

Board of Directors Meeting
Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)
Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 2006; 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Loring Park Office Building, 430 Oak Grove, Room #207

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

Board members absent: Joshua Callington, Terry Thompson,

Guest: Michelle Bruch from the *Downtown Journal*, Doug Kress, Council Member Goodman's office

Staff: Jana Metge, CLPC Coordinator

I. Call to Order (John Van Heel)

Motion by Neil to approve agenda for the board of directors meeting. Seconded by Becky.

Passed unanimously

II. Announcements

1. Park Board Meeting @ Loring Park Recreation Center, Oct. 3, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Topic of discussion to include priorities for park uses, especially the fate of the Berger Fountain. Loring neighbors need to show support for the fountain. With respect to the Berger Fountain, see Nick Coleman's article in the Star Tribune Sept. 9th, and John Van Heel's editorial Sept. 14th, selected as editorial of the day!

2. Summit of Downtown Neighborhood Associations & Resident Boards Meeting @ The Woman's Club, Sept 28, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

3. Mention of an increase in robberies in Loring Park and an increase in activity by 15th St. and LaSalle. This issue will be put on the upcoming Livability Committee agenda.

III. Reports from Council Member Goodman's Office

1. Doug Kress asked for a letter of support from CLPC expressing enthusiasm for the proposed dog park for neighborhood downtown dogs and endorsement of creative planning regarding the design of the park.

Motion made by Neil, seconded by Pat that CLPC support the Loring Park Dog Park as presented at the Land Use Committee meeting in the location in Loring Park by the Ole Bull statue.

Passed unanimously

2. Lunch with Lisa, Sept. 27th @ Willy's

IV. Loring Hill Task Force

Becky reported a strong feeling among the task force members to not dissolve the task force in order to follow through with recommendations and oversee the implementation of the guidelines. Brief discussion ensued regarding the title and the nature of the committee's role (advisory or oversight). Jana recommended clarifying the role of the group, including such things as to whom to report and names of participants. Jana noted the usefulness of such a committee to the NRP Steering Committee in trying to get long-term recommendations into the city plans. Also useful for the Community Participation plan and deciding which of the recommendations would be appropriate for incorporation into a neighborhood 5-year plan.

Motion by Mike, seconded by Becky, that CLPC approve the Loring Hill Development Guidelines as presented at the August Land Use Committee meeting.

Passed--One abstention

V. Loring Park Municipal Ramp

Motion by Robert, seconded by Mike, that CLPC Board communicate to Mike Christenson of CPED that the Loring Park Ramp, at Grant Street and Nicollet Ave., in its current condition has a negative impact on the neighborhood. It is the wish of the neighborhood that the purchaser improve the exterior appearance, lighting, and street-level design to encourage pedestrian friendliness at Grant and LaSalle. An Amendment states that improvements should also take into account use of spaces for the neighborhood during snow emergencies and spaces for the Hour Cars.

Passed unanimously

V. Reports

1. NRP Citizen Participation Plan—CP Plan has been sent off to NRP offices—with thanks to Ela for preparing the final version.
2. Meter Farm—Robert reported four development proposals had been submitted representing a range of design plans. These four proposals will each be presented at the Sept 25th Land Use meeting—each group will be given 20 minutes for their presentation and 10 minutes of questions.
3. Berger Fountain—John, Jana, and Robert reported on their meeting with the Park Commissioner regarding the repair of the Fountain. Friends of Loring Park had raised \$40,000 and approved a design for the fountain, but the pump is broken and the cost of repair is nearly half the amount raised. Jana reminded that the Berger Fountain is a priority in the NRP Plan over other options, such as a warming house. Board felt strongly that the Park Board should continue to implement the Loring Park master plan, or seek community input if changes are proposed.

Motion by Robert, seconded by Becky, that in the Park Board deliberations for future park planning, the Park Board take into account implementation of the Loring Park master plan. In particular, the Berger Fountain is a priority for the neighborhood and is described as a priority in the Loring Park master plan.

Passed unanimously

4. Sept. 30th Community Meeting—Mike explained the purpose of the Community Meeting was to present the Loring Hill Design Guidelines. Tentative agenda: 10:00 am Social hour with Coffee; 10:30-11:15 Presentation of Design Guidelines; 11:15-12:00 Question & Answer session.
5. 1730 Clifton Work Group—Becky reported the group last met Sept 5th. Developer presented recent plans within the OR3 height limit and the work group met separately before and after the presentation of the developers. The Work Group noted that volume and density are important issues regarding this site. The next meeting is Tues, Sept. 17th.

VI. Executive Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION)

Becky initiated discussion regarding review of the nonprofit laws dictated by the state and the individual board members commitment to upholding them. Members discussed the feasibility of requiring annually all board members to read these laws and sign their name attesting to having read, understood, and agreed to comply with the legal responsibility of non-profit organizations. The

ensuing discussion focused on how to interpret the legal language, particularly regarding how board members respect their dual roles as a citizen of Loring Park and as a CLPC board member. Members considered whether there might be other options, such as a disclaimer, to distinguish our dual roles. The discussion produced a number of questions, and Jana recommended consulting an NRP lawyer to address our questions and clarify interpretation of the legal language.

Motion by Becky, seconded by Robert, that CLPC bring in a NRP lawyer to give clear language regarding the responsibilities of non-profit boards, and follow through with the process for reporting and solving infringement of these laws. Also, CLPC bring in a NRP lawyer to help the board understand what the three duties (of care, loyalty, and obedience) mean and how they each are applied.

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Hutter/CLPC Secretary