



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20th, 2025

Board members present: Lee Frelich, Jennifer Lange, John Maternoski, John Van Heel, Ryo Hamasaki

Board members absent: Glenn Oslin, Jay Nuhring, Jamie Hughes, Alex Heller, and Norman Kulba.

Staff: Jana Metge

Thank you to Loring Park Community Center for hosting.

Thank you to Lorenzo Arisa from Salsa a la Salsa for the dinner.

Note - The Meeting was changed to the 3rd Monday due to a federal and local Holiday on the 2nd Monday.

We did not have a quorum so no votes were taken.

6:30. Welcome - Lee Frelich, President called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

September Board meeting minutes were circulated twice via email. *Forwarded to the November agenda since no quorum.*

November, January, and February meetings will now be virtual over the Winter. There will be no December Meeting.

In March, we will have an Annual Meeting and determine whether we have a virtual or in person meeting at our February meeting.

Motion: Approve September 2025 Board Minutes - **Tabled until the November Board Meeting.**

6:45 Financial & Administrative Report

Presentation of the 2026 Budget - Jennifer presented the draft 2026 Operations Budget. We are looking to raise an additional \$5,000 or cut \$5,000 on the expense side.

Fundraising suggestions:

- Dedicate contributions to CLPC for 'Give to the Max' Day.
- Assist in promoting Norman & John's Holiday Party to increase attendance. Attend the party & tell neighbors & friends.

Discussion on potential cuts in operations.

The budget will be on the November Agenda to be passed.

Jana will review the Telephone/Internet line item pertaining to actual expense per projection.

Discussion of the City Engagement Grant -

Jana distributed handouts of both the draft goals of the 2026 grant Application for City Equitable Engagement funding and Neighborhood Network, and a draft Operational work plan for use of staff time.

Agreement on key areas to reach out to:

- Renters
- Emerson School
- Small businesses
- Emerging Ukrainian population thru Events
- Community Safety Needs

Activities suggested in this vertical, locked neighborhood were reaching out by Events, Building meetings. Resource Fairs, and 1:1 outreach.

We brainstormed ways to build out the plan & new ideas:

- John M talked about how he and a friend in his building pick up litter around the building and they adopted a drain and clear debris from it. He also talked about the Adopt a Trash Can program. John will ask Kellie Kish if she could speak at a board meeting on ideas for Apartment composting. The Groveland and 301 Clifton compost. In 2026, we could do articles in Newsletter from other buildings on ways they engage with residents in their buildings and share ideas with each other.

- We talked about Safety continuing to be a huge concern with the double murder at 15 E Grant and then the attempted murder on Clifton. People shared stories of robberies in the neighborhood. Lee spoke on a car which drive up the stairs of Loring Greenway after being told it was not a driveway. It pulled off his gas tank and the car went up in flames. Right outside of a 210 W Grant home.

Jana talked about Trent holding a meeting for Nicollet Property owners, Glenn hosting a meeting for businesses around LPM/Former SA site, and the monthly Nicollet Safety Coalition.

- Small Businesses/2026 top issues will be economics and safety, as well as city/county policies. The group discussed how to get people out of buildings and frequenting the businesses here. We have 9,000 residents. DT has 60,000 residents. There is buying power with these neighbors but we need to get people out. Jana reported that she is meeting with Meghan next week about the focus of the DT Council after the announcement this week of no Aquatennial or Holidazzle events this year.

The application will be completed and circulated to the Board.

Jana reported on Administrative Issues:

Annual IRS 990 & AG Annual report due November 15th, this includes the Annual Charities Division Report to the Attorney General's office and an annual registration fee. CPA is in their final review of this. They will send to Jana, she will share with Jennifer and Jennifer will circulate to the Board. They will both be electronically submitted by the CPA this year. Jana will find out the details for the President and Treasurer to sign electronically.

Secretary of State Annual Registration due in December - this task is in our bookkeeper's contract.

Directors & Officers Annual Renewal due September is renewed.

Workers Comprehensive Insurance is renewed.

General Liability Insurance due to be renewed in February.

