



## Build a Better Community through CLPC

Since it was founded in 1972 **Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)** has worked to Enhance the Quality of Life for the Loring Park Neighborhood. Shrinking funding means shrinking accomplishments. We need additional funding to continue our present level of work.

CLPC is the designated, citizen-participatory neighborhood organization for the Loring Park Neighborhood. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our boundaries are north at 12<sup>th</sup> St., south at the Freeway (16<sup>th</sup> St.), west at Hennepin/freeway, and east to the Convention Center and Central Lutheran Church. The **mission of CLPC** is to cultivate continuing leadership and help a diverse neighborhood realize a more harmonious, thriving, and beautiful community.

*We have a great range of goals and objectives –*

### **Crime Prevention/Safety & Livability**

- Instrumental partner in the development of the Downtown Court Watch Project, the 2009 recipient of the International Chiefs of Police Award.
- One of 3 neighborhoods to initiate, develop, and support the Restorative Justice Project, now Restorative Justice Community Action, Inc., a non-profit organization.
- Working to expand Downtown Camera Project along Nicollet Ave. and other possible locations in the neighborhood.
- Support and promote the St. Stephens Street Outreach program in our mutual effort to decrease homelessness in our downtown neighborhoods.
- Consistent and ongoing partnership with Minneapolis Police Department, City Attorney, and County Attorney to ensure safety, consequences for offenses, and victims rights.
- Organized participation in the development of our Community Policing Plan, involvement with MPD Action Alerts and Virtual Block Club, promoting bicycle patrol and beat cops on Nicollet Ave. and any other community identified “hot spot” areas.
- CLPC provides a monthly forum for residents, police, organizations, institutions, and businesses to discuss common concerns and develop solutions and resolutions.

### **Historic Preservation**

- Organized a community tour and saved “the Mansion on the Hill” otherwise known as the World Mission Prayer League – 228 Clifton Ave.
- Provided resources for a new roof of the historic Eugene B. Carpenter House.
- Saved the Historic Lyon House located at the intersection of Oak Grove & Clifton.
- CLPC began as an action to save the Historic Loring Park Shelter building, now known as the Community Arts Center.
- CLPC moved, designed, and historically renovated the Charles Loring Superintendent’s

Building located in the middle of Loring Park.

### **Beautification**

- Partnered to “Save Berger Fountain” and developed architectural renderings for future renovation and rehabilitation.
- Served as the fiscal agent for Loring Greenway through their renovations and development into a non-profit organization.
- Developed a workgroup to enhance the aesthetics of the Loring Parking Ramp
- Initiated the “Greening” of the U.S. Post Office on 12<sup>th</sup> St. & Hawthorne Ave.
- Development of “Eat Street” in partnership with Stevens Square and Whittier neighborhoods.
- Design of Grant Street beautification to including kiosks, banners, streetscapes.
- Initiated petition drive to enhance neighborhood lighting and install ornamental pedestrian lighting fixtures.

### **Events**

- CLPC has partnered with a variety of neighborhood entities over the past 8 years to host a Community National Nite Out event annually.
- An Information/Resource Fair, along with the organization’s Annual Meeting is organized and held each March.
- CLPC supported and sponsored the start up of the Loring Park Arts Festival and continues to provide volunteers and host a breakfast for the artists annually.
- Partner with Minneapolis Parks & Recreation and Friends of Loring Park to sponsor the Annual “Light Up Loring” event!

### **Land Use/Zoning & Development issues**

- Initiated Community-based planning efforts on the development of the Eitel Apartments located on Willow, a 3.5 year process.
- Organized residents, businesses, and owners along the south hill area of the neighborhood and created Loring Hill Development Guidelines to serve as a tool to guide future development.
- CLPC was selected as the 1<sup>st</sup> and pilot project by the Center for Neighborhoods Housing Corridor Initiative. Nicollet Ave. Development Guidelines were the outcome of this project. Again, to drive development and be pro-active vs. reactive.
- CLPC has organized a Traffic Calming Task Force based on community concerns to 1) develop ways to cross safely into the Park at Oak Grove/15<sup>th</sup>, 2) to cross safely into the Park at Willow, 3) to reduce speeding along Groveland Avenue.
- CLPC is in the process of creating a neighborhood Master Plan which will look out towards the next 10 years in regard to traffic, pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and development and, with the community, develop a framework to guide city decision-making for our community.