



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 8th, 2021 / Virtual

Board members present: Gary Simpson, Terri Ashmore, Faical Rayani, Lee Frelich, Brian Thurn, Chelsie St. Peter, John Van Heel, Mark Nelson, and Jana Metge (Coordinator)

Board members absent: Michael English (trying to access, no success)

I. Gary welcomed everyone & called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Agenda - Motion to approve the March Board Agenda. Terri/John M/S/C Passed unanimously.

III. Approval of February Board Minutes

Minutes were emailed after the Feb. Meeting & again this week - Motion to approve February Board Minutes. M/S/C Passed unanimously
Chelsie/Brian.

IV. Emergency Preparedness for upcoming trial (this May change with court decision today)

Tentative dates:

March 8 - Trial begins; jury selection

March 29 - Opening Statements

April end - Jury Decision/Verdict

CM Goodman called a meeting together if all Ward 7 Neighborhoods. Jana and Gary attended. Gary reported to the Board.

Report on Downtown Council is working with Neighborhoods on communication and safety strategies. Jana reviewed the above dates and the downtown trial link, as well as Operation Safety Net for up to date information.

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V. Finance & Fundraising -

Terri reported on the January 2021 Financial Reports

Motion: Accept & Receive January 2021 Financial Reports

Mark/Brian M/S/C Passed Unanimously

Terri reported that the PPP/Payroll Protection Program forgivable Loan Application was submitted, awarded, and funding into our account mid January.

Jana spoke to a bank error which caused her year in payroll to bounce and not be paid. This may have impacted year end taxes and her W4. Highland Bank noted the savings account as 'dormant', yet continued to accrue interest, send statements, no notification when depositing or a phone call or on statements. CLPC keeps a savings account for year end when cash flow is right. By not drawing funds out of the savings account (where there was 2x the amount of funds needed), the checks bounced. This has never happened in 20 years. We were not aware of any 'dormant' policy - we have always had the process where funding was pulled from savings to avoid any overdraft charge if city reimbursements are delays year end. There has been no apology from the bank and they forgave only 1 overdraft charge of \$36. Jana will continue to pursue and wanted the board to be aware of this year end financial hardship for her.

2021 Fundraising Plan -

'Love Loring' Silent Auction Online - Brian reported on the Online Auction planning.

Chelsie has created a google doc to send auction description information to. Hannah has been contracted to set up a program called 32 Auctions online and will input all donations once collected. Norman is an editor on the CLPC Facebook page and has agreed to manage the Facebook page, promoting the Auction, during the Event.

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The online Auction is set to go live on Saturday, April 10th and will close Sunday, April 18th. Mary Bujold, Mark Nelson, John Van Heel, Diane Connor, Jana, Brian and Chelsie are all soliciting items. Thank you letters to donors will be sent post auction and tax letters have been updated and are available. A CLPC Solicitation letter was developed by Brian and Jana.

Chelsie & Brian encouraged board members to solicit donations. Send auction item descriptions to: loveloringdonations@gmail.com
Include item description, market value, who is donating it, info on the donor & business we could also promote, and photo of the item.

VI. Program Report - Jana reported

- Nicollet Safety Coalition - There was a presentation by Minneapolis Charter Commission Chair, Barry Clegg and Governance Co Chair, Jill Garcia on the proposed Charter City Governance Charter Amendment developed by the Mpls Charter Commission

- CM Goodman has called a meeting of Inspections & Licensing Assistant Department heads and City Attorneys for Thursday, March 18th to discuss the Loring Parking Ramp plaza and Speedway/Mall at Grant & LaSalle. Jana was invited and will be attending, as well be Renee (Community Crime Prevention).

- 14th Street Public Realm Improvements

Jana (CLPC Coordinator), Terri (Basilica & hosted ZOOM), Trent (Wooddale Church), and Christopher Hoffer (510 Resident and appointed to the City of Minneapolis Pedestrian Safety Commission) all attended a meeting with Public Works Staff on enhancing pedestrian & bicycle safety at 14th & LaSalle. The group also pushed for improvements at 14th & Nicollet in the future, realizing that at this time funding is for only 14th & LaSalle, by Emerson School and Lakes & Legends. Concerns regarding speed of traffic, blind spots caused from delivery & food trucks parked in front of Lakes & Legends and concern for safety of all were topics of the discussion. The city reported to have met with Emerson School and Lakes & Legends in advance. City staff proposes 4-6 ft curb extensions on corners at this time. Meeting notes were distributed by Jana to meeting attendees and the board following the meeting.

