



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 11th, 2021
Virtual Meeting held on ZOOM

I. Lee welcomed everyone & called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Introductions were convened.

II. September 2021 Agenda was approved.

III. September 2021 Board Minutes were approved.

IV. Finance Reports - Terri reported.

August Financial Reports 2021 were emailed to all Board members.
Update on Employer Tax Credit program

Payroll Protection Final Report was submitted and approved. CLPC bookkeeper has moved the \$13,750 liability into income. You will note this on future Financial Reports.

- 2020 IRS 990 & Attorney General Charities Division Annual Report have been completed by our CPA. Terri, Lee, & I reviewed for any corrections. Minor corrections were made to the 1st draft regarding fundraising break down for staff time allocated. Both of our fundraisers were cancelled in 2020, so initial % moved to Program. This was emailed to the board for review and tonight needs a motion to submit.

Motion: To accept and receive the IRS 990 and AG Annual Report, authorize their submission, and authorize Terri Ashmore, Treasurer and Lee Frelich, President as signers.

Motion: CLPC Accepts and Receives the August 2021 Financial Reports. M/S/C Terri/Mark???? Unanimously approved

Report: The Equity Application, the revised Community Engagement Plan, and the Neighborhood Network Application with budgets are due into the NCR Department by October 15th, 2021.

They are on the Agenda and need approval to submit.

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Hannah and Jana are putting together an electronic board manual required by the new program guidelines. Presently, we have only a printed one. We are reviewing 2 new policies required by NCR - Language Access and Whistleblower. CLPC has a pro bono lawyer who is a resident and who has agreed to review all of our documents to ensure compliance to the non profit law.

V. 2022 Equity Funding & Community Engagement Plan

Terri and Jana re-worked on the Community Engagement strategy. NCR staff came back to us with a 49 of of 100 scoring. Defined as Poor. The Rayito de Sol project, which they brought to us was scored as a 2 out of 5. Submitters of these plans were not invited to present and answer questions. A team of individuals scored the draft and that electronic score sheet was sent out to us.

Terri set up a meeting with Aariah/NCR staff virtually and two other NCR staff observed but did not participate.

NCR wanted us to organize by outreach to under represented groups via Loring Park census data vs develop projects and reach out to under represented groups to identify and/or develop the project. So, the entire Community Engagement Plan was re worked per Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) direction.

Tonight, the new and revised plan was walked thru by Terri & Jana. The focus of the plan is to conduct outreach to:

- Renters thru Loring Park Activation - This includes the work Faical, Kate, Mary, and John to open the park as a virtual work center for young professionals in the neighborhood and to bring in additional gathering spots in the park where there are places to sit and add more grills. The Annual Calendar of Events is also added in with this focus.
- Renters in buildings around areas of high crime (Oak Grove and North Nicollet) and our new housing development at 1500 Nicollet which is family housing. Per NCR's request we will reach out to the 11% African American community thru this building outreach to identify demographics of individual

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building if possible. Loring Park also has an extremely high % of cost burdened households. Thru outreach we will assess how this is impacting residents and what the consequences are.

- Seniors represent 35% of population so we will focus on outreach to Booth Manor. Seniors also show a high % of cost burdened households.
- Latino Outreach remains the same. Moving forward the priority from Latino community members and business as defined in the attached equity proposal.
- The scoring sheet stated that businesses were not a under represented group and that stating so lead to intersectionality.

We disagree. Eat Street was the original Cultural Corridor yet it was left out of cultural corridor definition. City resources are prioritized to designated cultural corridors. Nicollet Ave small businesses are not only threatened by Re Development proposals, as we have seen on Nicollet Ave, but open air gun wars are occurring as witnessed Wednesday night/ Thursday morning leading to one shot in Loring and hospitalized and an 18 year old run over by one of the cars shooting and killed. This all started at 18th & Nicollet. These businesses also incurred serious damage to property thru the Spring 2020 civil unrest, the August 2020 riot downtown, and continuing to date per escalating crime here. These small and family owned, GLBTQ, & minority businesses feel they are not being heard - that they have no voice. We listed them as a group to prioritize outreach to. This strategy also feeds right into the two Renter Outreach strategies and Elder outreach AND Latino Outreach.

The Nicollet Avenue Safety Coalition can be a strategy for outreach to businesses as well as property owners. Per our bylaws we need all 3 to be a healthy, active community.

After this Engagement Plan was reworked by Jana, Terri put it all into NCR's required template format.

Tonight we need approval to submit this to the NCR Department.

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- Communications; We will continue our monthly newsletter & Facebook page and continue to build & enhance our website is now built into the Neighborhood Network Application, tho there will be overlap with this.
- HN/Lyndale Coalition was removed from this NCR equity application, and will now solely fall under a NRP project, along with Harmon Avenue, Berger Fountain, 14th & LaSalle pedestrian improvements, and implementing the Loring Park Neighborhood Small Area Plan.

