

**Citizens for a Loring Park Community
January Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14th, 2019**

I. Michael called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm. Jana reported that Gary was out very sick and that Terri was on a work trip.

Present: Michael English (VP), Joseph Finley, LaDonna Meinecke, Derrick Taylor, Lee Frelich, Mark Nelson, Elizabeth Sowden, and John Van Heel.

Absent: Terri Ashmore, Pat Davies, Trent Palmberg, and Gary Simpson.

Guests: Mary Bujold (Berger TF chair), Kia Thompson (Friends of Loring Board), Dave Hile (Friends of Loring Park Board), Elliott Etzkorn (resident), and Brian Thunn (resident).

Staff: Julie Sandin (Park) and Jana Metge (CLPC)

II. Dec. Board Minutes tabled to February.

III. Announcements were made:

- Jana announced WinterFest and distributed flyers. Saturday, Feb 9th, 2019 from 1-3 pm.
- Joseph announced that Livability Committee Meeting is this Wednesday, Jan 16th from 6:30-8 pm at the Park. Topics will be Neighborhood Safety, WinterFest update, and discussion on Holidazzle. Shane Stenzel from the Park and Meghan from from the DT Council will join us.
- Mark announced that the Land Use meeting will be Monday, Jan. 28th from 6:30-8 pm at Loring Park Community Center. The agenda was going to be an update on the Alden Smith renovation and new rental housing development (staging and timeline), but construction company is changing from Thor Construction to Watson Forsberg. John suggested that an update on our Hennepin Lyndale Public Improvement Project. Mark, Elizabeth, and Jana will work this week on getting an agenda set and out.

IV. Board Vacancies

Two residents came tonight and expressed an interest in filling the Board terms for 2 open seats. These terms each have 1 year left and go until 2020.

Brian has lived in Loring for 25 years - all as a renter and lives at 230 Oak Grove. He worked at 430 Oak Grove when we both officed there. He may want to be on the Berger Fountain TF. Says his whole Bldg cares about it.

Elliott also lives in the neighborhood and is a new Loring Park resident. He has already volunteered at the Neighborhood Holiday Party.

Motion: That Ethan Pleshe's resignation be accepted by the CLPC Board. Joseph/Elizabeth

Ethan has been unable to attend meetings due to health issues. He keeps connected online, but unable to get out at this time. Folks want Ethan to run again at the Annual Meeting or as soon as his health returns.

Motion: That Brian Thunn be appointed to the CLPC board to fill the vacated seat of Ethan Pleshe thru March 2020. Mark/Beth
Unanimously approved.

Motion: That Elliott Etzkom be appointed to the CLPC Board to fill Monell Castellan's board seat thru March 2020. LaDonna/John
Unanimously approved.

Monell no longer qualifies for the board as he does not live, work, or own property any longer in the Loring Park Neighborhood. Monell was an Eat Street business owner on the 1400 block of Nicollet who was displaced by the new development. To date, there is no signed agreement between him and the developer for one of the new commercial spaces. If he has a lease by the Annual Meeting the Board would welcome him to run again!

V. Berger Fountain Task Force Report - Mary Bujold, Task Force chair.

Mary walked thru a PowerPoint prepared for this meeting on the Berger Fountain restoration project and the Sept-December project with 3rd Year Dunwoody students on Designs for a Berger Fountain Winter Cover. Mary passed around an 84 page handout of off of the student designs. Jana will circulate to the Board via email.

A memorandum of Understanding between Friends of Loring Park, CLPC, and Minneapolis Park Board was drafted and is at legal review at the Park Board. This MOU will allow us to move ahead on Berger Fountain restoration and a Winter Cover. It will also us to move ahead on fundraising and have dedicated park staff time. With the new Park funding we are out almost 10 years before funding would come around to Loring Park.

Motion: That CLPC supports the Berger Fountain Restoration and will send a letter of support and authorize Gary to sign the MOU with MPRB. Mark/Beth. Passed unanimously.

