



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13th, 2025
Virtual Meeting held on ZOOM

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

Board-members Absent: Alex Heller and Norman

Staff: Jana L Metge

I. The meeting was Called to Order

Everyone was welcomed by Lee Frelich, President

Opening Comments - Jana thanked the board for texts and emails of support, for the flowers they sent to her dad's funeral and for covering projects when she was gone. It was very much appreciated.

Motion: Approval of November Board minutes - Tabled to February (IRS 990/AG Report & Closed Session in November)

II. 6:40-7:00 pm Board Post Holiday Gathering

Think about a date that we could get together in person to celebrate Terri's retirement & service to CLPC.

III. 7:00-7:15 pm. Loring Greenway Playground

Meeting with Public Works & CM Cashman set for January 30th at the 110 W Grant Community Room. John reported that the Playground was demolished and removed with no communication with Loring Greenway Association. It was paid for in part by NRP funds in the amount of \$59,000. It was installed in 2003 and is 22 years old. There was an Inspection in September with notification to the Greenway of the pending demolition per safety concerns. John reported this letter at the November CLPC Board meeting. CLPC received no information. John reported there had been 3 inspections over 22 years; Park Board would inspect it. The Greenway is owned by the City and managed by Public Works. They are working with CM Cashman and Public Works staff met with Greenway members in December. CM Cashman and Loring Greenway Association are working on the details of the Jan. 30th meeting. See more information in the report below.

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IV. Public Works Project Meetings - Jana reported

- A Pedestrian Nicollet Mall - City staff to present at the Nicollet/Loring Safety Coalition on Thurs., January 9th.

There will be Open Houses Downtown. Information will come out in the Newsletter. The Safety Coalition was interested in the opinions of the downtown businesses

and the Downtown Improvement District. To date, city staff reported that it's a very mixed response. They are hoping to gather feedback and get more direction from the upcoming Open Houses.

- Changes to Neighborhood Critical Parking - Meeting will be set up together with Public Works staff and CM Cashman's office. Jana reported from a meeting held in August with a city staff that Public Works is looking at eliminating critical parking and replacing the spots with metered parking. Once Jana receives Date & Time and location, a flyer will be created and distributed via email, on Facebook and in our newsletter.

- Loring Greenway Playground; John reported on a meeting members of the Greenway had with Public Work staff. Lack of communication by the City was the top concern. The Greenway Playground was funded with \$59,000 of NRP/Neighborhood Revitalization. People questioned how the entire playground could be taken without a conversation with them, CLPC or the Greenway Board. John reported that there were a lot of apologies. CM Cashman was not aware of it in advance either. The Greenway Association is planning a Meeting on January 30th. CLPC will help with publicizing this Meeting.

- Nicollet Bridge Replacement; the bridge is scheduled to be replaced within the next year. They have federal money to replace this bridge and the funds have an end date, so the timeline is faster than usual. John put together a workgroup. There has been one zoom meeting with State & City staff prior to the Holidays. They were going to go back and talk about items raised. Jana will follow up with staff and see what the timeline and engagement plans for this project.

V. December 2024 Events

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- - World AIDS Day was held at The Woman's Club on December 1st. Mary Bujold & Bubba served on the planning team. Bubba reported that the Event was fabulous, great music and food and the Tretter banners were featured. There is hope for a Worlds AIDS Day next year and for it to be an Annual Event.
- - Remembering Robert Skafte @ Woman's Club - Jana attended this Event. It was at the same time as the Berger Fountain Task Force. There were 75-100 present. There was no program yet people spoke and talked about Robert. Stevens Square arranged for the catering with cost split between CLPC and SSCO. People stated that it was good for everyone to be together at this 1 year anniversary.
- - Neighborhood Holiday Party @ 300 Clifton - Norman was not at the meeting so Ryo reported on the Annual Party.
- There were fewer people there than last year. It was a snowy evening. It was a beautiful event, the decorations and music and carolers were a lot of fun. There was a food truck and lots of treats inside. People had a great time.

VI. CLPC Annual Meeting planning

- Jana will coordinate date & speakers by the next meeting.
- Proposed Speakers were CM Cashman, Rep Katie Jones, Ben Johnson from the City's Art & Culture Department.
- Board Openings; there 3 openings until March, we are down to 7 seats; there are 10 board seats in total
- Board Recruitment; Ten 2-year terms; 5 open in March

VIII. Meeting was Adjourned.

Written Report: Outreach/Engagement

January Events

- Pre Session Town Meeting with Legislators
- Tuesday, January 7th; 6:30-8:00 pm
- Loring Park Community Center
- Rep Jamie Long, Rep Elect Katie Jones, &
- Senator Scott Dibble

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- Berger Fountain meeting set for 4th Mondays due to Holidays this month, in February, & March is the Annual Meeting.
- Board Meeting Agenda set up & distributed.
- Board Manual converted to electronic update.
- Neighborhood Newsletter out on 2nd & x the 15th
- Nicollet Avenue Safety Coalition set for Jan. 9th
- Working with bookkeeper & CPA on year end quarterly report & 1099s; W9s all collected
- Working to collect year end funds on HN/Lyndale
- Bills processed, checks cut, checks deposited, vendors paid
- Board Survey from NCR circulated.
- Contract Reimbursement submitted in December & received electronically by year end.
- 2025 Contract documents signed & executed
- Answered emails, texts, messages, and phone calls
- Working with City Staff to set up Meeting on Critical Parking changes

Criminal Cases we are following:

- 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.

Nicollet Diner Criminal Court Case we are Following:

- An arrest was made and charges brought on 2 threats
- of violence. Arraignment held and Bail set at \$30,000, a geographic restriction set 3 blocks around the diner and
- no use or possession of guns. The person charges was Donnell Burns. Criminal case #27-CR241047
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- Two Shootings on Oak Grove: Still Under Investigation

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