



**CITIZENS FOR A LORING PARK COMMUNITY**  
**Board of Directors Orientation Agenda**  
**Monday, November 10th, 2025**

**Boardmembers present:** Lee Frelich, Jennifer Lange, Glenn Oslin, Brandon McCollam, Ryo Hamasaki, Jay Nuhring, John Maternoski

**Boardmembers absent:** Alex Heller, Jamie Hughes, Norman Kulba, John Van Heei

**Staff:** Jana Metge

**I. Call to Order**

Lee Frelich, President welcomed the Board and called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The meeting was virtual and will continue on zoom thru the winter/March.

Reported that September & October Board meeting minutes were circulated via email after each board meeting.

Motion: Approve the September & October 2025 Board Minutes. Jennifer/John M. M/S/C. Passed unanimously.

**II. Financial & Administrative Report**

2026 Budget - Jennifer put the proposed budget on the screen and she and Jana walked thru it. Change from last month was included entire potential Engagement funding per distribution reported by the NCR Office. This gives us more income than expenses and allows flexibility for any new outreach to come out of Apt building connections.

**Motion: To approve the 2026 CLPC Operating Budget.**

*Jennifer/Jay* M/S/C. Passed unanimously.

**To Do:** Jana will send the NCR Staff our approved budget.

City Engagement Grant - Jennifer and Jana walked thru a Summary document of the proposal; the complete proposal and summary document was emailed to all. An Email Vote was taken in order to submit the grant on time. The Board is affirming the Email Vote tonight.

Goals of our 2026 Grant included A Series of Events at Loring Park, 2 Neighborhood Parties at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Nicollet/Loring Business Coalition, 1:1 with Businesses, Community meetings with impacted buildings on State/County/City/Park policy, budget, or development and building outreach to

focus on community projects like litter pick up and Grafitti Abatement. Strategies developed by work groups.

**Motion: To affirm the submission of the 2026-2028 City Equitable Engagement & Neighborhood Network**

**Grant.** *Jennifer/Ryo* M/S/C. Unanimously approved.

An email vote was taken in October after the October Board meeting where the Engagement Plan was approved.

During the discussion came a report of the Groveland Ave Stop signs not staying permanently. Decided to invite Tim Sexton, Public Works Dept Director to the January Board meeting. John reported that he had reached out to Kellie Kish, Recycling & Compost/City of Minneapolis and taken a Tour of the Public Works building where Solid Waste & Recycling has their offices. John invited Kellie to our January meeting to discuss Composting, Adopt a Trash Can, Adopt a Drain and supplies they offer to community for Litter Pick Ups.

**To Do:** Jana will invite Tim Sexton to the January Board Meeting. John will review with Kellie topics to cover for

the January Meeting and bring a draft work plan to review.

Jay offered to help John and get buildings involved in his area of the neighborhood.

Jana reviewed that not only will litter get picked up and graffiti abated with this project, but that people within each building will meet each other and residents of different buildings will meet each other. We will also report on this in the monthly newsletters with photos to promote and hopefully get other buildings involved.

Glenn offered to host a gathering after the pickups in his brewery. Suggested to get runners involved and get Dog Walkers to pick up Dog Poop. That would make Emerson Children happy.

**IRS 990 & AG Charities Division Annual Report - Jana**

Copies of the IRS 990 and Attorney General Charities Division Annual Report is due November 15th per our approved extension. Copies were circulated. Lee reported that he caught a box not checked and that input shared with the CPA. Jana reached out to all board members on numbers of volunteer hours per week and had the CPA update. She also wrote the 2024 Annual Narrative on the work of CLPC, circulated to the board and submitted to CPA. John M asked Jana about unclassified funds from 2023. Jana contacted our CLPC banker, received copies of the deposited checks and provided both the bookkeeper and the CPA with those classifications. It

was expressed how helpful it is for cross checks and eyes on the documents. The questions were great & everything updated.

**Motion: To submit the Annual IRS 990 & AG Annual report.** Jennifer/John M M/S/C. Passed unanimously.

Prepared by Barry Rogers, CPA and his staff Melissa and Wylie, his Firm is minority owned firm located in the Elliot Park Neighborhood.

