

Board of Directors Meeting
Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 2006; 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Loring Park Office Building, Eddy's Cafe

Board members present: Neil Carlson, Robert Cook, Becky Gullickson, Liz Hutter, Ela Rausch, Terry Thompson, John Van Heel.

Board members absent: Joshua Callington, Pat Hafvenstein, Mike Marn

Guests: Michelle Bruch from the *Downtown Journal*; Diane Hansen, Colleen Foster, Bob Hansen, Dick Sandberg

Staff: Jana Metge, CLPC Coordinator

Handouts: Draft of November Land Use Committee meeting minutes, November meeting minutes from the Nicollet Ave. Business/Property Owner meeting, draft of 1501 Nicollet Ave. "Meter Farm" CLPC Resolution, copy of the Southwest Transitway newsletter

I. Call to Order (John Van Heel)

Motion by Ela to approve agenda for the Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Becky.

Passed unanimously

Motion by Ela to approve October's Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Becky.

Passed unanimously

II. Announcements

1. No Livability or Land Use meetings for December
2. A training session on personal safety by Jeanine Harteau is tentatively scheduled for the January Livability meeting
3. Land Use Chair open; Interim Livability Chair open.
4. "Later with Lisa," Monday, Dec. 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm @ Willy's

III. Update on 1730 Development Planning Process (Becky and Colleen Foster)

At the Oct 17th Task Force meeting, the development proposed by Dan Hunt included 3 buildings, 4, 7, and 6 floors, respectively. The Task Force requested that at the next meeting, Hunt show how the design adhered to the Loring Hill guidelines and the designated sub-areas, particularly with respect to the impact of the design on public views, shadowing effects, and set-back elevations.

At the Nov. 28th meeting, Hunt announced that the plan presented on Oct. 17th is plan he has decided to go with, and he would make an application to the city to support it. He indicated that there was no more flexibility in terms of density, height, and views. At this meeting, Hunt had not addressed the questions the Task Force previously asked him, and they are disappointed with Hunt's response.

The Board recommended the issue be an item on the agenda for the January Land Use meeting. As preparation for that meeting, the Board recommended that the Task Force prepare a written list of what conditions the design violates, what information has been requested by the Task Force. Without more substantial information from Hunt, the Task Force does not feel they can make a decision.

Motion by Becky, seconded by Terry, stating that the CLPC Board supports the efforts of the 1730 Workgroup and requests that Dan Hunt return to the group with the requested information to allow them and CLPC to make an informed decision and that a letter be sent to Dan with details developed by the co-chairs of the Workgroup

Passed unanimously

IV. CLPC Recommendation for 1501 Nicollet Ave/Meter Farm

The Executive Committee met last week with Diane Hansen and Bob Hansen regarding the Task Force's recommendation for the Meter Farm site. John reviewed the Task Force's meeting and evaluation processes, which led to the recommendation currently drafted. The Board reviewed and offered comments of the draft presented.

Motion by Robert, seconded by Neil, to approve the resolution for the 1501 Nicollet Ave. "Meter Farm."

Passed unanimously

V. Streetcar Transit on Nicollet Avenue

The following Land Use motion was brought to the Board: "Be it so moved that CLPC support the introduction of Streetcar transit on Nicollet Avenue rather than Light Rail transit as outlined in Option C of the Southwest Corridor LRT Study. Whereas a streetcar line would offer greater access to Nicollet Avenue businesses and neighborhood residents, and whereas a streetcar line would cause less disruption of businesses caused by rail construction, and whereas a streetcar line would not remove current auto lanes from future usage as a LRT line would, we believe that streetcar technology would be a better fit to nurture the future vitality of the Nicollet Avenue Commercial Corridor, Minneapolis's Main Street."

During the discussion, a Board member suggested that CLPC work with Steven's Square and Whittier for their input on the matter, as the proposed transit changes also impact their neighborhoods along Nicollet Avenue.

Motion by Neil, seconded by Terry, that CLPC contact the Steven's Square and Whittier neighborhoods for their input and approval regarding streetcar transit on Nicollet Avenue, so as to offer a collective resolution from the three neighborhoods.

Passed unanimously

VI. Commercial space at the Eitel Site

John brought to the Board's attention a request by Katie Hatt, co-chair of the Eitel Hospital Task Force, to discuss what kinds of commercial uses on the Eitel site would be acceptable to the neighborhood. John recommended that this be placed as an agenda item for the January Land Use committee.

VII. Nicollet Avenue Lighting

Bob Hansen brought the Board's attention to the state of disrepair of the decorative lighting along Nicollet Avenue and that Nicollet Business contracts regarding the lights have not been upheld for the past three years.

Motion by Bob, seconded by Terry, that CLPC, on behalf of the Nicollet Business Association, wishes to express concern about a breach of contract with respect to the decorative lighting, and that CLPC request a meeting with Public Works to explore the issue.

Passed, 1 "No"

VII. Motion to adjourn the meeting (at 8:40 pm) by Neil, seconded by Becky.

Passed unanimously