



CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 22nd, 2025

Board members present: Lee Frelich, Norman Kulba, John Maternoski, Jennifer Lange, Jay Duhring, Brandon McCollum, John Van Heel, and Glenn Oslin.

Board members absent: Ryo Hamasaki, Alex Heller, and Jamie Davies.

Staff: Jana Metge

Thank you Norman for hosting at 300 Clifton and for the appetizers and refreshments.

6:30. Welcome - Lee Frelich, President called the meeting at 6:45 pm. Informal social time from 6:15-6:45 pm

June Board meeting was NCR Training ~ PowerPoint circulated.

6:45 Financial & Administrative Report

Quarterly Financial Report - Jennifer

It was reported that the monthly financial reports for the 2nd quarter were circulated via email. It was noted that the (-\$10,000) on the report reflects that our contract advance had been spent down. A contract reimbursement for \$24,000 was then processed in July 2025.

John M asked where the \$2,400 deposit was from in July.

Jana will check on this with the bookkeeper and report back. *Note, year to date deposits sent to John & Jennifer.*

Motion: CLPC Accepts and Receives the 2nd Quarter Financial Reports. Motion by Jennifer/Glenn/John M Passed unanimously.

Jana reported:

Annual IRS 990 & AG 2024 Annual report was due dare was extended to and is due November 15th. Financial information for the year was given to the CPA by the bookkeeper and me. Our CPA is Barry Rogers, a minority owned and operated firm with their offices in the Elliot Park Neighborhood. Barry taught at Metro State and in the past has trained on how to read profit and loss statements/ Balance Sheets. Jana wrote the 2024 narrative. She will send this around to the board.

The Secretary of State Annual Registration due in December. This is an online registration. It is in the contract for the bookkeeper.

2025 Directors & Officers Insurance has been renewed.

Jana and Jennifer will prepared a draft 2025 budget for October Board meeting to review & then for November Board approval.

Glenn presented a check for \$750 from Berger Fountain Cup Sales from the Loring Park Art Festival. He said they still have lots of cups in his storeroom that we can use for other events. The board thanked him for all his work on design of these cups & support for Berger Fountain.

Lee announced that it's time for Jana's Evaluation Review. Lee will arrange timeline so it is completed prior to the December board meeting.

CLPC Programs:

- Cultural Corridor designation - Jay & Jennifer volunteered to work on this. They had a project orientation and task overview last week with John M/Ward 8 on zoom.

They each have 2 property owners to get notarized signatures from, for a total of 4. They are doing 1:1 outreach with those property owners on Nicollet Avenue.

This is a project of the Loring Park, Stevens Square, Whittier neighborhoods, and Council Offices. Jay shared a map of the project area; Grant to 28th St and a half block either side of Nicollet. The 29th St area is part of the Kmart site redevelopment and included now in the Lake Street Cultural Corridor.

The petition is to gather agreement from the property owners to be considered a Cultural Corridor/District.

Benefits to this designation include - funding and marketing - prioritization of city grant resources. Grant St to 28th St.

is the project area; the Eat Street Service District.

Property owner questions on the petition to be a Cultural district is whether or not there will be increase in taxes? Jennifer & Jay said they could take on more property owners if it will help us reach the % needed overall.

- Loring Greenway~Loring Playground - John VH overviewed the history that the playground was removed by public works after a safety inspection done by a playground company. The removed playground was installed in 2003 and funded by

Neighborhood Revitalization dollars. The Loring Greenway Association has been working with Minneapolis Public Works and the Ward 7 Council office since that time. They organized a Community Mtg in August with a 2 week turn around time. A Playground provider, which works with MPRB, ended up with surplus equipment, available at a discount. They presented this option to the Community. The City may be able to finance and install the playground this October.

Loring Greenway Association & residents had been previously working with a different designer on 3 options. Funding would have come from grant options and resident assessments.