VI. Administrative Report

- MNDOT Community Roadside Assistance project on Nicollet / Letter to City Council will come to the Transportation Committee this Fall for City Council approval. Following that landscaping materials will be ordered next Spring 2022 for a Community planting project. No date has been set yet.
- Meeting with Superintendent Al Bangoura was rescheduled.
- No Meeting with Metro Transit on Hennepin Avenue Route 6 Rapid Transit line bus shelters has been scheduled.
- 21 Days of Peace; Rev McAfee called to discuss the Nicollet Avenue gun battle which traveled downtown and to North Loop leading to the tragic death of a young 18 year old.

VII. Program Update

Loring Park Tennis Courts - Gary presented.

In May, the MPRB Board approved of an agreement with DeLaSalle to assist in the renovation of the existing tennis courts. DeLaSalle will contract the court pavement installation as well as the color coating. MPRB's role is to provide general construction services (erosion control, demolition, grading, surveying), fencing, and concrete. Bids for MPRB-related work came in higher than anticipated. We are currently reviewing options to move the project forward this fall.

MPRB received bids and are able to move forward with the renovation of the existing tennis courts at Loring Park. MPRB In-house staff will be demolishing the fence beginning on Wednesday, September 1st (they may be mobilizing equipment on Tuesday already).

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For the contracted work, a pre-construction meeting was held Thursday, September 2nd on site – Gary attended.

The plan is to get everything done this Fall except the color coating of the tennis court surface – that will be next spring. In the meantime the courts will have temporary striping on the black asphalt.

Loring Park Playground Update - Lee presented

Construction at the playground is planned for late September through the November. The resilient rubber surfacing which require warm overnight temps to cure properly will be completed in the spring.

Berger Fountain Task Force - Jana presented

The Task Force is back up and running, but still virtual. Park staff attend. Task Force make up is 2 appointed by CLPC (Mary Bujold and Richard Anderson), 2 from Loring Greenway (Keith Ford and Pat Davies), 2 from Friends of Loring Park (Michael English and Dave Hile) and 2 At Large (Daniel Green). Mary Bujold is the chair. She is asking for additional members to the Task Force. Keith Ford is taking the lead on fundraising. He is also asking for volunteers to help with fundraising. Bill Levine, a Loring Park Resident has volunteered.

They are working on a Request for Proposal for a Project Manager and to update the MOU/ Memorandum of Understanding between CLPC, Friends of Loring Park, and MPRB.

Metro Transit Request for Meeting - Mark reported

Information was distributed & a tentative Oct.Mtg. discussed/November if Oct does not work, but 3rd Monday vs 4th. A November meeting would be after the official October 31st comment period.

Metro Transit's METRO E Line project would like to preview a major update and get feedback. The E Line is a planned bus rapid transit (BRT) line in the Route 6 corridor along 4th Street / University, Hennepin, and France Avenues from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis to the Southdale Transit Center in Edina. The project is fully funded and moving forward toward construction starting in 2024.

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The week of Sept. 20th, Metro Transit will release a Draft Corridor Plan for public comment. They will be specifically seeking feedback on where stations would be located. The comment period will be open through October 31. Community feedback is important in helping Metro Transit continue to shape the future of this line. They are relying on virtual forums per the COVID 19 pandemic. They also plan to connect with Transit customers at key bus stops to ensure that they are hearing from as many voices as possible.

Jana suggested that the HN/Lyndale Coalition may want to host a meeting since this is about the corridor they are working on.

Jana reported that CLPC will:

- Post the E Line draft corridor plan in the newsletter, with the project website. Comments are accepted thru Oct. 31.
- Invite Metro Transit Out to present at a Community Conversation/Meeting.

Loring Park Outreach Initiatives - Faical reported Extended hours at the Park to bring young professionals to the Park is not going to happen in 2021. They had a meeting with Julie Sandin. The building is not yet open per COVID Pandemic. They will pursue this idea for 2022. They are also proposing additional seating areas and more grills/picnic tables for community use. The one spot is not adequate for the numbers of people in the neighborhood who would like to grill and bring their families down. Jana is setting up a meeting with Superintendent Al Bangoura to discuss MPRB budget and Loring Park. Faical will be Coordinating to present these concepts at the Friends of Loring Park Board Meeting as well. Lee offered to help facilitate this.

307 Oak Grove - No Report at this time

October 25th Community Meeting -

Jana is working on a Forum per request of a resident for October to include:

- Michelle Gross/Communities United Against Police Brutality
- The Community Unity Mediation Team and hoping for 1 other speaker.

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Nicollet Safety Coalition - Sept. Meeting key notes were circulated to the board electronically.

VIII. Announcements

- Monday, October 25th Community Conversation will feature 1) Rev. Ian Bethel/ Community Unity Mediation Team, 2) Michelle Gross & Dave Bicking/Communities United against Police Brutality, and 3) possibly 21 Days of Peace.

X. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 pm