

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Board Meeting: 9 November 2005

Board Members Present: Sid Guthrie, John VanHeel, Joshua Callington, Katie Hatt, Mike Marn, Mary Turner, Robert Cook, Jana Metge, Pat Hafvenstein, and Liz Hutter
Absent: Jim Bullock, and Diane Woelm
Others: Richard Anderson, Jeremy Stratton
Late Arrival: Neil Carlson

Announcements:

- 1) NRP Policy Board Election 17 November 2005. Last year Pat was voter and Mary Turner was alternate.
- 2) Memorandum in board packet.
- 3) Website that is operated by John VanHeel and that has additional documents relevant to the community are located at downtown2015.com.
- 4) City Charter process is being updated through charter commission meetings. December 7 is next meeting at 4 p.m. at City Hall in counsel chambers.

Request from Richard Anderson regarding the historic bridge in Loring Park :

Bridge in Loring Park has been barricaded because a chunk of the bridge fell into the water. A few years ago there was an attempt by the Park Board to tear the existing bridge out and replace it with a new bridge. It is an ideal goal to maintain the bridge in its existing design. Richard Anderson would like to see CLPC send a letter to the Park Board suggesting that the existing bridge be repaired and future plans of maintenance be formulated. It would also be ideal if CLPC were to an integral part of that process with the Park Board. Historic pictures of the bridge are accessible at <http://www.lileks.com/mpls/lakes/loring/>.

Motion by Neil Carlson, seconded by Sid Guthrie that CLPC will write a letter to the Park Board requesting immediate temporary repairs of the Loring Park pedestrian bridge pending a long-term solution. The bridge is historic and CLPC wishes to see that it be restored and therefore demolition of the current bridge is not an option. It is asked that the Park Board contact CLPC regarding the proposal of a permanent solution.

motion passed, no nays, no abstentions.

CLPC Funding/Operations:

- 1) ***Motion by Katie Hatt, seconded by Mary Turner that the board adopt the 2006 Projected Operating Budget plan that was distributed today (add date of budget document).*** ***motion passed, no nays, no abstentions.***
- 2) Neil presents the concern that we are currently renting our office space at the Loring Park Office Building for \$400 per month. Brad Hoyt purchased the building and there is concern that a conflict may occur because of our group's activities which have previously impacted Mr. Hoyt's development attempts in the community. Jana will take the issue to the NRP attorney for feedback and readdress this concern at the

next board meeting.

- 3) ***Motion by Katie Hatt, seconded by Liz Hutter to approve the transfer of \$25 thousand from the CLPC 2 Percent Commercial Loan Program to CLPC's administrative line item.***

motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

- 4) Any interested persons that would like to participate in the CLPC Fundraising Sub-Committee should contact Katie. This committee would be there for project specific and general fundraising efforts. The committee would serve as in an advisory role, part of which would coordinate the efforts of all of CLPC's fundraising so as to avoid duplication of efforts and duplicate donation requests to the same contributors.

Loring Hill Task Force

- 1) At the last meeting two activities were discussed, with a target fundraising goal of \$10 thousand. The events are: 1) at Pat's house on December 1 where a dinner will be served with a suggested donation of \$10 – aimed toward renters in the neighborhood. 2) The second event would be at Tiberon with a mandatory \$75 mandatory donation – aimed for condominium owners, set for January 10.
- 2) Focus Groups: Sid spoke with 3 of the 4 Presidents of the condominiums in our area. Two of the three are committed to providing an individual from the association (not likely from the boards) for focus groups pertaining to the Loring Hill Small Area Plan.

CLPC Committees:

- 1) Livability Committee was not held in October.
- 2) Motion from Land Use Committee (as it reads in the agenda). Sid (first) Mary (second).
- 3) November 16 planning meeting at the Loring Park Art Center Building at 3 p.m. December 18 is the Winter Solstice event in Loring Park. The budget is \$500. \$200 for band and \$100 for mummies. Other fees are outlined on the financial statement that was distributed today.

Administrative Report

- 1) IRS report will be ready to be signed (by Katie and John) and mailed on Monday.
- 2) Auditor has been provided through NRP. We are late in the audit process for 2004 though we could immediately "roll into" the 2005 audit immediately thereafter.
- 3) Review and approve October minutes. Correction: Neil e-mailed a correction to Jana regarding an item on the last page of the board minutes (pg 5).

Motion by Neil Carlson, seconded by Sid Guthrie to approve the October minutes with the above noted correction.

motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

4) Motion by Mary Turner, seconded by Liz Hutter that the board to receive the current organization financial statements

motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

5) IRS fine: John is meeting with Eve Bornstein on Thursday.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1) Jana met with Carol and Robert to discuss adding more pieces for community involvement and to reduce the scope of Carol's work in the contract being negotiated with Landscape Research LLC. It was requested that both parties come into the CLPC office to negotiate the contract. Landscape Research declined and the contract remains un-negotiated to the satisfaction of CLPC and within its budgetary constraints. CLPC does not have the necessary funds to support the contract as currently written and without further changes may need to cease negotiations with Landscape Research and begin negotiations Cunningham Group as prescribed by the motion from the July 2005 CLPC board meeting.
- 2) Mike suggests that they came up with a terrific proposal and thought that CLPC had sufficient time to raise the money to support the target budget and therefore CLPC has dropped the ball.
- 3) There is resistance to backing off of the HPC analysis by Landscape Research LLC as was requested by the Loring Hill Task Force and CLPC Board. This is the primary concern that is being raised in going forward with the chosen consultant. For that reason it was suggested that the board should consider selecting the other consultant that responded to the RFP in order to fulfill the needs of CLPC and the Loring Hill Task Force within the budgetary constraints that are in place.
- 4) Jana would like backing and direction from the Board so that she can go forward in negotiating with the existing firm or to pursue a different firm.
- 5) An emergency meeting will be scheduled with the Task Force to develop an action plan within the next week. Jana suggests that a motion be made by the board that would enable the decision of the Task Force to be final and not require additional approval from the board. A motion was not made because this is a "touchy" issue that should be further reviewed by the board once decided upon by the Loring Hill Task Force. Therefore it was decided that the final contract be voted on by proxy, with the completed document being sent to each board member for their vote.

Motion by Neil Carlson, seconded by Robert Cook that CLPC drop negotiations with Landscape Research LLC and instead negotiate with Michael Lamb of the Cunningham Group for work on the Loring Hill Small Area Plan. This action, if approved by the board, is null and void if not approved by the task force at their emergency meeting next week.

Motion passed, no nays, no abstentions

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes drafted by Joshua Callington

Draft Revision by John Van Heel 4-30-06