

Citizens for a Loring Park Community

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - draft Monday, March 11th, 2019 Hosted by Loring Park Community Center

Boardmembers present: Gary Simpson, Michael English, LaDonna Meinecke, Terri Ashmore, Joseph Finley, Elliott Etzkorn, John Van Heel, Brian Thurn, Lee Frelich, & Pat Davies.

Staff: Jana Metge, CLPC Coordinator

Guest:

Boardmembers absent: Mark Nelson, Trent Palmberg, Derek Taylor, & Elizabeth Sowden

I. Gary Simpson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Introductions were conducted.

The following announcements were made:

- Community Sing A Long from 7-8:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month@ Loring Park
- Joint Livability & Land Use Committees hosting a Community Meeting on the MPRB Ecological draft Plan out for its 45 day public comment and review and the Tennis Court Reconstruction Discussion
- Monday, March 25th from 6:30-8 at Loring Park Community Center. MPRB will be presenting on timeline for Tennis Court reconstruction, possibility to develop 2-4 pickle ball courts, and proposed use of Park Development fees. Friend of Loring Park met with Commissioner Cowgill, Lee will present Friends' points at the Land Use meeting.
- CLPC Annual Meeting - Tuesday, March 19
5:30-6:45 - Info Fair, Food, & Music
6:45-8 - Program, Speakers, & Brd Elections
Everyone bring 1-5 people!! Help spread the Word. Hosted by Westminster Presbyterian.
- 'Love Loring' Fundraiser & Silent Auction - Thursday, April 18th from 6-9 pm at The Loring Social.
Later on Agenda
- Loring Garden Kick Off Brunch - Saturday, May 4th 10 am-noon at Loring Park
- Memorial for former CLPC Board member Diane Woelm - Saturday, May 4th @ 11 am @ The Woman's Club of Minneapolis.
- Jana reported that fellow board member Mark Nelson's mom had passed away. Everyone sent condolences Mark's way.

II. Approval of Agenda/Feb. Board Minutes

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III. 'Love Loring' planning - Terri updated the Board. She asked the Board for 3 things:

- 1) Silent Auction Items / 1 per board member, need info for program by March 30th and to coordinate with Jana.
- 2) Everyone to Sell Tickets / goal is 125 sold
Jana has tickets tonight to give out.

3) We need a Decoration Team / 3-4 people to design and get decorations and set up/torn down. Pat Hafvenstein did this in the past. Brian volunteered and will coordinate with Terri. Mary Bujold will help. Otis will help with set up. Need other volunteers.

Several Boardmembers volunteered to solicit Silent Auction Items:

- John Van Heel will ask Karl Reichert for a piece of Art
- LaDonna will solicit donations from
- Brian will solicit donations from
- Joseph & Michael will ask Pings and Eggy's
- Gary will ask Chief Rondo for Lunch & a Ride-A-Long and Kristin Tippetts for a Lunch

Jana submitted a request for Lunch with the Mayor, LaDonna will follow up.

IV. Annual Meeting Planning

- Jana ask everyone get folks there; it's in a new place, Westminster Presbyterian in the new addition.
- Joseph asked how we can get the word out to all buildings. There is no longer a neighborhood newspaper to advertise in. Joe posted on Next Door. We have flyers at meeting, in Park, in Coffee shops, posted in our monthly newsletters, on Facebook and on our website. Everyone was encouraged to get flyers up in their buildings and ask people to come to the Annual Meeting.
- Jana will distribute Board list and identify Board Openings; Board Elections for 5 At Large positions happens at the Annual Mtg.

Speakers this year are: Mayor Jacob Frey, Councilmember Lisa Goodman, Beth Shogren on Peavey Plaza, Park Commissioner Jono Cowgill, and MPRB Police Chief Jason Ohotto.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to report back to the members of the Non Profit CLPC. We also report back to the Community. There is a Financial Report, Livability and Land Use Committee gives a Report, Berger Fountain Task Force and the Hennepin/Lyndale project gives a report. Jana provides the Coordinator Report on Events, Outreach, Funding sources.

V. Neighborhoods 2020 response per the 45 day Review & Comment period.

Background information was shared by Gary Simpson and LaDonna Meinecke on NCR Workgroups, CLPC Feb Boardmeeting, NCEC Meetings, Community Connections conference and a meeting held last week with NCR Director David Rubedor and Deputy Director Karen Moe, Downtown Neighborhood, Elliot Park Neighborhood, and Loring Park Neighborhood. Gary & Jana attended.

Several concerns were stated regarding the NCR Neighborhoods 2020 draft report.

- Punitive and Regulatory
- Philosophical Revolution from NRP
- Not a Power Sharing Model
- No Workgroup #4 on NCR Dept.
- Workgroup Recommendations were not incorporated.
- Recommendations call for an Appointed Board by Elected Officials focused on how the City does Community Engagement vs an Elected board focused on Neighborhood Advocacy and responsible to neighborhoods. The Governance Workgroup recommendations were disregarded.
- There is no funding confirmed at this time
- Expectations outweigh capacity of funding at current status. Neighborhoods get \$25,000-\$72,000 per year presently on an objective and equitable formula.

- Consistently at public meetings the testimony was for flexible and multi year funding. Not competitive funding. Each neighborhood has individual needs and assets.
- Recommendations include bylaw requirements. Boardmembers challenged whether or not this was even legal. Issue raised as to whether other funded non profit community organizations will be held to the same requirements since funding source will be the same.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Terri Ashmore

Reported on the January Profit & Loss statement and Year to Date Balance Sheet.

January P & L reflected expenses yet to be reimbursed around \$8,900. Balance sheets reflect \$11,000 in savings to cover Health Care insurance in 2019 and reflect both a \$10,000 advance for NRP Contract and a \$10,000 advance for the CPP contract. The \$3,750 advance for CIF/Community Innovation fund has been billed out and the \$15,000 Grant expended. These funds were used for the HN/Lyndale project. Jana & John will compile a close out report.

Motion: Accept & Receive January 2019 Financial Reports. M/S/C

Printed copies of the Financial Report were distributed.

Lee Frelich reported that reconstruction work on the Tennis Courts will begin this Spring. It will take most of the summer.

Jana announced that the foot bridge needs to be repaired and this will happen after PRIDE thru the summer.

VII. Meeting was Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*Jana noted - Berger Fountain Memorandum of Understanding between CLPC, Friends of Loring Park, and MPRB approved by the Board last month, passed the MPRB Committee and goes now for Park Board approval in March.

Respectfully submitted JLM