



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, Oct. 10th, 2022
Virtual Meeting held on ZOOM

Board-members Present: Lee Frelich, Terri Ashmore, Phyllis Roden, Vanessa Rybicka, John Van Heel, David Evinger, Diane Connor & Norman Mathers.

Board-members Absent: Alex Heller

Staff: Jana L Metge

Guest: Meghan Gustafson/Downtown Council; Holidazzle 2022

I. The meeting was Called to Order at 6:33 pm.

Welcome x Lee Frelich, President

Motion: CLPC to Approve October 2022 Board agenda. M/S/C. Terri/Diane. Unanimously approved.

II. 2022 Holidazzle

Meghan Gustafson from the Downtown Council presented on talk the 2022 Holidazzle Event in Loring Park sponsored by the Downtown Council. We will post this preliminary overview powerpoint on our website.

They are moving back to a 4 weekend event. They had great attendance last year even tho only 1 week.

Holidazzle will open on November 25th & close December 18th. All 4 weekends - Friday (5-9 pm), Saturday (noon-9 pm) and Sunday (noon-6 pm). Information can be found on Holidazzle.com.

Highlights:

- The Heated Beer Tent will be back
- Carnival rides will be back
- Santa will be back.
- Lights will be put up in the Loring Park Trees

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- They will also be adding some additional lights around the event for safety.
- Craft vendors will be outside in individual tents vs in a building; worked well last year & vendors liked it
- Entertainment/the Stage will be programmed
- Saturday night there will be fireworks at 7:15 pm

Ice Skating will not be back this year, very expensive; they are looking for a sponsor.

They are promoting parking at the Mpls College ramp by the Basilica.

Special Features:

- There will be Drag Queen Bingo o Fridays
- There will be an Accapella 'Battle of Choirs' - college groups sing off.
- There may be roller skating

Questions:

- Will there be a Holidazzle parade? Will it ever come back? A - No Holidazzle parade; it's been gone now about 10 years.
- Could parking be promoted downtown so people walk down Nicollet and visit businesses there. A - they will be promoting a variety of parking in their literature.

III. Finance Report

Terri Ashmore presenting.

Motion: Accept and Receive August Financial 2022 Reports. Report tabled until November meeting; Updating Income line item and will resend the reports.

Motion: To delegate approval to submit the 2023 City funding grant to the Neighborhood Community Relations Department by October 30th, 2022 to the CLPC Executive Committee. The grant and Workplan

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will be circulated to entire board prior. M/S/C. Terri/Phyllis Approved unanimously.

Ideas have been gathered from Boardmembers, building contacts, businesses and organizations to date. Terri & I are working on the grant and Terri will update the Engagement Plan. We have Partnership ideas percolating with Wooddale Church, Loring Park Events with Friends of Loring Park, potential building gatherings, a community blood drive with American Red Cross, Rayito de Sol Early Learning Center Mural & Emerson School.

Two Projects we proposed last year did not occur -

- Programming Loring Park in the mornings to allow a space for renters to gather & network; Kate & Faical championed this and one of them moved this year and another took time off to travel. Additionally, the building was closed per COVID and we had a change in Park Directors.
- Pop up Block parties we postponed due to open air gun fire and escalating violence. Determined not safe and the lead volunteer moved this summer out of State. We are moving this idea into the 2023 Engagement Plan.

Successful projects -

- Due to Loring & Minneapolis' Russian and Ukrainian populations, and due to world events, we organized a 'Peace in the World' fundraiser for Ukraine featuring local Russian and Ukrainian music groups & dancers. Videos are on our Facebook page, as well as an article in the newsletter.
- Rayito de Sol Pocket park creation in partnership with MNDOT, City of Minneapolis, and CLPC. Several months of Planning led up to a planting day which included teaching the children about what they were planting and how to care for it and inspirational message by Alan Page on 'Hope' and participation in the planting by the Page Scholars. Very inspirational & wonderful project. Archived on our Facebook page and the Newsletter.
- Nicollet Avenue Safety Coalition played a major role in 2022. We continued the expansion to neighborhood wide and pulled areas of the neighborhood together monthly with city staff to talk about arising issues and brainstorm ideas and then work between the meetings to address

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items brought to this Coalition meeting. Residents, property owners, businesses, organizations, MCTC, churches, and City/County/Park staff. This gathering kept hope alive thru trying times, enhanced safety and reduced crime.

