



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 26th, 2021 / Virtual

Board members present: Terri Ashmore, Chelsie St Peter, Gary Simpson, John Van Heel, Lee Frelich, Michael English, Mark Nelson, and Jana Metge/Coordinator.

Board members absent: Faical Rayani

I. Gary welcomed everyone.

Gary called the meeting to Order at 6:40 pm.

Chelsie is moving out of the neighborhood May 1st after living in Loring Park for 12 years. She thanked everyone for the experience and put forward her resignation. Tonight will be her last meeting.

II. Motion: To approve the April 2021 Board Agenda. M/S/C. Terri/Mark

III. Motion: To approve March 2021 Board Minutes M/S/C. Terri Ashmore/John Van Heel

IV. Trial Information - Jana updated.

Tentative dates:

May End - Year Anniversary

June 16th - Sentencing

August End - Trials begin on the other 3 Officers.

- Follow the Downtown Council link:

www.mplsdowntown.com/trial

VI. Finance & Fundraising Reports (moved up on agenda).

February 2021 Financial Reports - Terri

Only item to report is that the negative balance means we are spending down the PPP \$13,750 from the loan. It covers payroll and expenses. No expenses in March but for newsletter and bookkeeping outside of payroll. This \$13,750 shows up as a liability until loan is spent down, report filed,

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and forgiven. The \$13,700 reflected on the reports is the amount of the PPP 2020 loan. It was not forgiven until January 2021, so shows up on the 2021 reports.

Motion: Accept & Receive February 2021 Financial Reports. M/S/C Michael/Lee

- PPP Loan Application Update - \$13,750 received electronically on Feb. 10th, 2021
- 'Love Loring' Auction; we raised \$3,698 in the online auction.

Employee Retention Credit - Terri reported that she will be looking into this for CLPC. In the past you could not apply for both PPP and ERC. Now you can. The 941 would need to be amended, but there is 5 years to file. It's a quarter x quarter analysis.

V. Administrative Report - Jana reports

- A 6 month extension was filed by our CPA firm to file 2020 IRS Tax report and the MN Attorney General Charities Division Annual Report. We are still working to straighten out the bank and Paychex error. Psyched paid 2 payrolls twice. This made the year end 941 tax report incorrect and Jana's W2 for 2020. So, Jana can also not file 2020 tax returns at this time.
- Robert is working on the General Liability Policy renewal.
- Jana renewed & paid the Directors' & Officers' insurance online.
- Update on CPP funding & April 15th Request to City Council was approved. Neighborhoods will have a second contract amendment to our Community Participation Program (CPP). This amendment will begin July 1 and go thru until December 31, 2021. The amendment will be \$12,500/Neighborhood Network Program and approximately \$35,900 from the Equity program allocation. Over the summer we will need to create a 2022 Engagement Plan due Sept. 1.

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- Start date for new funding will be Jan 1, 2022 with application process Fall 2021.
- Online Safety Survey underway; Goal is 1,000.
We utilized the DMNA survey adapting survey language specific to Loring as needed.
- Impact Statement Requests Out on Aug 26th damage and on robberies/ burglaries at Nicollet Diner and Greenway Liquors.
- Meetings w/CM Goodman, Regulatory Depts, and 2 Assistant City Attorneys; Request for Community Impact Statements on Speedway is underway.
- Year End close

VI. Program Report

- Earth Day Clean Up - Jana directed everyone to the Friends of Loring Park Facebook page. Lots of great photos. They will be featured in the May Neighborhood Newsletter.
- Gypsy Moth Community Meeting; MN Dept of Agriculture presenting on Loring Park abatement project; Lee Frelich facilitates the meeting.
Information will also go out in the newsletter and post cards are being sent out by the MDA to each impacted household. They will spray/apply by bucket trucks to a 20 acre area here in Loring - LPM to Loring Park and 3 blocks south. They will spray at 7 am. They are using a natural product and time it for when caterpillars hatch in May. It is non toxic to humans. Buildings may wish to wash windows until after they have completed the treatment. They need to treat trees on the 6th floor patio of LPM and inside the 19 Bar fencing. Jana is connecting them to owners for access. Gypsy moths will defoliate trees if not abated.
- Berger Fountain Workgroup will start back up in May.
- Jumping Worms in Loring Park - Lee Frelich will be presenting at a May Community Mtg.

This meeting is set for Monday, May 24th. Lee reported that Loring Greenway is infested. Lee is leading the U of M research project. The meeting will be virtual with ZOOM link accessible on the LoringPark.org website.