Jana reported that she put all policies underneath one broker, Twin Cities Group. General Liability was under Bremer. Twin Cities Group has been more helpful on updating and renewing policies and more communicative.

Loring Neighborhood Issues & Engagement issues:

- Berger Fountain - Jana reported on the challenge of fundraising in this moment of so many proposed federal cuts, impact on government shutdown and the overall uncertainty of our economy. This impacts fundraising.

The Berger TF met at a meeting prior to the Board meeting with MPRB Project Coordinator Andrew Schilling.

The project timeline predicts working on the mechanicals in the underground vault as a 1st step in the project. There is State Legacy funding which needs to be used by 2026. TF suggested that when fencing goes up there should be a sign which says Project starting in 2026. Suggested that it would be great to have this up Mid-November because it would show progress and help with year end donation.

Text to donate year to date donors and amount of contribution was presented to the Task Force as well as financial updates by Friends & CLPC. These amounts are reflected in both organization's Quick Book reports. CLPC has a separate line item and these funds are temporarily restricted to use for the Berger Fountain. The Berger funds are maintained in a Saving Account.

Task Force members met with Access Philanthropy and are awaiting a response back from their draft contract. Access Philanthropy is also being realistic on the economy and

gift giving in this moment. The Task Force will continue to fundraise, return to the Legislature this year and see if any existing funders can help recruit additional funders.

- Litter Pick Ups - John Maternoski presented on this. See notes above.

- What to do about Graffiti? Call 311 & report or file a written report and upload photos. Important to document.

- Update on Nicollet Cultural Corridor Petition process

- Jennifer spoke on her work to meet Luisa from Rayito de Sol and get her signature. She is now working on Amy at Ping's. She will meet with her in person.

- Jana reported on Sam's help connecting her with the Percansky family. Lisa arranged with Jesus from Whittier, a notary (because all signatures must be notarized) to get their signature this week. They are the property owners where Sam & Dion's businesses are - Mother Clucker's Pizza and MuffinTop CoffeeShop.

- Jana reported that the two new developments which are Mixed Use by design with Commercial on the 1st floor are classified as housing so not included in the % of signature to gather. This is too bad because 1) their businesses could benefit from this project and 2) we could get these signatures from the property owners.

- Jay is working with Black Forest to Sign

- Next step is to meet with Max Woelm about the project and to get a connection with the 1400 block of 1st Avenue if new owner and Parasole bakery has moved out.

Property Owner agreement is mandated by a notarized signature as a component of the City's consideration for Nicollet from 29th to Grant to be considered to be included in the Cultural Corridor project.

- Loring Greenway/Loring Playground installation timeline -

The Playground is being installed and may be opened by the end of this week!!!
Congratulations to all involved!

- Hennepin/Lyndale Project - John updated on this 2025 season. It went very well with the new contractor. Thanks to Senator Dibble and Frank Hornstein for setting up a Walk A Bout for MNDOT, Minneapolis Public Works, Institutions along the Corridor, and the State Transportation Commissioner. They were able to secure language in legislation to direct MNDOT & their resources to partner with this project. MNDOT has been working on the south end. We need to have more direct communication with them as we move forward. With our new contractor, the garbage cans will be dumped thru out the winter. We hope to see a replanting of the landscaping in 2026 from 15th & Oak Grove/Lyndale to the Walker Arts Center

- Review Nicollet Tree Inoculation & Funding - Lee will send Jana a projected amount for our budget to inoculate Ash Trees on Nicollet. Jana will work with Bob Cooper on the use of NRP Funds.

- Safety Issues - Jana covered above.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.
Food remaining left for Park Staff.

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10.21.2025

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**CLPC Officers as of May 2025**

*Terms April 2025-April 2026*

President - Lee Frelich

Vice President - Glenn Oslin

Treasurer - Jennifer Lange

Secretary - Norman Kulba

**Committee Chairs 2025-2026**

CLPC Board - Lee Frelich

Events have Planning Teams per Event

Berger Task Force - Mary Bujold

Nicollet/Loring Safety Coalition - Trent Palmberg

HN/Lyndale Landscape Project - John Van Heel

Loring Greenway Association President - John Van Heel

Friends of Loring Park President - Mark Scally