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- MNDOT Community Roadside Assistance project on Nicollet & I94; east side. Letter was signed and sent on to MNDOT; they will create a landscape plan and bring it back to the workgroup once completed. The workgroup is: Luisa Fuentes (Director, Rayito de Sol Early Learning Center), Sam (Nicollet Diner), Terri (Basilica), Trent (Wooddale Church), Jana and MNDOT staff. This project focuses on the MNDOT owned land adjacent to Luisa's property which has become a nuisance for dumping, litter, loitering, needle disposal, and vandalism. Significant graffiti continues to be put on her new siding. Community safety for environmental design is the project theme.
- A February Community Zoom Meeting on the Loring Park Playground Re Design - Monday, March 22nd, 2021 from 6:30-7:30 pm was announced and has been publicized.
- 307 Oak Grove Redevelopment - No update
- 15th Street Crossing - Project completed
- Harmon Place Public Realm Improvements - No report at this time.
- Loring Park Playground & Tennis Courts - No report at this time.
- Earth Day Clean Up - A Letter of Support to Green Minneapolis approved by the Board sent out for a grant application to clean up Hennepin/Lyndale.

Friends of Loring Park Reported that MPRB usually has a clean up at the Park on Earth Day, so they voted to co-sponsor this and they will focus on the Park and Hennepin/Lyndale. The City's Clean City Coordinator will deliver / donate gloves, bags, and picker uppers. Bags can be left at the park and the City will come pick them up and dispose of them.

Jana has asked Hannah to create a flyer & will get information into the monthly newsletter and Facebook and out thru email. Friends will also promote. The event set for April 24th from 9 am to noon. Meet at Loring Park in front of the Community Center.

- Annual Meeting 2021 Update
The date has been set for: Tuesday, May 18th.
Speaker Panel has been confirmed featuring -

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Al Bangoura; MPRB Superintendent, Marion Greene; Hennepin County Commissioner; &
CM Goodman; Ward 7.

The meeting will be online vs in person per COVID regulations.

'To Do' -

A flyer will be designed and distributed mid April for 30 day notice.

Announcement will go

in CLPC Newsletter and on Facebook and circulated via email. 5 At Large Board Seats are up for election. Bylaws state a total of ten (10) board seats, five (5) elected each year.

Create Online voting - Jana has contracted Hannah to set this up; 3 Election ballot validators will be recruited.

- Identify who is running for the board

Identify what 2020 Program Reports will be given & by whom

Need a ZOOM Host for the Annual Meeting

VII. Gary did a Check In with the Board.

John is the President of the Loring Greenway Association this year.

Jana reported that per COVID restrictions she has cancelled the Loring Music Festival for June, no Family Event will be organized for Aquatennial and no Artist Breakfast during the Loring Art Festival. MPRB has decided that Park buildings will remain closed as well as drinking fountains and inside toilets thru the summer per COVID guidelines at this time.

Loring Park Art Festival decided to move ahead, planning with COVID Health Department guidelines. PRIDE will make a decision at their April 5th Board meeting. Terri reported that they hope to do the Basilica Block Party in the Fall dependent upon the pandemic at that point.

Jana reported that the 88 year old woman who was car jacked and assaulted lives in Loring Park Neighborhood.

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VIII. The meeting was Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Terri/Mark

JLM

Announcement:

The Minneapolis Charter Commission has formed a City Governance Committee. They will be looking and comparing different structures of Government. 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.

Additionally, members of the Governance workgroup interviewed current city Dept heads, former Dept heads, and former Elected Officials. A report was written up and is available on the City Website/Charter page. Current Councilmembers were invited last Tuesday to discuss draft ideas for a Charter Amendment coming from the Charter Commission and on Wednesday, discussed with the Mayor.

A presentation on the Amendment being proposed by Charter Commission for the November ballot will be hosted this month by the Nicollet Safety Coalition on Thursday, March 11 from 10:30-11:30/noon.

The March Community Meeting will be on the Loring Park playground design presented by the MPRB staff.

'Love Loring' Silent Auction Online will begin Saturday, April 10th at 4:30 pm and end Sunday, April 18th at 4:30 pm

CLPC and Friends of Loring Park voted to do

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a Mothers Day Flower drive as a fundraiser for both organizations. We are looking for a few volunteers to help distribute flowers to those who have purchased plants.