

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](http://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:

- 1) 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/mps/lakes/loring/>. MOTION: 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. 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 before it is implemented. Neil Carlson (first) Sid Guthrie (second).

CLPC Funding/Operations:

- 1) Katie would like to offer a motion that we adopt the 2006 Projected Operating Budget plan that was been distributed today. Katie Hatt (first) Mary Turner (second).
- 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: Approve that \$25 thousand be moved from two (2) percent loan program to the administrative line item. Katie Hatt (first) Liz Hutter (second).

- 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 Timberon 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 mummers. 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: Neil (first) Sid (second).
- 4) Motion needed to accept and receive financial statements. MOTION: Mary (first) Liz (second).
- 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 scope of Carol's work in contract negotiated with Landscape Research LLC. It was requested that both parties come into the CLPC office to negotiate the contract, which both parties did not follow through on 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 is and without further negotiation may need to withdraw and resort to the use of another firm.

- 2) Mike suggests that they came up with a terrific proposal and CLPC had sufficient time to raise the money to support that agreement and therefore CLPC has dropped the ball in fulfilling their end of the contract.
- 3) There is resistance to backing off of the HPC analysis, which is the primary concern that is being raised with going forward with the current contractor. For that reason, the board should consider selecting a different contractor to fulfill the needs of CLPC for 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) Direction was not specifically provided to Jana and 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. Once completed, the finalized contract will be sent by proxy and the board will vote on it at that time, without the need for an emergency meeting of the board in addition to the Loring Hill Task Force. MOTION: CLPC drop negotiations with Landscape Research LLC and negotiate with Michael Lam of the Cunningham Group for the small area task force study. This action, if approved by the board, is null and void if not approved by the task force at their emergency meeting next week. Neil (first) Robert (second).

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes drafted by Joshua Callington