The community mtg participants supported this new proposal. Part of the delay is that a requirement on the design of this new plan x community is to ensure that a walkway be ADA compliant with a rubber service, and an accessible route into the playground. Also included would be additional ADA areas, to be added later. There were 60-70 in attendance; short notice; city needed decisions with 2 weeks. Judy Tucker organized the meeting. They supported this plan.

John also reported on a Minneapolis Foundation small grant to purchase temporary equipment & toys. Some sand toys are still boxed. Suggestions have been to try to maintain a children's sand area in the Greenway. Idea to donate the toys to Rayito de Sol Early Childhood Center if they have a sand area in their playground. The Loring Greenway residents are pushing for a sand area to remain in the final playground design.

Funding for the new playground; Tim Sexton, Public Works Director is working on funding - a Hennepin County grant may be awarded in January and there is an interested potential family foundation.

Another issue~Electrical on the Loring Greenway - A consultant developed cost estimates. It is more expensive than they thought it would be. They are looking at this as a part of a 2031 capital renewal project (CLIC).

John VH reported that members of LGA walk thru the Greenway every Fall & Spring with public works staff to identify maintenance issues. They are presently looking at Identified areas of flooding. Lee pointed out at an area at Nicollet & the Greenway which is presently flooding.

Action Step - John VH will forward announcement of the new playground once approved thru City processes.

- Hennepin/Lyndale Project - John Van Heel reported that we selected a New Contractor this year who was less

expensive and provided more services. So, we are getting more trash picked up now and projected that we will continue picking up trash thru the winter.

John overviewed a Walk A Bout that the HN/Lyndale team went on with Sen. Scott Dibble & Rep. Frank Hornstein, MNDOT, Mpls. Public Works staff, and the Transportation Commission. The walk was from Hennepin Methodist to the Basilica and back again. In the legislative session this year, Senator Dibble and Rep Jones were able to insert language so that there would be funding dedicated from MNDOT to maintain and enhance the project, do new landscapes, and match the private contributions raised by the Coalition members. They are looking at special attention for the areas by I94 at HAUMC, the Douglass median, & 15th/Oak Grove & The Walker/Loring Park. This area looks awful right now. So very grateful for this legislative add.

Action Step: Jana will ask Sen. Dibble about the 2026 dollar amount.

Also discussed was how Lyndale/Hennepin should be a Civic Corridor Designation. A Gateway to the Minneapolis & the Theatre District and meeting with CM Cashman on a City match to this project as well as with Ben, the Arts & Culture Department Director.

Overview of Corridor Coalition members~

510 Groveland - St Marks - HAUMC - Walker Art Center - 510 - Basilica - Dunwoody - Loring Corners, Inc. - CLPC - Lowry Hill.

Action: Evaluate this last year and look to 2026 planning.

- Review Nicollet Tree Inoculation & Funding - Lee reported that Nicollet Ave gets their Ash Trees treated every other year. 2026 is the next treatment, so important to know for the CLPC budget. Lee said that inoculations for all Emerald Ash Trees are: \$1,200-\$1,500.

Action: Jana will work on creating a NRP Plan modification which will come to the board and allow some of this funding to move into our Greening line item.

Lee also reported on other Loring trees inoculated:

- Loring Greenway Ash x 23 x Loring Greenway Association
- 23 Trees in Loring Park x Friends of Loring Park

All other Ash Trees were cut down if not treated.

Bright green & 1 inch long - emerald ash boar; many in suburban yards. Community prioritized maintaining a green canopy which some Ash trees were taken down and replaced; awaiting these new trees to grow and provide additional tree canopy.

Jay suggested that this Tree story would be good for the neighborhood to write up and share with the neighborhood. A feature in the newsletter.

Question raised - Can we get more trees 1400-1500 LaSalle? How are the new trees on LaSalle doing?

Determined via discussion that these trees can down with Emerson's expansion project and parking lot re design.

Action: Lee and Glenn will walk LaSalle and report back on areas for more trees as well as spaces for their roots.

- Safety Issues - Glenn & Norman reported.

