor crimes which Renee agreed to do.

Lois noted that 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct "won" the competition among precincts for best crime reduction. There was also an increase in arrests. Renee also said that we lead in juvenile arrests.

Jan said that Renee is working on local safety meetings. She is also meeting with Olson Company. Monica wanted to know if Olson Company is having a problem with panhandling. Renee said that she was told that it is new people. Monica offered to meet with them as part of their regular meetings.

### **IV. 7:25-7:40 PM – St. Stephens Street Outreach – Monica Nilsson**

Bob commented that he observed Monica and her team working with an intoxicated person and he was impressed with how they handled the situation.

Jana introduced Monica with a story highlighting the good work that St. Stephens is doing.

Monica appealed to our sense of community to help those who need help the most. She noted that her

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funding was unallotted in the last legislative session although some one-time stimulus money is helping support the four outreach workers. In 2010, she would like to set up a time-limited panel handling task force to discuss successful methods to get people off the corners. St. Stephens got a large state grant to house chronic inebriates referred by Court Watch and other organizations and she asked that we direct possible clients to them. The program works with other related programs such as Drug Court to allow them to share information.

Jana noted that the Phase II plan has \$5,000 a year for three years targeted to Heading Home Hennepin. There would be \$10,000 for 2009 and 2010 that could be used for this year. Jana asked how St. Stephens could use the funds – we need to develop a scope of service before funds can be allocated. Monica suggested checking the minutes from a past meeting where there were several ideas from the community. Jan suggested attaching the past minutes to help inform future discussion (see ATTACHMENT #5). One idea is to provide a pool for housing damage deposits. Targeting seniors is also an idea—seniors are a growing demographic. Monica offered a tour of emergency shelters for those interested.

Neil asked about dormitory facilities—Monica noted that the city will not allow such construction. Question about Emerson School – probably not available for housing for a few years. Monica is also talking to MCTC about student housing needs.

Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

### Future Meeting topics:

Outreach and Community Events; Restorative Justice & Downtown 100  
Develop Scope of Service for use of NRP Phase II dollars.