**Reallocation of NRP Phase II funding:** Jana reported that since we passed in the budget to fund Tree Inoculations we now needed to fund them. Lee estimated \$1,500 every 2 years. Proposed is to put \$2,500 into Urban Environment Improvements and \$2,500 into Hennepin/Lyndale Civic Corridor. The funding comes from NRP funds dedicated to safe crossings at 15th & Oak Grove. CM Goodman was able to get the city pay for design and installation of the flashing crosswalk light and painting the street. Our NRP funds were not needed. Jana reported that a 21 day community notice was required to reallocate funding. CPED Finance drew up motion language and background information for the vote and the community posting.

**Motion: Reallocate \$5,000 from Phase II strategy, Traffic Calming and Crosswalk Improvements (Transportation 4.1.5.) to the following strategies:**  
**(1) \$2,500 to Hennepin/Lyndale Civic Corridor (Urban Design/Improvements 2.5.1.); and (2) \$2,500 to Urban Environment Improvement (Urban Design/Improvements 2.6.1.).**

John M/Jay M/S/C Passed Unanimously.

Explanation: The funds were originally contracted to partner with the City on pilot project to improve the crosswalk at 15th Street and Oak Grove. (The City paid for the crosswalk improvements, so neighborhood funds were not needed.) The funds would now be used for additional tree inoculations on Nicollet Avenue and continued project coordination work for the Hennepin/Lyndale corridor.

**To Do:** Jana will forward our minutes to Bob Cooper at CPED Finance and she will place this announcement in the Nov.15th and Dec.1st newsletters.

**CLPC Fundraising Ideas:** Norman had a Minneapolis Trolley engagement tonight. This item will move to January.

### **Administrative Report:**

Jana reported in the following items ~

- Secretary of State Annual Registration due in December.
  - Workers Comprehensive Insurance due January end.
  - General Liability Insurance renewal due February.
- GiveMN Day to the Max promoted in November Newsletters. Donations dedicated to 2026 Spring-Fall Events & Projects.
- 2026 Calendar of Events - Jana is working on the 2026 calendar of Events. She will finalize dates, locations, and their sponsorship needs by December. She will begin bookings as time allows of Entertainment, Food Trucks, and Sound needs.

### **Review ~ 2026 Berger Fundraising draft Goals are:**

- CLPC/Friends will continue to promote & raise individual contributions
- Continue to promote 'Text to Donate' and generate quarterly reports
- Continue to work with Sen Scott Dibble/Rep Katie Jones to identify & pursue potential State Resources
- Plan a 2026 Spring Fundraising Event
- Create Merchandise for Summer 2026 Events
- Update all Fundraising materials for 2026.
- Pursue Sponsorship for the Plaza and/or Benches
- Continue to pursue a professional fundraiser and/or support in fundraising

Access Philanthropy Update - Mark, Mary, and Dave met with Access Philanthropy. Steve recommended a person who may help us who lives in the neighborhood. Mary, Dave, Mark, and Jana met with her. Jana followed up sending her background information and fundraising documents to date. Jana invited her to send us a proposal.

Jay asked if we had contact with the Fountain designer.

Jana reported that Andrew Dawkins from Australia did make contact with CLPC thru our FB Page. He was 10 years old and worked on the Fountain. He is trying to find children. Bob Berger, Ben Berger's son also found us via our website. He lived in CA now. Ben was the Park Commissioner who brought the Australia Fountain replica to Minneapolis. Jana also reported is that Mary and she were reviewing the notes from the Drag Queen Bingo Event and the Gay Rodeo said they could help with Fundraising and a fundraiser in attendance suggested that the Disney Foundation may be interested.

**To Do:** Berger Fountain Task Force agenda to be prepared Tuesday. Senator Dibble will be stopping by. Update from Andrew our Project Coordinator and discussion on fundraising. Meeting is next Monday.