The Board decided to plan a joint Livability/Land Use meeting in February for Berger Fountain discussion on the Berger Winter Cover and next steps and have the students there. Mary also announced that another Dunwoody Prof (Marketing) has volunteered to have his class create a logo / brand and fundraising materials. For free!

VI. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and shared:

- Lee Frelich introduced himself as a 210 W Grant resident serving on all 3 boards - Friends of Loring Park
- Dave Hile introduced self as Friends of Loring Park president.
- Beth Sowden introduced herself as a boardmember and Land Use co chair. She reported that she applied to be appointed to the Hennepin County Library board. She also reported on her blog 'The Real Renters of Minneapolis' - it is on Tumbler, she asked everyone to follow.
- LaDonna reported that she she started in Loring as a renter and then bought a condo. She is coming up on 3 years in Loring.
- John Van Heel, serves on Loring Greenway Board and CLPC. He also co chairs the HN Lyndale Public Improvement Project. He lives at 110 W Grant and has been in neighborhood over 20 years.
- Mary Bujold lives at Summit House where she is the Condo board Treasurer. She has lived in Loring Park for 25 years.

- Mark Nelson is on the CLPC board and co chairs Land Use. He lives at Summit House where he is the Board President.
- Kia is a Friends of Loring Park boardmember, went to Emerson and just graduated from MCTC.
- Joseph is CLPC boardmember and Livability Chair. He shared that he student taught at Emerson years ago and has been in Loring Park 20 years.
- Derrick introduced himself as owner of Lakes & Legends and has been here 3 years opening up in 2015.
- Michael introduced self as CLPC Boardmember and is starting a Walking Club in the Spring.

Jana shared where each boardmember not at this meeting lived and what they did.

VII. Lakes & Legends

Derrick Taylor, owner, reported on terrorist threats made at Lakes & Legends over the holidays and action steps we have taken. The person who made the threats has been trespassed from the business. Should he return, charges will be filed. Jana will continue to follow this with Derrick. It was discussed at the Nicollet Safety Coalition. Derrick thanked CM Goodman and MPD Chief for reaching out personally to him.

Emerson School - Derrick talked about shared parking needs at Emerson. We are gonna make this a Land Use topic. Then Dave Hile said he will bring the new Sheriff to a Livability meeting. Dave will also try to get him to come to our Annual Mtg.

Better neighborhood lighting was discussed. This topic will be pursued thru the Land Use Committee.

Derrick talked about the upcoming Neighborhood fundraiser he is hosting at Lakes & Legends. On January 24th, CLPC will have a info table to reach out to neighborhood residents. A portion of sales for the night will be donated to CLPC. Jana passed around flyers and asked folks to post in their building and share invite over social media. Kia volunteered to help staff the table. We will put Friends of Loring Park info out as well as CLPC info.

VIII. Administrative report - Jana

- 1099s for 2018 are being worked on and will be mailed out to all contractors paid over \$600 in the fiscal year.
- Secretary of State Annual Registration is complete.
- General Liability Insurance is renewed.
- Payroll Taxes and Reports are paid and filed by Paychex Payroll Company.
- Jana working with bookkeeper to close out the 2018 fiscal year, pay all bills, do contract reports, process contracts for 2019 and get final contract Reimbursement request submitted to include all 2018 expenses.
- A huge Thank you to 300 Clifton for the Neighborhood Holiday Party.
- The WinterFest and Lakes & Legends fundraiser flyers were distributed for posting.

IX. Finance report - LaDonna reported for Terri, and she passed around P & L and Balance Sheet, as well as input from the neighborhood Survey Monkey now closed.

Motion: CLPC Receives and Accepts the Oct & Nov financial reports. LaDonna/Beth Unanimously approved.

X. Misc.

Question raised to find out status of Ichibans and Loring Kitchen and Bar. Jana will ask CM Goodman.

LaDonna announced that Janne Filstrad applied to be appointed by the Governor to as a Met Council Commissioner.

Goal for Lakes & Legends fundraiser -
We hope to sign up 20 new residents for the E Newsletter.

New Website scheduled to be launched this week.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm by consensus.

JLM