

**Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)**

Livability Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Loring Park Community Center

**Attendance:** Robert Hansen (Loring 100), Jan Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Eric Sandberg (1501 LaSalle), Don Davis (Whittier neighborhood), John van Heel (110 West Grant), Terry Thompson (1201 Yale Place), Richard Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Luther Krueger (Minneapolis Police, Crime Prevention Specialist), Lt. Travis Glampe (Minneapolis Police, 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Sector Lt.), Diane Moe (Loring Park), Jana Metge (CLPC Coordinator), Neil Carlson (Summit House)

**I. 6:30-6:45 pm. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Approval, Approval of June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Announcements—Robert Hansen**

The June minutes will be available at the October meeting.

*Motion by Richard Sandberg, seconded by Terry Thompson, to approve the July 18, 2007 minutes.*

*Motion passed*

**Announcements:**

- **CLPC announcements** (Jana)
  - **2007 Equal Justice Benefit** with Malcolm Gladwell, October 9, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Pantages Theatre
  - **6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Prisoner Reentry Conference** October 26-28 at the Airport Hilton
  - **Walker Art Center** sent a schedule with numerous events during October
  - Jana circulated the **Tree Trust Annual Report**
  - The **Mississippi Watershed Management Organization** is sponsoring a policy discussion meeting on October 4, 2007 from 2-5:30 pm on the Minneapolis Queen. CLPC is invited to send two representatives.
  - The Minneapolis Police have created Curfew Cards to inform citizens of the somewhat complicated on youth curfews identifying day of week and age. There is also a brochure on the Police Web site at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/forms/languages/Curfew.pdf>
  - Jana told the committee that lawn signs which encourage the mayor to increase police staffing are available from [www.50morecops.org](http://www.50morecops.org). For additional information see the Web site.
  - The NRP Link newsletter is available on the NRP Web site at <http://www.nrp.org/R2/Resources/Media/Link/2007/NRPLink200708.pdf>
- **Loring Park announcements** (Diane Moe)
  - **Dog Park Grand Opening** is set for October 3 at 5 pm
  - The Friends of Loring Park are sponsoring **Party on the Pond**, October 6, 1-4 pm
  - **Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City:** Doctors Without Borders will sponsor an exhibit for children and the public that simulates a refugee camp. The dates are Thursday

September 27, 2007 through Sunday September 30, 2007. There may be a need for volunteer guides. For additional information about the project see the Web site at <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/education/refugeecamp/index.cfm> There will be a recruitment information session for Doctors Without Borders at the Loring Park Dunn Brothers on September 27th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- The **Minneapolis Bike Tour** held September 15, 2007 went well.
- The park will be the starting point for two events in October. (1) Transportation to the Soap Factory Haunted House on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8:30 pm and (2) transportation to the Twin Cities Jazz Society Concert on Wednesday, October 31, 7:30-9:00 pm. Registration is required for both events (call 612-370-4929 after 1 pm).

## **II. 6:45-7:15 p.m. Meet Lt. Travis Glampe (new First Precinct Lieutenant for the Loring Park neighborhood) and update on policing issues in the Loring Park neighborhood – Luther Krueger, First Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist**

Lt. Mike Kjos, who previous oversaw the Loring Park neighborhood, has moved to a new assignment in the training division. Lt. Travis Glampe is the new sector lieutenant ([Travis.Glampe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Travis.Glampe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)). Lt. Glampe described his previous experience in investigations with the license division and the Downtown patrol. He told the committee that he is delighted to be working again in the downtown area. Lt. Glampe invites the community to communicate concerns to him.

The committee asked several questions. First, there is concern about the number of robberies in the neighborhood.<sup>1</sup> Lt. Glampe said that the robberies are spread across the neighborhood without an obvious pattern and inconsistent MOs. Therefore, the police cannot simply target one area. Addressing the problem will require additional patrols. He said that the squads are set up east and west – tonight there are two set up west of Third Avenue. With the level of beats in the Warehouse District there is an opportunity to push the squads into the neighborhood. A committee member reported that he made a call regarding a burglary in progress. The call was entered into the dispatch system as a suspicious person. The same committee member made a call regarding prostitution but no call for service was entered into the dispatch system. Luther said that the committee could invite John DeJung, director of the Emergency Communication Center, to discuss the specific calls in question.<sup>2</sup> The Center is operationally separate from the Police Department. Another comment was made about persons on bicycles with backpacks who do not appear to be passing through but may be casing cars and businesses.

Historically, Lt. Glampe noted that the neighborhood has continued to be residential but there appear to be more people moving through the neighborhood. The 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> blocks of Nicollet are much more active, especially the bars. Jana reported calls to the office from business owners about possible illegal activity on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and concerns about displacement from the Downtown Safe Zone into the neighborhood. Lt. Glampe thought that there is some displacement and the police will need to push this displacement further south and west. Luther said that most of those for whom he solicits Community Impact Statements do not have a local address --there is similar to a pattern in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood. In response to a question about the effectiveness of geographic restrictions, Luther said that they hope to study this at the end of the year. They are also trying to identify judges who deviate from the guidelines and are reluctant to issue restrictions. Luther added that in the last ten years changes in the neighborhood include the near-disappearance of drug-ridden apartment buildings.

