



Citizens for a Loring Park Community Thirty three Years of Accomplishment

- CLPC initiated and helped plan the renovation of **Loring Park**. To support this effort it also dedicated one and half million dollars in Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds. The hard work and devotion on the part of citizens through CLPC and Friends of Loring Park has transformed an aging and tattered patch green back into a crown jewel of Minneapolis' renowned park system.
- In conjunction with the Whittier and Stevens Square neighborhoods CLPC partook in the first multi-neighborhood revitalization project with the remaking of **Nicollet Avenue**. CLPC not only invested in trees, lighting and decorative features, but also worked with police on reducing livability crime and gave financial assistance to businesses for property improvements. Today our stretch of Nicollet is downtown's premiere international dining venue. CLPC's current efforts through the innovative **Corridor Housing Initiative** promise to attract new mixed-use housing development that has the potential to turn Nicollet Avenue into an exciting destination that we can all be proud of.
- CLPC founded the **Loring Park Business Association**. It has operated as an independent organization since 1994. Citizens of our neighborhood recognized that a community of successful businesses was central to the quality of our urban life. CLPC has continued to collaborate with the LBA on such projects as neighborhood identity signage, Convention Center/Nicollet Avenue kiosks, and the 2% loan program.
- CLPC created a model for the city when it created the Leveraged Improvement Plan (LIP). With a little less than six hundred thousand dollars CLPC spurred the investment of millions of dollars spent **improving properties** all across the neighborhood. In an historic neighborhood such as ours these improvements have proved to be a vital part of preserving both the integrity of our historic structures and also the quality and attractiveness of our sizable affordable housing stock. This is valuable for all of us no matter where we live.
- Joining with other downtown neighborhoods to form the Central City Neighborhood Partnership (CCNP) CLPC helped to establish the **Restorative Justice Program**, a highly regarded model for dealing with livability crimes. In conjunction with the Minneapolis Police Department's CCP/SAFE program CLPC has been a leader in current **efforts to reform the enforcement and prosecution of livability crimes**. Community based action is a proven element in creating safe neighborhoods.

- Today Citizens for a Loring Park Community is working to improve the convenience and add to the viability of urban living in the Loring neighborhood. CLPC has recently put together an impressive coalition of noted Loring Park institutions and political leaders in a proposal to **expand the downtown bus fare zone** to include the entire Loring neighborhood. In another project which promises to reduce dependence on automobiles CLPC has found success in it's efforts to bring **car sharing** to the Loring neighborhood. hOur Car, the Minnesota car share service recently had its Minneapolis debut in Uptown and Loring Park.