

Livability Committee Meeting Minutes

Wed., June 20th, 2007

Those present: Bob Hansen, John Van Heel, Luther Krueger, Lt. Mike Kjos, Jana Metge (Coordinator), Neil Carlson, Diane Moe

- I. The meeting was called to order by Bob Hansen at 6:40 p.m.
- II. The agenda was approved as presented.
- III. The minutes for 4/18/07 were approved. *John/?? M/S/C*
- IV. The minutes for 5/16/07 were approved. *John/?? M/S/C*

V. Safety Update – Lt. Mike Kjos

(Folks – all I have in my brief minutes are – there is no crime, but Panhandling is bad on Lyndale and by the Cathedral, anyone want to build on this??)

VI. Block Club/Crime Watch

Bob reported that he had met a Loring resident who is interested in forming a block club. There is a block leader training available to newly formed block/walking clubs. Stevens Square is an excellent model. It was suggested that if residents are interested in this, they could go on one of the patrols with Stevens Square. There needs to be 10 interested folks and 1 identified leader in order to host a training.

VII. Park Activities – Diane Moe

Diane reported on the upcoming PRIDE festival and introduced us to the coordinator (they were meeting in another room in the Park). She encouraged everyone to come down to the Park. She reported that the Loring Park Arts Festival is scheduled for the 1st weekend in August. Planning meetings have occurred and their permit is in. She made an announcement about the Loring Park Dog Park and the location on the far side of the park, under the Ole Bull statue. Doctors without Borders have had some initial conversations with her about possibly staging a mock Refugee Camp at Loring Park in the Fall. She will keep us posted on details. Music and Movies in the Park are on Monday nights. Mary Turner and she have met about National Nite out, the Park is co-sponsoring this annual event with CLPC. There will be food and music, as well as information booths. National Nite Out is the 1st Tuesday in August.

VIII. Community Outreach

Bob talked about the committee figuring out a way to get out to all of the buildings and businesses and talked about how Nicollet Ave. businesses were talked to one by one. It was suggested that this be a part of the Livability plan and that maybe we could host some of the meetings inside some of the buildings.

IX. Mission/Vision

Bob distributed the 2007 Vision and Goals for the Livability committee. He asked all to review and come with suggestions to a following meeting. He stated that he wanted to get more detailed in action plans for the committee, month x month and identify projects and outcomes for the year's end.

X. Issues for future meetings:

The following items have been identified as topics for future Livability meetings: Panhandling, Homelessness, Annual Safety Report (in July), Lois Conroy's powerpoint presentation, 15th St./Oak Grove Crossing, Liquor License application processes.