200 Oak Grove ~ Still boarded; Regulatory Services has a mediated meeting scheduled with the owner.

Shooting in the street by 180 Degrees & 301 Clifton ~

Norman reported that 236 Clifton had a client visited by a girlfriend. Another party did not like that, drove up and shot him. The shooter thru the gun in the garden of Norman's house. Jana reported that the car was found abandoned in the Phillip's neighborhood. An investigation is underway.

215 Oak Grove - Norman reported that 2 teenage boys - threatened a neighbor who was walking with screwdrivers; officers have video of the boys & these actions.

Discussion on 180 Degrees & management -

Discussed that St. Marks does lots of work with 180 Degrees & reported that the Great River Landing development is very well run. 'Lodging' is how 180 Degrees is categorized here in Loring Park - they have 30 residents vs 12 - inadequate staffing was reported. Dan Farr in the Director replacing Richard Gardell, who retired years ago.

Reported that there are Drugs on the property - very loud - & the organization requires no City/State permit or license.

Clifton House was the 1st 180 Degree property.

Action: Jay & Norman to meet with HN County Commissioner Marion Greene on issues needing abated at 236 Clifton/180 Degrees. This building was the 1st 180 Degree program. The organization has expanded since that time.

Grant & LaSalle/14th & Nicollet -

Discussion about Public Works creating enhanced & extending boulevards in their pedestrian safety efforts but not having a plan to plant or maintain. They fast become Weed Beds. Glenn redid the area in front of his business vs having the weeds. He also installed a pet pick up bag station. More Bag stations are needed.

For safety, Glenn reported that his little corner is doing well.

Board stressed the importance of Grant/LaSalle looking and being welcoming and safe. Concern about how the smoke shop there is doing and discussion of the loitering happening and customers being threatened when visiting businesses on the other side of that lot. The smoke shop lease was for one 1 year, thru December.

Jana reported that the Nicollet/Loring Safety Coalition meets monthly, virtually, on the 2nd Monday from 10:30-11:30/noon. All boardmembers are welcome. Participants are businesses, churches, property owners & managers, key residents representing their buildings, Minneapolis Police, Park Police, Community Crime Prevention, City Attorney's office and HN County Attorney's office. Sometimes the Minneapolis Convention Center and Downtown Improvement staff will also join.

14th & Nicollet has been a hotspot.

Norman reported that Minneapolis Trollies does not go down Nicollet at the time. Board asked if we could help Pings fix it up their spot?

Building areas for landscape - has to have a plan

Lee brought up the Idea for an adopt an area to maintain. People thankful for Phyllis picking up trash at Emerson and around the neighborhood. Maybe some gardeners at LPM - they could adopt a site.

Glenn spoke to having another exterior window busted. This is a \$3,000 expense. LPM has their cameras turned off. Glenn will follow up with Weidner about this.

Cameras shut off? - Glenn. \$3,000 replace windows

Jana reported some improvements at The Brentwood:

- A police camera was on the former SA parking lot.
- Now the camera is focused on the 3 Brentwood bldgs.
- Regional management came out and reviewed what was happening. They discontinued leases on problem units.
- Regional management hired a private security company.
- Jamie from Advance Realty (the owner of the side of the former SA lot) had a gate installed to the stairs which lead people to the sidewalk.

• Basilica Renovation - Jennifer

Luminescence' - Notre Dame - fabulous light show will be in the Basilica church from Oct to November.

Their restoration - trying to make efficient as possible.

Water leakage has been a huge issue.

No Basilica block party in 2025 and in 2024 it lost money on Boom Island. Board members talked about getting the Block Party back in the Neighborhood.

Action: Jana will circulate an overview of the 2026 Outreach & Engagement City Grant due in October.

In 2025 we did the following:

- Summer Event Series
- 2 Neighborhood Parties on Loring Hill
- Partnership with Emerson School
- Outreach to Buildings & Building Gatherings
- 1:1 with Small Businesses

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

x JLM 9.23.2025

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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