---

<sup>1</sup> Access current and past crime maps for the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-statistics/codefor/index.asp>

<sup>2</sup> For additional information about 911 see <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-reporting/index.asp>

In addition to general concerns about 15<sup>th</sup> Street, there appear to be some issues with customers of AccessWorks. Lt. Glampe also is asking the bike patrols to get into the area around AccessWorks. [According to a later communication from Luther, AccessWorks' management has not changed and residents are encouraged to report inappropriate activities to the AccessWorks executive director, Rae Frank.]

Luther reported that the other crime pattern is theft from autos in the area 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street and then LaSalle to Hennepin. There is another high theft area near City Hall of bikes and mopeds.

NOTE: there are numerous resources for residents on the Minneapolis Police Web site.

Panhandling – Police brochure at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-reporting/AggressivePanhandling.asp>

See the Neighborhood Policing Plan (2007) for Loring Park at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/docs/LoringParkPolicingPlan2007.pdf>

#### **IV. 7:15-7:30 p.m. Department of Justice Training – Jana Metge**

Several weeks ago, Jana attended training through the US Attorney's Community Capacity Development Office in Detroit on a wide range of community-related issues. Jana described the wide range of topics including livability crimes, community court principles, Detroit Tactical Intelligence Driven Enforcement, Public Law 280, the effects of prostitution on communities, reentry and faith-based initiatives, sustainability planning, community policing. There were about 15 representatives from Minneapolis.

Jana also brought up a concern that not all Community Impact Statements are being forwarded as part of the record. After some discussion it appears that this is not a problem in the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct but is still a concern.

Jana also mentioned that the Sentencing Guidelines Commission is looking at de-ranking the guidelines for drug offenses. The concern is that decriminalizing the drug dealing without providing housing & treatment may create more problems. There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss this.

#### **V. 7:30-7:45 p.m. Organizing Block Patrols in Loring Park Neighborhood – Robert Hansen and Dean Laite**

Dean was not in attendance. Neil noted that most problems occur late at night which is when patrols should be scheduled. Luther commented on a meeting with Stevens Square (SSCO). Their patrol keeps growing, and makes heavy use of 311 to reports problems. SSCO reports that behavior issues have improved over time. Luther said that he is willing to provide training if there are two leaders and a team of ten persons to participate. Luther still participates intermittently in the Lyndale walking group. That community does a round-the-clock walk once a year but he would like to see more theme walks. Block clubs, rental owners group, and walking crime watch groups/block patrols are the three factors that seem to reduce bad activity in neighborhoods.

#### **VI. 7:45-8:30 p.m. NRP Phase II Planning – Jana Metge**

This is the first of two meetings to identify priority committee items to include in the CLPC NRP Phase II plan. There are funding problems. NRP has said that CLPC can access only 50% of the originally

identified funds and 75% of that percentage must go to housing. The base is \$300,000 and funding would be available over ten years.

Jana still feels that CLPC can set some unique goals for its two committees. In response to a question about other plans submitted and approved – do these have elements that we could adopt? Jana thinks that CLPC could work with other downtown neighborhoods on CCNP issues. One idea would be to try to figure out how to handle the issue of pushing crime out of downtown.

Question -- how can we do goal setting without a sense of budget? While a budget allows CLPC to do specific projects independently, some of what CLPC does is to help guide city resources, such as Luther's community efforts. Or emphasize how city resources can be used to meet the needs of the neighborhood for the next ten years.

There is concern that the current work on community engagement will not provide the hoped-for clarification of roles. The committee spent considerable time defining concepts and there may have been some confusion about how to blend the various community issues. Luther said that most of the neighborhoods that he works with don't have active Livability Committees (an exception is the West Side Committee) so that the issues can become intermingled. But the committee's work is done and there will be public meetings soon.<sup>3</sup>

Ideas suggested for the CLPC plan: continue and increase Community Impact Statements; property owners initiatives; cameras on Nicollet and in Loring Park (possibly mobile to address hotspots); expand "SafeZone" and security officer Website into the Loring Park neighborhood; encourage a strong relationship between the police and condo associations; outreach to condos; growth of the Virtual Block Club; more safety meetings; support for community prosecutors; access to information systems with GIS; add a 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct probation officer (unlike other precincts, the 1<sup>st</sup> has no probation officer--some precincts have probation officers dedicated to specific offenses).

#### ACTION ITEMS:

*Invite management of AccessWorks to a Livability meeting to discuss resident concerns and possible solutions.*

*The chair will work with Neil and Luther to invite John DeJung to a future meeting.*

*Check other resources for neighborhood organizations: Des Moines Iowa neighborhood-based model directs state and local resources; NRP Web site for Phase II plans (Stevens Square, possibly Elliot Park).*

*Include Phase II Planning for the October meeting. Jana will put together a draft—committee members should send ideas to Jana.*

---

<sup>3</sup> On September 20, 2007, a draft community engagement report went to City Council. Public meetings will be held in early October. For more information, including the meeting schedule and a copy of the report, see <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/communications/communityengagement.asp>