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Citizens for a Loring Park Community
Land Use Committee
Monday, January 25, 2010

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Loring Park Office Building (430 Oak Grove), Room 207

Attendance: Dick Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Jan Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Jana Metge (CLPC Executive Coordinator), John van Heel (100 West Grant), Joe Kaplan (Joe's Garage), Dee Montgomery (Lowry Hill resident), Gary Gliem (Summit House), Richard Anderson (Loring Way), Neil Carlson (Summit House), Neil Reardon (1401 Willow), Shaun Murphy (City of Minneapolis), Janine Jelks-Seale (110 W. Grant)

I. 6:30-6:45 p.m. Call to Order—John van Heel, CLPC Land Use Chair

John led introductions of those in attendance.

Approved the agenda by consensus.

Deferred the November 23, 2009 minutes to February.

Announcements

- Jana circulated a letter from St. Mark's about the bells that rung by mistake over a three day period several weeks ago.
- Jana distributed flyers for the CLPC Fundraiser will be **Thursday, February 11th** at The Woman's Club from 6-9:00; tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at CLPC – 612-874-9002!!
- Jana distributed a draft flyer for the **CLPC Annual Meeting** – Tuesday, March 16th at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis.
- Dick Sandberg announced that he was appointed to the Minnesota Orchestra Community Engagement Committee for the Orchestra Hall/Peavey Plaza renovation. He asked that committee members forward issues to him. Renovation is expected to begin early 2011 and extend through mid-2012 with limited work in 2010. Orchestra Hall will be closed during reconstruction.
- **Senate District 60A Candidates' Forum** – Tuesday, Jan. 26th from 7-9:00 p.m. at Paul's Episcopal Church, 1917 Logan Ave. S.
- **Master Plan Steering Committee** meeting will be Wednesday, January 27th-6:30-8:30 p.m. City Planner Beth Elliot will be our guest.
- **U.S. Census 2010**– Andrew Virden, a neighborhood resident, is managing census work in Loring Park. He commented at the Livability meeting that Loring Park is one of most difficult areas to count. The census is hiring census takers at \$16.50 an hour. Call 1-866-861-2010. See <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/2010census/> and <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php> for more information.
- **Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference**, March 12 & 13 2010 at the Central Lutheran Church, 333 12th Street South, Minneapolis 55404 (next to the Minneapolis Convention Center). The Local Government Sustainability Workshop - Friday March 12 Noon to 5 p.m. and Neighborhood Sustainability Conference – Saturday March 13 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

II. 6:45-7:10 p.m. Joe's Garage Joe Kaplan

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Joe is asking to upgrade his liquor license from a Class E to a Class A which will allow for theatre and live music. He previously held a Class A license to do Thirst Theater several years ago but moved to Class E when some of the events did not work out. Now he is doing Thirst Theater again (for information about Thirst Theater see <http://thirsttheater.com/index.html>).

Class A is an expensive license \$5,000. DJs are a problem. His understanding is that outdoor amplified music is not allowed from 13th Street to south of downtown. Before he could do anything on the roof he would need to apply for a variance but would need to stay within the sound level requirements. It was suggested that using a number of smaller speakers would help mitigate sound into the neighborhood.

In response to questions:

Joe has submitted all of the required plans. There are a few restrictions on the license such as carding at the door for large events.

Currently he wants the Class A license because he needs it to allow for theatrical performances..

As to time of day, he understands that any outdoor music allowed by variance must end by 10:00 p.m. as is allowed for the Basilica Block Party.

The CLPC Land Use Committee supports the application for Joe's Garage to upgrade to a Class A liquor license subject to requirements proposed by the City. (Motion Richard Anderson, second Gary Gliem) Motion approved.

In response to a concern, Joe agreed that before applying for a variance for amplified music on the roof he would come back to the neighborhood. He needs to assess possible sound issues before considering any such events.

III. 7:10-7:30 p.m. NRP Scope of Service – Bike Funding – Shaun Murphy

Shaun reviewed the scope for preliminary design work and construction documents for the entrance to the park (see ATTACHMENT #1). At the last meeting Lisa Bender, James Andrew and Richard Anderson volunteered to work with the project. Richard thinks that a few more folks from Friends of Loring Park may want to be involved. Shaun anticipates a kick-off meeting in the next few weeks. Jana noted the need for adequate notice to the neighborhood about any meetings and Shaun assured the committee that he would work with CLPC to ensure adequate notice.

In response to a series of questions:

The \$9,319.39 comes from Phase I NRP dollars, the rest will come from Phase II dollars.

Shaun said that there will be several options developed with a request that the neighborhood and Friends (the two funders) will prioritize the options. The kickoff meeting will likely involve a walk-around to gather ideas.

SEH worked on the Loring bike bridge but Shan is not sure if they worked on a Minneapolis Park. It was suggested that those interested check their web site. The Loring Bike Bridge is at <http://www.sehinc.com/awards/award016.htm>

The CLPC Land Use committee accepts the Scope and Fee proposal for the Loring Park Bike Trail and sidewalk realignment dated January 14, 2010. (Motion Richard Anderson, second Jan Sandberg) Motion passed.

Dee asked about standards for documentation for the project. Shaun said for Task 1.0 there will

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be a record in meeting notes. Other tasks will also be documented per federal standards. Dee suggested developing these expectations before the first meeting--the neighborhood could hold this information.

IV. 7:30-7:45 Proposed New Definition for Minneapolis City Ordinance-Jerry/Jana

Jana reported that discussion some months ago about lack of clarity of the definition of a nightclub. At Light Up Loring, Jana reported that Linda Roberts (Phil Schliesman's boss) said that they were discussing revising some definitions. Jerry Svec, who was not able to attend the meeting, has proposed broadening the definition of nightclub to include all venues serving food and liquor and providing entertainment. Dick said that we should ask for written confirmation of what the City is considering. This issue is much more complicated (a mix of zoning and liquor license concerns that would affect the entire city and possibly put some current businesses out of compliance). We don't have the authority to make changes unilaterally. If the city is considering changes there will be public hearings at the city level.

The CLPC Land Use Committee dismisses the proposed definition item from future Land Use Committee agendas pending formal communication and a request from the City. (Motion Dick Sandberg, second Neil Carlson) Motion passed.

V. 7:45-8:00 Master Plan Update – John Van Heel & Robert Cook

John reported that the committee is meeting twice this month. They have begun drafting an RFP and scope of services. John circulated a draft.

VI. 8:00-8:30 p.m. - Report from Task Forces

Historic Plaque Task Force – John, Kim, Bob Copeland, and Ray Harris have been working on this project with Ryan from Shea, Inc. John did not have an update but will report back at next meeting.

Traffic Calming Task Force They had a small group at the last meeting with Commissioner Tabb to discuss access to the park and other issues from her neighborhood. There was a mini-tour of the problem spots in the neighborhood. The next meeting will be March 1.

Save Wesley Church – The Board sent a letter a few months ago. Other than that there are no updates.

Friends – Richard and Lee Frelich spoke with Senator Dibble about the Loring Pond cattail issue. There will be a future meeting with Commissioner Tabb. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board wants a study (\$25,000) to determine what plants would replace the cattails. Previous work to manually remove the cattails was unsuccessful.

Fireworks – Dick raised the issue of PRIDE fireworks that was raised at the Livability Committee meeting. Richard Anderson said that Friends is less concerned about the impact on neighbors than impact on vegetation.

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.