



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14th, 2022
Virtual Meeting held on ZOOM

Board-members Present: Lee Frelich, Terri Ashmore, David Evinger, Faical Rayani, Diane Connor, Norman Mathers, John Van Heel, Kate Olender, Gary Simpson

Board-members Absent: Mark Nelson

Staff: Jana L Metge

**I. 6:30-6:35 pm. Welcome & Introductions;
Approvals of Feb. Board minutes (emailed to Board)
Motion: CLPC approves the February Board minutes.**

Terri/David. M/S/C unanimously approved.

IB. Added to agenda - Earth Day

Lee asked for a motion that CLPC co sponsor an Earth Day Cleanup for Saturday, April 23rd.

**Motion: That CLPC co sponsors an Earth Day Cleanup on
Saturday, April 23rd.**

Gary/Terri M/S/C

Jana reported that CLPC's role would be to promote the event in newsletters, emails, website, & Facebook and solicit Volunteers to help pick up litter.

II. 6:35-7:30. Annual Meeting

The Board reviewed & adjusted the Draft Agenda:

- Moved CM Goodman from speaker to welcome
- Clarified & walked thru Project Reports
- Solidified all speakers & what they were to cover.

Annual Meeting approved Agenda:

- Welcome - Lee Frelich, President
 - Introduce the 2021 Boardmembers
 - Introduce Jana, Executive Director

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- Jana will thank Shirley/Bookkeeper, Robert/Training & Tech Support, Barry Rogers/CPA, and Hannah/Newsletter & Website.
- Electronic Voting Overview - Christopher Hoffer has agreed to run/overview the board elections.
 - Christopher will call for nominations.
 - Nominations will be asked 3x from the floor
 - Nominations will be closed.
 - 2 minutes for each nominee to introduce self
 - Elections will be an online ballot; candidates have bios & photos on the website.
- CLPC 2021 Annual Report to Community -
 - 30-60 second blurbs i.e. suggestions; Jana is available to research or write up reports if needed.
 - HN/Lyndale Public Improvements - John VH
 - Berger Fountain Restoration TF - Mary Bujold
 - Loring Park update - Pat Davies
 - Long Term Financial Stability - David Evinger
 - Nicollet Safety Coalition - Diane Connor
 - MNDOT Community Roadside Partnership/ Nicollet-Jana
 - Outreach/Expand use of Park - Faical
 - Land Use - Mark/historic renovation of Alden Smith Mansion, adjacent rental housing, & land sale of 307 Oak Grove site from Woman's Club to Developer
 - 14th & LaSalle Pedestrian Safety - Derrick/Jana
 - Tree Health in Loring - Lee Frelich (see attached)
- Finance Report & Admin Report - Terri & Jana
 - Terri will report on:
 - Payroll Protection Plan
 - \$10,000 Year End Corporate contribution
 - Identify & Thank all who donated in 2021
 - Neighborhood Holiday party raised \$2,000
 - 'Love Loring' Online Auction raised \$3,000
 - Report that 2020 IRS 990 & AG report is filed.
 - Annual Secretary of State Registration is complete.

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- Monthly Financial Reports
- Wrote and submitted 2022 City Grant request.
- Review the 2021 Financial Year End Closing.
- Jana will report on:
 - Neighborhood Revitalization Phase II Plan
 - Ash Tree Inoculations, Berger Fountain, Implement Small Area Plan, HN/Lyndale & Harmon Ave.
 - Completing 2022 grant paperwork & required policy & bylaw changes.
 - Website/Newsletter/Facebook/Events/Email/Phone
 - Small Business Support
 - Events/NNO & Loring Art Festival
 - Announce \$5,000 NRP Plan Modification
- Bylaw Change to be presented. - Gary volunteered to present this and direct people to vote online. Jana will recruit a secondary person to assist. Jana will identify where in the bylaws this will go and provide a short write up for publications, website, & presentation. In February CLPC approved the following bylaw language to be added to the online Annual Meeting ballot:
 - (3) No more than 25% of the board can have served more than six consecutive years.
 - (This bylaw language is under Board Tenure).
- Speakers - President Lee Frelich will introduce.
 - Interim Chief Amelia Huffman, Minneapolis Police Department
 - Al Bangoura, MPRB Superintendent
 - Each will be given 10 minutes.
- Thank everyone for Coming & Announcements
 - Jana will compile a brief itemized agenda for the web & the ZOOM chat and a narrated agenda for all board members & Christopher, Mary, Pat.

