



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 8th, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting held on ZOOM**

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

**Board-members Absent:** Alex Heller, Terri Ashmore

**Staff:** Jana L Metge

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

Welcome x Lee Frelich, President

**Motion: CLPC To approve the January Board agenda. M/S/C. Unanimously approved. David/Phyllis.**

**Motion: CLPC To approve the November 2022 board minutes. Phyllis/Diane M/S/C. Unanimously approved.**

**II. CLPC 2023 Annual Meeting**

**CLPC Annual Meeting be held on the 3rd Tuesday in March 2023; Tuesday, March 21st, 2023.**

Discussion: Should it be virtual or in person.

*Trent can host in the auditorium of the Music Box if in person.*

*Thru discussions of pros & cons the Board approved an in person meeting at the Music Box. Adequate spacing in the auditorium. Masks will be recommended and public health assessed closer to the meeting. Suggested was a virtual feature to the meeting. Jana will discuss with Trent to see if possible. The Music Box has been scheduled and held for us by Wooddale Church.*

*An Online Election was Approved in November. We will discuss Board Openings at the February meeting. Candidates will submit a photo and bio for the Election page. This will be accessible thru our website. Nominations will still be taken from the floor. Lee will also announce from Stage how people can vote.*

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Speaker Ideas:

- CM Goodman has rsvp'd.
- Chief was invited - no response yet
- Jana invited the 1st Precinct Inspector to speak.
- Public Works Director invited - no response yet
- Lee worked with DID Greening on a Presentation

After discussion the Speakers will be CM Lisa Goodman, Inspector Billy Peterson, and DID.

It was also noted that CM Goodman announced today that she would not be running in the next election. CM Andrew Johnson/Ward 12 is also retiring this term.

There will be a Finance Report with December year end available on the website. Year end financial reports will be discussed at the February meeting. Jana has asked for a PDF of the Event budget line item and Program line item. She offered to print out any other line item per the Board member request.

In the past we have had board members & Volunteers speak 2 minutes on projects or new developments in the neighborhood. This will be discussed more at the Feb & March board meeting as we set the agenda.

Possible Report Items mentioned were:

- Rayito de Sol/Luisa Fuentes - Mural & Planting project
- Nicollet Safety Coalition/Trent
- Berger Fountain/Mary Bujold
- Harmon Ave/Lee Frelich & John Van Heel
- Loring Park Pickle ball courts/Dave
- The new Thai restaurant
- Alex's new Coffeeshop
- Community Events

David suggested that we have a time on the Agenda for Member comments - Ideas & Community Issues. Agreed.

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Lee suggested that board members where ID badges and be available 6-6:30 pm during social time to talk with other members and any new Community members.

No Info Tables this year. Food to be discussed in Feb

**III. Finance Report**

Jana reported (Terri on vacation)

**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.**

Accept and Receive the November Financial 2022 Report. M/S/C. Motion approved unanimously.

David/Phyllis

Lee put the November Financial Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet and Jana walked thru them.

Highlighted were:

- Checking account balance was \$29,152.64
- Savings account balance was \$16,589.22
- November income was \$30,690/contract reimbursement
- Berger Fountain temporarily restricted balance was \$3,590.
- Office furnishings & electronics are 100% depreciated.
- A year end Reimbursement will be done this year.
- The -\$10k reflects spending from savings. Tree Innculations we're done on Nicollet Trees and a reimbursement sent to the NRP contract in December.

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We used savings to pay for the fence around SA, this will be reimbursed by SA in January hopefully. Reminder is use of Advance for City Engagement grant & will be reimbursed with year end request this month.

Jana and Shirley will be closing out the fiscal year this month.

Administrative Report:

-The IRS 990 was filed electronically and the MN Attorney General's Charities Division Annual Report for 2021 was mailed certified on Nov. 15th, 2022.

-Neighborhood Holiday Party was a huge success! Thanks to Norman & John for their generosity to CLPC & to the Neighborhood. They raised \$3,100 in ticket sales & another \$1,100 during the Event!

Amount doubled from past years!

-Speedway has agreed to reimburse us for the fence cost, along with an additional donation. Paperwork (a letter of request, an invoice and a W9) were completed by Lee & Jana and submitted.

-We had several residents donate at year end totaling \$5,000. In addition 210 W Grant Board donated \$500.

The IRS refunded a payroll tax overpayment of \$975.

-The CLPC City Grant was signed by Lee, then signed by the City and was in place & active by Jan. 1st.

-Board member David Evinger retained a very generous donation from his business for CLPC.

Thank you David.

-The Annual Secretary of State Registration for CLPC was completed in December.

- NCR Dept raised the Community Partners Fund from \$250,000 to \$1 million this budget cycle. A letter of intent is due in February with grants due in March. Organizations with budget is over \$300,000 are not eligible. Neighborhood Groups may not apply, but we can work with Community Orgs to apply. The Announcement was circulated to the board and community via

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email and newsletter. Partners we have reached out to are Wooddale Church, INVOLVE MN, Rayito de Sol, Emerson School, Friends of Loring Park.

**IV. Loring Park Update - Jana reported**

- MPRB Project Manager put together an article on the Pickleball courts for the Newsletter.
- MPRB has released a Request for Proposal for Design work on the Berger Fountain. Reconstruction is scheduled for 2024 with Design Work & fundraising to occur in 2023.

**V. Board Check in**

Input from each Board-member on any issues occurring in and around where they live. Phyllis asked about the Public Works Traffic Calming survey, when we will hear something, what the next steps will be. This is a City Initiative. Jana will connect with Patrick and city staff and copy Phyllis to pursue those answers.

**VI. Announcements**

- Community Mtg w/Frank Hornstein - Mon., Jan. 23rd  
This is a virtual meeting. Zoom Link will be on the website. Senator Scott Dibble has now RSVPd. The flyer will be updated and in the newsletter and on the web. Emails will be circulated to buildings and businesses. Board members will reach out to people in their buildings.
- Nicollet / Loring Safety Coalition - Thursday, Jan. 12th from 10:30-noon - on ZOOM
- A Workgroup is being formed to work with Park Forestry to add trees & Public Works to add flowers.

Let me know if you are interested. All welcome. Discussed was the difference diagonal parking has made to that street. Trees will enhance the area further.

Suggested was to think about and discuss how to market vacant commercial space in that area.

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- Berger Fountain Task Force meeting is the 3rd Monday at 5:00 pm on ZOOM. The Park Board has posted a RFP for detailed design of the Fountain, Plaza. and splash pad in partnership with CLPC & Friends of Loring Park per our Memorandum of Understanding w/MPRB.
- 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.

**VII. Meeting was Adjourned at 7:25 pm Motion x David.**

***JLM***