

Citizens for a Loring Park Community
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Those present & signed in:

Boardmembers present: John Van Heel, Becky Gullickson, Pat Hafvenstein, Terry Thompson, Neil Carlson, Robert Cook, Bob Hansen (I think Robert missed a few).

Boardmembers absent: Richard Gardell, Dick Sandberg

Guests: Michelle

Staff: Jana Metge

I. Welcome & Introductions - John VanHeel, President

II. Announcements & Discussion

Terry Thompson questioned Michelle Bruch about potential for an article in the Downtown Journal featuring the CLPC. Ms. Bruch said she would pursue this.

Jana Metge discussed the NRP Policy Board elections. We need a strong candidate.

That CLPC appoint an Elector and an Alternate for the upcoming city-wide NRP Policy Board discussion and that the Elector be Pat Hafvenstein and the Alternate John Van Heel. M/S/C Terry Thompson/Becky Gullickson

Board discussed the importance of good candidates and representation on the NRP Policy Board and the Board suggested that if the existing seats are being re-applied for by existing candidates, we should support them.

Robert Hanson discussed a meeting on the proposed Hilton Garden Inn hotel in Elliot Park at 2:00 PM on Tuesday September 11. John Van Heel was selected to attend. Robert thought it was important to find out what effect this hotel would have on potential for a hotel on Nicollet Ave. Robert Cook suggested contacting the Convention Center to find out their needs for hotel facilities. He has a contact there.

III. Invited visitor Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner, discussed the following:

- The Library merger between Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

- Flood Relief

- Better funding for infrastructure, transportation including public transit by localized sales tax, public/private partnerships, and changing public opinion.

- Stadium funding for Minnesota Twins. It will spur economic development but it is not yet a done deal because of land acquisition price issue.

- 35W Bridge collapse. Emergency preparedness for terrorism paid off in a smooth response to the collapse.

- Homelessness issue

- Delivery of services. There has been improvement and better coordination.

-NRP. Ms .Dorfman sits on the NRP Policy Board. The Community Engagement Program may stand in conflict with NRP. Plans are going forward to invigorate NRP Phase II.

IV. John VanHeel led discussions on fundraising. There has been a discussion with Karen Bachman. We must show that CLPC provides essential services to the Loring Park community. We must be clear on our mission. We will schedule a series of presentations to area condominium associations. Letters will be sent to the association presidents. Timing of these meetings is important.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15

Respectfully submitted: Robert Cook

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