III. January 2022 Finance Report:

Terry reported that the second Payroll Protection Program reporting is completed, submitted, and that the loan was forgiven. She expressed thanks

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for the \$10,000 year end corporate donation. These funds have really provided a cash flow cushion the 1st quarter as we completed NCR required documentation. This is why we created an Operating Reserve.

We are planning an online 'Love Loring' auction again. It will run from April 10-April 14th. Terri asked everyone to solicit donations and have information & photo of committed donation to Jana by April 5th; Hannah & Jana will then get the information set up on the 'Love Loring' auction program we are using. Our 2022 goal is \$3,000.

Jana and Shirley, our bookkeeper, have closed out the CPP 2021 Community Participation Program grant of \$72,000. Remaining funding will roll into the new 2022 NCR Engagement Grant.

Motion: Accept and Receive January 2022 Financial Reports. David/Diane M/S/C. Approved

Motion: That the proposed NRP Plan Modification be posted for the required 21 day community notification. Terri/David. M/S/C. Approved

Plan modification language was sent out to Board electronically prior to the meeting. This language will be put into a PDF & JPG and posted on Facebook, on the website, and in both the mid March & April newsletters. Jana & John talked it thru; we are proposing to move the \$5,000 in safe crossings to the park into \$2,500 for Ash Tree Inoculations and \$2,500 for HN/Lyndale Project Coordinator. Build out, crosswalk striping, and flashing light across 15th St to the Park @ Oak Grove was paid for completely by the City. 14th & LaSalle pedestrian improvements will be funded by the city and Willow crosswalk was striped. Park and City Master Plans call for a raised crosswalk by the city. Should this be approved we will identify available funding at that time.

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Lee reported that Ash Tree Inoculations are every other year and prevent the trees from coming down while new trees grow. We want to keep both shade and twinkle lights on Nicollet. There are 8-10 trees.

Motion: To Accept the 2020-2021 CPP Community Participation Plan Annual Report required by NCR and due April 5th.

Friendly Amendment - If items to be added to the report are identified, Jana will forward to the Executive Committee to Approve.

Terri/Diane M/S/C

A 2 year Annual Report for 2020-2021 was requested by NCR in March due in April. This was in an online Survey Monkey format. Each of the responses were copied and compiled into a document then distributed to the Board electronically prior to the meeting.

IV. Program/Admin Report:

Report: Contract signed with Damon Farber for Berger Fountain pre-design & cost estimates. They are at midpoint in their work. Their PowerPoint presentation to the workgroup was emailed around.

Report: Board Orientation set up for April Board Meeting - Monday, April 11th from 6:30-8:00/ZOOM

In May we will have a couple of program reports.

Report: NCR Grant paperwork submitted; Bylaw language/Vote & Annual Mtg & Communication Plan will be submitted to NCR. 2022 Advance will be requested. We should be good to reimburse from this NCR 2022 grant which was to begin 1.1.2022.

Report: 'Love Loring' Online Auction - April 10-April 14th. We will announce this at the Annual Meeting.

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Report: MNDOT Community Partnership; City Council approved the project in February. Luisa has called a workgroup meeting for March 25th to set a date and develop a project timeline.

Report: 307 Oak Grove - No Community Design meeting set up yet. The Land Sale from the Woman's Club to the Developer went thru in February.

Report: Hennepin/Lyndale Fundraising - we will launch a GIVEMN campaign after 'Love Loring'.

Private funds secured will be a match to NRP funds and help in Temporarily Restricted report line item.

Action Requested: Approve \$10,000 Advance on the new NCR funding contract. David/Terri M/S/C

Action Requested: Approve a letter of support to the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation for legislative funding request for youth jobs. David/Terri. M/S/C

Letter will be copied to Commissioner Shaffer and sent to Senator Omar Fateh.

Gary Simpson was thanked for all of his service. This is his last Board Meeting after being on the board for 3 terms.

V. Announcements/listed below:

- Earth Day @ Loring Park; Sat., April 23rd
- Neighborhood Day x NCR - Sat., May 14th
- Community Connections Conference x NCR - Sat. May 21st @ Minneapolis Convention Ctr from 9-5 pm
- Rock the Garden' - Saturday, June 11th

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- Twin Cities PRIDE Festival - June 25th & 26th
- Terri announced that the Basilica will have a Pastor transfer on May 24th.

VI. Meeting was approved at 7:40 pm.

JLM