

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Board of Directors
8 February 2006
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Present

John VanHeel, Pat Havenstein, Jim Bullock, Mary Turner, Liz Hutter, Becky Gullickson, Robert Cook, Joshua Callington, Jana Metge, and Neil Carlson were present.

Jana made various announcements relating to community events.

Un approved 2005 CLPC Board meeting minutes

Motion by Joshua Callington, seconded by Liz Hutter to amend the board meeting agenda to add meeting time for the board to consider approval of June, July, September, and November 2005 board meeting minutes.

Motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

Joshua, Board Secretary, wished to make a motion that board minutes for previous months be considered for passage.

Motion to approve board minutes as amended with one motion. Made by Pat and seconded by Jim. Motion withdrawn

John apologized that there have been a number of months that the minutes have been taken though there was not a subsequent motion to pass them. He suggests that a small group be established to review the accuracy of the minutes as he does not feel that it would be appropriate to pass them this evening because they are incomplete and he did not believe they were ready for approval.

Jana, speaking on behalf of Katie, said that she did not feel that the board minutes correctly reflected motions that were passed nor do they correctly reflect board members who have either opposed the motion or abstained from voting. Because board minutes are legal documents that can be subpoenaed, the minutes should also not reflect direct quotes that could implicate individual board members. In addition, when documenting the statements of individual board members, the transcription may be noted incorrectly.

Mary feels that the minutes could be formatted differently to convey the information in a manner that is more accessible.

Jim suggested that as part of the audit it would be better to have an established format. He feels that it is important to have some of the discussion documented in the minutes to get a flavor of what surrounded each motion. Perhaps each new board member should read the previous years' minutes to get an understanding of how the organization operates

Motion to pass September and November minutes because they are formatted as the board would like made by Joshua, seconded by Mary. Motion withdrawn

After further discussion, the motion has been amended by Joshua to say:

Motion by Joshua Callington, seconded by Mary Turner that the unapproved board minutes will be put before a committee for considerations of revisions and will then be reviewed by all board members and passed prior to March 1, 2006.

Motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

Annual Meeting

Review of board member terms: Robert will be running again, Neil is undecided, Diane will not run again, Sid will be withdrawing early, Mary will not be running again, and Becky Gillickson has expressed an interest in running for the board.

It was suggested that existing board members seeking out new members to fill the open seats.

Mary proposed that a reward be presented to Emma Zink for being the first CLPC President. Certificates of Appreciation should be issued by the Board to Carol Fox – who is in charge of lighting up Loring (the two trees in the park) and Kevin Delner for his work and contribution to the organization.

There will be several different informational booths at the annual meeting, including the Police Department, CERT, Michael Moderis, and several other people and organizations.

Several public officials have been invited to attend the annual meeting.

Loring Hill Task Force

Liz: about half of the focus groups have already met.

Jana: from the various smaller groups development guidelines will be formulated

Nicollet Avenue Re-Development

Regarding the Meter Farm, a motion made in Land Use was forwarded to the board:

Motion by John Van Heel, seconded by Robert Cook that CLPC shall create and appoint a Task Force of approximately 6 people who are Loring Park residents, employees, property owners and business owners. The mission of the task force is to work with the City of Minneapolis in creating a Request for Proposal (RFP) to potential developers for development of the “meter farm” site and to help create a project that fits with the needs and desires of the Loring Park community (see Nicollet Avenue Development Guidelines, approved by CLPC 8-9-04). CLPC will appoint people to the task force with final approval by the City of Minneapolis. Participants must not pose a direct conflict of interest as described by both the City and by CLPC

(financial gain or interest in the direct development of the site). By the Board it was First by Robert and Second by Mary. Motion amended to reflect that there will also be three alternates. Amendment approved by maker.

Motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

Nicollet Avenue - "Bridge Project"

There is a meeting on the 20th between Stevens Square's neighborhood group and CLPC in Loring Park at 6 p.m. Together CLPC and Stevens Square have created a "bridge" group between the two neighborhoods. A resolution will be brought before the "bridge" group by Robert and John.

Downtown Bus Fare Zone

Pilot project will begin on or around Memorial Day and continue through Labor Day.

Committees

The next Land Use will be at the old Billy Graham building on the 27th where the main topic of discussion will be the MCTC expansion.

Topics to be considered for the Livability Committee are: 311, lighting, strategy of "where we can go and what we can do", community forums, and knowledge of crime.

Crossing over Hennepin and Lyndale to the Walker Art Museum can be difficult as the intersection is not pedestrian friendly. Paving of the area is projected for 2009 and now is the time to come up with better ideas for development with the downtown bus zone expansion in progress.

Administrative Report

Katie and Jana are trying to use the input that is being generated from the Grand Plan and the Loring Task Force to build into the plans for phase two of NRP. NRP phase two planning should consist of those pieces so that in the Fall our plan can be approved by the City.

Meeting adjourned by John VanHeel with no official motion.

Minutes drafted by Joshua Callington.

Draft Revision by John Van Heel 4-30-06