- Community Events; CLPC had an information table with Friends of Loring Park during PRIDE and the Loring Park Art Festival and we collected 6 ages of names for our database. We also held a Neighborhood Holiday party and collected additional names for the mailing list.
- National Night Out featured live music, food donated by INVOLVEMN and soda/water by the 19 Bar. Gathered community together to network, build relationships. The Woman's Club of Minneapolis hosted the event.

IV. Board Check in

Input from each Board-member on any issues occurring in and around where they live.

- Lee has been very busy preparing for and talking with reporters on the loss of our ancient Loring Park Trees.
- John, Loring Greenway Association held its funder appreciation event. CM Lisa Goodman presented them with a city resolution declaring the day as 'Loring Park Greenway Day.' John also announced that the Greenway won the Downtown Improvement District Award of the Year for 'Best Large Greenspace in Downtown Mpls.'
- This Saturday at 9 am is the annual Fall Clean Up.
- 510 Groveland will be installing a new wrought iron fence on the west side of their building. Damon Farber has been providing their technical expertise in design and selection.
- Vanessa reported that all is going well around her building. All agreed that the entire neighborhood has changed with the closing and fencing of Speedway. It had become a magnet of uncontrolled negative activities which spread around the entire community, leading to open air gun violence, murders, and assaults. Crime has reduced significantly, including livability crime. Areas will continued to be monitored at the Nicollet/Loring Safety Coalition, monthly. All Reported a quiet summer!

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- Terri reported that the Basilica has a very full upcoming schedule in November & December. Many concerts. All events can be found on their website.
- Phyllis announced that she posted the City's new online traffic & pedestrian safety application. They are hoping to reduce speed on Groveland. The link is in the CLPC Newsletter.
- The year end Garden Brunch for Friends of Loring Park was held this past Saturday; around 20 in attendance. A very good event to a good garden season.
- Jana reported that Gary Simpson, David & she had been connecting with city staff as well on Oak Grove traffic & safety issues.
- - David reported that 200 Oak Grove is securely boarded and they hope for the property to be purchased and housing developed at that site. David will follow up with Patrick at the Ward 7 office.
- Norman announced the Candlelight Tour of 300 Clifton last Wed. @ 7 pm of this month. Tickets are available. They will also be doing the annual Neighborhood Holiday Party. They are going to move it to Saturday vs Thursday this year. So the date is Saturday, December 10th, @ 6 pm. They are looking for a local food truck vendor; email Norman with any ideas. David offered to donate a case of wine.

Questions to follow up on:

- What is Speedway's plan for the area?
- Who is in the former Jungle Red building now?

V. Announcements & Updates:

- Roxy's had their Grand Opening; Nicollet Diner new location doing well.
- End of Season Garden Brunch for gardeners this Saturday, October 8th; contact Lee for more details.
- The Neighborhood Holiday Party is set for Saturday, December 10th @ 300 Clifton. More info to come!
- Public Works Community Meeting on Monday, October, 24th on Hennepin/Dunwoody Bike Path.
- Nicollet / Loring Safety Coalition - Thursday, Oct. 13th from 10:30-noon

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- Check out our new Diagonal Parking on Harmon Avenue; Loring Neighborhood Master Plan Implementation
- 14th & LaSalle Pedestrian improvements; funded thru Vision Zero funding sources
- Loring Hill working on Oak Grove Traffic calming; David Evinger & Gary Simpson & Summit House; there is a posted public form out on the City website.
- Emerson School has reached out on a future partnership; will work this into our grant.
- Wooddale Church partnered with Emerson on a school supply drive.
- Wooddale Church Walkers out every Friday night
- Loring Walking Group meets each Thursday @ The Woman's Club @ 5:30 pm. New members can get TShirts upon arrival.

VI. Motion to Adjourn @ 7:35 p.m. M/S/C. Terri/David Passed unanimously

JLM