### **Community Police / Community Relations:**

Notes were circulated on the October Meet & Greet with MPD Inspector Billy Peterson, MPRB Chief Jason Ohotto, and HN Co. Sheriff Dawanna Witt - Norman hosted it at 300 Clifton. The Sheriff sent her Chief Deputy. There were 35 in attendance. Conversations were on use of cameras and how to fund additional cameras, the need for Patrol Officers, the need for mental health services and the frustration with not having enough Officers for Community Policing and intervention on Livability issues. Livability issues always escalate to violent situations if enough time goes by with no intervention. Learned that the Sheriff has a procedure in place to use ring camera footage. Inspector offered a Tour of the new 1st Precinct and that they are all moved in now to the north of the Convention Center in the old County Century Plaza building. Chief Ohotto reported that their numbers are back to pre COVID numbers within Park Police and that Loring Park is a focus Park. All Patrol no matter what geographic area they are assigned to are requested to drive thru Loring sometime on their shift.

Frustrations with the criminal justice system were discussed and the need to get Judges out into communities to see what's going on, how departing from sentencing guidelines do not help if no programs or treatment out there for the individual who has committed a crime. Just releasing doesn't help.

In attendance were Residents from Buildings adjacent to where the attempted murder occurred, 180 Degrees, Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc., Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, and Cathedral of Saint Mark.

**To Do:** Another session will be organized for Nicollet Property Owners & Businesses. Trent will host at Miracle City Church.

### **Loring Neighborhood New Issues or Ideas for 2026:**

- Litter Pick Ups/Adopt A Drain/Compost - John Maternoski reported on taking a Tour of the Solid Waste and Recycling building, meeting Kellie and inviting her to the January Board meeting. He will develop a work plan for his Outreach idea to get more buildings picking up trash and reporting graffiti for abatement.

- Cultural Corridor Petition process - Jennifer reported that she coordinated Luisa from Rayito de Sol Early Learning Center to get her notarized signature. She has been trying to coordinate with Ping's and will next coordinate with Trent from Miracle City Church. Jay reported that his focus has been on the Black Forest Inn. The owner goes to his church. He is organizing a meeting with the owner, himself, and John/Ward 8 Policy Aide. Jana reported that the next 3 signatures would be Max Woelm/Media XPress & GreaTapes. Jana will reach out to the 19 Bar to set a time for a notary to collect a signature and she asked if anyone would like to go to lunch at the new Somali Restaurant north of Music Box Theatre and talk to the owner there.

Notarized signatures on this position show the City that the property owner is in agreement on the Application for Nicollet Ave/Eat Street, from Grant St to 28th Street to be considered a Cultural Corridor. We are working with Stevens Square and Whittier on this project and with Councilmembers and their Aides from Ward 6, Ward 7, and Ward 10.

- Loring Greenway/Loring Playground installation - Lee reported that the Playground was in. A small ribbon cutting occurred and the playground is being actively used.

Discussed was the power of the people along the Greenway, the hard work of the Greenway Association, of the Public Works staff and the Director, and the Ward 7 Council Office. An Article was featured in our newsletter.

**To do:** Jana will write thank you emails from Lee and herself to the Loring Greenway, Tim Sexton/Public Works Director, David Bauer/Project Coordinator, and CM Katie Cashman.

- Hennepin/Lyndale Project - Jana and John will get an update from Sen. Dibble on the MNDOT Legislation, funding and staff support for the project in 2026. John Van Heel had reported that MNDOT has been doing some work on the south end. Coordination with this project will be important. A long term goal for Sustainability is to eventually get the City & County to own it with a Community Advisory Team and see it evolve into the Civic Corridor it should be.

- Safety Issues & Engagement - Monitoring the criminal cases on the Attempted Murder on Clifton and the 2 murders at 15 E Grant. Updates will be given by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office at this Thursday's Nicollet/Loring Safety Coalition meeting. We continue to follow the case of the individual charged with Robert Skafte's murder. He has yet to be found competent to stand trial for the criminal charges. Mental Health court found Mr Schulz a danger to himself and others and

ordered him to St Peter. After a year in the County Jail Mr Schultz was transferred to St Peter. There were no beds available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by Lee Frelich, President

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**CLPC Officers 2025-2026**

Terms April 2025-April 2026

President - Lee Frelich

Vice President - Glenn Oslin

Treasurer - Jennifer Lange

Secretary - Norman Kulba

**Committee & Partner Org. Chairs 2025-2026**

CLPC Board - Lee Frelich

Events have Planning Teams per Event

Berger Task Force - Mary Bujold & Dave Hile

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