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- Renter Outreach - Jana reported that Faical put together a questionnaire to gather interest. This link was posted in the last newsletter. Sheila DeLaney and Norman organized a meeting on Loring Hill Safety. Outreach focus is on renters. They have a solid group of 6 and hope to grow that number. Sheila had slides prepared for the meeting, available upon request. They may develop a walking club and host a National Nite out gathering.

- Loring Park Tennis Courts -

The project is moving ahead! We will ask Dave from Friend of Loring Park to come in and report or get a written report from Dave or Park staff.

- Community Events

Update on Loring Music Festival (cancelled for June)

National Nite Out (sounds like a go for August)

PRIDE (They are deciding @ April 5th Brd Mtg)

Loring Art Fest (Moving forward at this point)

Walker Rock the Garden (cancelled)

Basilica Block Party (TBD, maybe Fall)

-Nicollet Safety Coalition - Jana

- Community Policing - Lotus & Officer Tim viral FB post

- Citizens Petition collecting signatures

- City Council proposed safety amendment is at the Charter Commission and the Charter's Safety Committee will take it up.

- Charter proposed Governance proposal is being finalized and it will be on the Nov ballot.

- MNDOT Community Roadside Assistance project on Nicollet & I94; east side; MNDOT working on Landscape Design and once complete will come back to the work team for review.

- February Community Zoom Meeting on the Loring Park Playground Re Design - Held Monday, March 22nd, 2021; info in newsletter

- 307 Oak Grove Redevelopment - No update

VII. Annual Meeting 2021 Update

Speaker Panel - Al Bangoura, CM Goodman, & HN County Commissioner Marion Greene are confirmed.

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Discussion about a Theme for the speakers - Transitions - Re Build - Addressing inequities.

Park could present on Youth Development programs and jobs initiatives. The County could present on Housing for All and Mental Health partnerships and Lisa could talk about bringing back downtown and hospitality jobs.

Working on the Online Voting for board members in April; the program will be linked thru the website. Nominations will be taken from the floor. People interested are asked to email CLPC. Interested candidates will be on the online ballot. Each candidate will get 30 seconds/1 minute to say why they want to run for the board. Jana will ask Christopher (former board chair) to run the election.

Flyer is designed & was in April 15th CLPC newsletter and then on Facebook. Distributed by email to membership/volunteers.

Annual Mtg. Rpts. for report assignments:

- COVID Impacts & Online Meetings - ?
- HN Lyndale - John
- Nicollet Safety Coalition - Trent
- Loring Park Updates - Lee/Dave
- Small Business Needs - Sam
- MNDOT/Community project w/Rayito de Sol
- Online Fundraiser & PPP - Terri
- Summer Loring Park Encampment - Alex

'To Do' for planning:

- Complete Online voting; ongoing
- Identify who is running for the ballot tool
- Host for the Annual Meeting ZOOM;

Terri will host, Jana will monitor ZOOM chat, and we could use 1 more to help. The ZOOM account holds up to 100.

- What else?

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New Business - John asked why the 7 large trees in front of Emerson School were taken down. A big loss for the neighborhood to lose those trees. Lee suggested that they could be Ash Trees and he will walk around and report back. John requested that they be replaced if indeed they were Ash Trees. Jana will follow up with Emerson School.

VIII. Closed Session - Annual Staff cost of living increase discussion. Last increase was 2017.

Session was closed for discussion of cost of living wage increase discussion. Treasurer retains the personnel records as they pertain to finances.

IX. Adjourned.

Announcements:

Monday, April 19th @ 6:30 pm online -
MN Department of Agriculture will present on Gypsy Moth abatement schedule for Loring Park.

'Love Loring' 2021 online Auction is underway.
Share & spread the word, it runs thru April 18th.
Ends at 4:00 pm on April 18th.

www.32auctions.com/loveloring21

April 24th @ 9 am - Earth Day Clean Up of Park, HN Avenue & Wooddale Church doing Nicollet.

CLPC Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 18th - Online - 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Voting for the Board will be online; there are 5 seats open.

CLPC Community Meeting - Monday, May 24th from 6:30-7:30; TOPIC: Jumping Worms by Dr. Lee Frelich.

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Minneapolis Charter Commission formed a City Governance Committee. The Commission held 2 Public Hearings on the proposed Charter Amendment. The full Charter Commission Meeting is the 1st Wednesday beginning @ 4 and accessible online thru the City of Minneapolis website. At the end of each meeting is Public Comment. Public Comment lasts until all comments are heard. Wed., April 5 the Council's Renter and Safety proposals are on agenda.

A presentation on the Governance Amendment being proposed by Charter Commission for the November ballot was presented & Discussed on March 11.

The CLPC March Community Meeting topic was the Loring Park playground design presented by the MPRB staff.