

Board of Directors Meeting
Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Wednesday, Jan. 10th, 2007; 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Loring Park Office Building, Eddy's Cafe

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

Board members absent: Joshua Callington, Mike Marn

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

Staff: Jana Metge, CLPC Coordinator

I. Announcements

1. Attend one of the several Community Engagement meetings scheduled for the end of January and early February
2. Jan 15th—Martin Luther King Celebrate the Dream event at MCTC (reception @ Basilica); RSVP

II. 1501 Nicollet Ave/Meter Farm Update

The Task Force is awaiting the Jan 30th meeting, at which CPED will offer their recommendation. This meeting is not a public hearing. In light of the upcoming meeting, the Task Force has raised several concerns:

- o The responses from business and property owners and land use committee have not been factored into CPED's scoring and rating of the four proposals submitted
- o Kandiyohi has announced that they are pulling out as one of the partners in the Clare Housing/Pride 9 proposal
- o The likelihood that the neighborhood and CPED will recommend different projects for the site
- o The meeting on Jan 30th is not a public hearing to allow for community input

In light of these developments, Board members discussed options to ensure that the community preferences (and the time and effort into gathering such preferences) are recognized. The Board also discussed the implications of Kandiyohi's withdrawal, particularly whether or not this fundamentally changes the Clare Housing/Pride 9 proposal, and if so, what is the appropriate course of action.

Motion by Robert (with suggestions for wording from Dick), seconded by Terry, that the CLPC Board recommend to city staff to work through areas of concern, using the elements noted on page 6 of the RFP, with Ivizion as the chosen developer of the site.

Passed unanimously

Motion by Ela, seconded by Pat, that CLPC ask CPED that all four proposals be rescored in light of Kandiyohi's withdrawal, and that the community input be taken into consideration in the scoring process.

Passed unanimously

Motion by Robert, seconded by Becky, that CLPC ask city council and CPED to ensure that there is public input on this topic

Passed unanimously

III. Community Engagement

Ela summarized the content of the City Report on models of and processes for Community Engagement. There is no standard process when making community decisions, and the report offers conflicting recommendations. Public comments on the Report are due to NRP on Feb 8th. Staff members from several of the neighborhoods have put together a resolution stating their position with respect to the City's Report and hope to get 50 signatures. They have scheduled a meeting next week.

The Board raised the following observations and concerns in response to the Report:

- Do the residents get a voice?
- Is it community 'engagement' or 'notification'?
- At stake is how much authority neighborhoods are given—how important to us is it that neighborhoods control their destiny?
- What kind of involvement should neighborhoods have in decisions that direct the future and create a sense of place?
- Consider the possibility of independent forums through which the community could speak for itself, independent of elected powers
- Our engagement as a community should have more of an extensive effect, not just for ourselves
- There should be follow through, i.e., if we offer input to the City, we should get input back from them

Motion by Pat, seconded by Becky, that CLPC form a working group to discuss the community engagement report.

Passed unanimously

After the motion passed, a dinner meeting was set for Wednesday, Jan 24th @ 6:30 pm, Pat's house.

IV. At 7:50 pm, **motion** by Robert, seconded by Becky, to adjourn the meeting.

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted, Liz Hutter, CLPC Secretary