



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10th, 2025.

Board-members Present: Lee Frelich, Diane Connor, John Van Heel, Bubba Thurn, Ryo Hamasaki, Norman Kulba, and Jana Metge

Board-members Absent: Alex Heller and Norman

Guest: Paula Chester, Candidate for Ward 7 City Council Seat

Staff: Jana L Metge

I. Meeting called to Call to Order at 6:35 pm

Everyone was welcomed by Lee Frelich, President

II. Loring Greenway Playground

John will overviewed the meeting held with CM Cashman and Public Works staff, hosted by the Hyatt, and the fantastic turn out on January 30th. There will a Workgroup put together to work with David Bauer, Mpls Public Works. The focus will be 1) interim use of the site this summer and costs, and 2) replacement of the playground and costs. Projected cost to replace the playground is \$350,000-\$400,000. They will also be planning another community meeting to report back in March.

III. Administrative Report - Jana reported:

- Contract 2025 Extension of our City Contract
- Contract Engagement Plan; Written by Terri & Jana
- Contract Reimbursements & Electronic Deposit
- Worker's Comp Insurance Policy; renewed Jan. 2025
- Directors & Officers Insurance; expires Sept. 2025
- General Liability Insurance; getting bids
- 2025 Operating Budget Amendment

Motion: To decrease advertising budget line item by \$250 and remove \$10,000 NRP expense & income from 2025. John/Bubba. M/S/C

To Do List:

- Follow up on Nicollet Bridge Replacement
- Coordinate partners meeting on HN/Lyndale project

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IV. CLPC Annual Meeting -

- Historic Music Box Theatre confirmed for location
- Date confirmed for March 17th, 2025; 5:30-6:30 Social Hour & 6:30-8:00 Program
- Flyer developed & 1st notice in Feb. 1st Newsletter
- Flyer sent to Volunteers on Committees
- Info Fair Letters sent; confirmations so far are Emerson School, Walking Club, Friends of Loring & Loring Park, Berger Fountain Restoration, Critical Parking/Metered Parking, Miracle City Church, DID, HN Methodist & CLPC
- Speakers confirmed are: CM Katie Cashman, MPRB Commissioner Elizabeth Shaffer, Ben Johnson/Artists in Vacant Storefronts, Inspector Billy Peterson, Rep Katie Jones.

We have yet to determine CLPC Reporting on 2024 Activities/Programs/Events, Timing/Order of the Program.

Board Recruitment was discussed. We elect Five 2 year terms. These terms will be 2025-2027. Bubba offered his resignation from the Board. He still plans to help with Berger Fountain. He plans to get involved with the neighborhood he lives in. There are Two 1 year terms to fill with Terri retiring and leaving the Board and Bubba. These terms will be from 2025-2025.

V. Community Events for February/March:

- • Community Sing A Long; Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- • Critical Park Meeting on February 19th from 6:30-7:30 pm at Bruhaven Brewery.
- • New Nicollet Vision Open House on February 25th from 5-7 pm at Whittier International School; 315 W. 26th St.
- • Thursday, Feb 13th - Black History Movie Night from 6-8 pm featuring Hidden Figures @ Loring Park
- • Friday, Feb 21st - Black History Month DJ Dance from 6-8 pm @ Loring Park Community Center. • Tuesday, March 11th - Community Sing A Long from 7:00-8:30 pm.
- • Annual Meeting on March 17th @ Historic Music Box Theatre; 5:30-6:30 - Social Time with food, music & resource fair & 6:30-8 pm - Program.

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VI. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Written Report: Outreach/Engagement

- Berger Fountain meeting set for 4th Monday due to Holiday this month and due to Annual Mtg. in March.
- Board Meeting Agenda set up & distributed.
- Board Manual now electronic & being updated.
- Finalizing 2025 Operations Budget.
- Neighborhood Newsletter out on Feb. 2nd & x the 15th.
- Nicollet Avenue Safety Coalition set for Feb. 13th.
- Working with bookkeeper on year end quarterly report & 1099s & Annual Meeting Report & W9s all collected.
- Working to collect year end funds on HN/Lyndale
- Mail opened, Bills processed, checks cut, checks deposited, vendors paid
- Board Participation Survey from NCR circulated.
- Annual Survey developed to go out in the Newsletter.
- Contract Reimbursement to be submitted in February.
- Answered emails, texts, messages, and phone calls.
- Working with City Staff on Critical Parking changes.
- Attended meeting on Loring Greenway Playground.
- Coordinating dates & flyers for Summer Events/Outreach.

Criminal Cases we continue follow:

Hearing of Mr Schultz charged with Robert's murder

Mr Schultz civil Commitment Hearing continues to be civilly committed by mental court action; and as a danger to himself & others thru evaluation found but remains in the Jail on the \$2 million bail here in Minneapolis vs St Peter.