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Citizens for a Loring Park Community  
**Land Use Committee**  
Monday, May 24, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

Loring Park Office Building (430 Oak Grove), Room 207

**Attendance:** Dick Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), Jan Sandberg (1201 Yale Place), John Van Heel (100 West Grant), Gary Gliem (Summit House), Neil Reardon (1401 Willow), Dee Montgomery (Lowry Hill), Robert Copeland (The Wellington), Mike McLaughlin (Loring Business Association), Christopher Hoffer (510 Groveland), Bob Ries (Bellvue), Craig Bratsch (Bellvue), Steve Budas (Preserve Minneapolis), Kim Havey (Bellvue)

**I. Call to Order**—John Van Heel, CLPC Land Use Chair

John led introductions of those in attendance.

*Approved the agenda. (Motion Dick Sandberg, second Neil Reardon) Motion passed*

*Approved the April 26, 2010 Land Use Committee minutes. (Motion Dick Sandberg, second Neil Reardon) Motion passed*

**Announcements**

- **Loring Kitchen & Bar** is dedicating 20 percent of lunch proceeds for the week of May 24-28 to CLPC.
- CLPC has received a **resolution** from a Sierra Club member in support of clean energy and jobs legislation. John distributed copies. This will be on the agenda for June. See Attachment #1.
- The next **Master Plan Steering Committee** meeting is Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- The **PRIDE Festival** will be held June 26-27, 2010 at Loring Park.
- Planning is underway for a first **Loring Park Aquatennial Event**. Gary distributed a handout on the pre-parade event to be held July 21, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. preceding the Torchlight Parade. See the CLPC website for details.
- **National Nite Out** is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August. Now is the time to plan neighborhood parties.
- **Loring Part Art Festival** is scheduled for August 7-8, 2010 at Loring Park

**II. Save Wesley Church Report**

Wesley Church was listed on the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's ten most endangered historic sites in Minnesota. The church was also prominently featured in a two-page spread about the ten most-endangered list in the May issue of *Minnesota Monthly*. This item will be postponed to the next meeting.

**III. Minneapolis Community & Technical College Master Plan** – John van Heel

MCTC representatives were not in attendance.

John noted that Becky Gullickson has resigned from the MCTC Master Plan Task Force.

*The CLPC Land Use Committee recommends the appointment of Kim Havey to the MCTC Master Plan Committee. (Motion Dick Sandberg, second Bob Copeland). Motion passed.*

Bob Copeland noted that the John Hancock Oil Company building at the corner of Harmon and

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Spruce was not formally designated as a contributing building to the auto historic district. The building is a contributing feature of the district. Most of the other buildings on the block that MCTC is interested in have been designated. Dee suggested that the Historic Resource Task Force may wish to address this issue. There was discussion of issues that residential buildings faced when surrounded by a campus. Finally, the Committee agreed that the motion from the April Land Use Committee meeting (affirmed by the CLPC Board) is still appropriate.

#### **IV. Historic Resource Task Force—John van Heel**

The Charles B. Lyon House was approved by the Historic Preservation Committee for preservation and further study. Thanks to Christopher Hoffer, Jana Metge, John van Heel and others for their hard work including a thoughtful presentation at the meeting.

Christopher Hoffer and John Nelson have offered to co-chair the task force.

*The CLPC Land Use Committee recommends Christopher Hoffer and John Nelson as co-chairs of the Historic Resource Task Force. (Motion Dick Sandberg, second Gary Gliem) Motion passed.*

In addition to the Lyon House, the Ladd House is also on the market. Mike McLaughlin suggested creating a quick cut-sheet of each property for meetings. Dick noted that the realtor's sheets are helpful in this context. Christopher thought it might be useful to get an intern or similar as there is considerable work to be done. Information gathering could include realtor activity and police reports.

Dee reported that the owner of the Ladd House has rented several rooms to a private foundation to ensure that there is activity on the premises and help forestall possible theft or other illegal activity. In contrast, the Dunn House appears unkempt.

Michael asked if there are neighborhood resources to help preserve some of these buildings. John said that there were some funds in Phase II that might be used for development but it takes an individual or committee to prepare formal requests for use of funds. Michael and Kim are suggesting that the committee be more proactive to seek out possible developers for the properties at risk.

John noted that there will be much for the task force to consider with the existing challenged properties and opportunity to develop recommendations for inclusion in the master plan. Kim Havey reported that there are some new tax breaks and similar that can help considerably with the cost of renovations. This funding might also apply to work on the Alden Smith Mansion (Wells Family Center).

#### **V. Appointment request**

MCTC has asked for two names to be appointed to a task force to study the Wells Family Center. John noted that Kim Havey and Jon Westby have offered to work on this project.

*The CLPC Land Use Committee recommends the appointment of Kim Havey and Jon Westby to the task force that will study the preservation and reuse of the Alden Smith Mansion (currently operating as the Wells Family Center). (Motion Bob Copeland, second Dick Sandberg)*

*Motion passed*

#### **VI. Report from Task Forces**

**Traffic Calming Task Force** – The task force met just before the Land Use meeting. They will be putting together some recommendations for the master plan steering committee and community when the Master Plan process begins this fall. Please send suggestions to John van Heel or Sasha Mayer.

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**Loring Park Gateway Design Team** – Jana and John attended the second meeting to discuss the 15<sup>th</sup> and Oak Grove and Hennepin entrance. Gary reported that some folks working with the Grand Rounds were concerned about using certain plantings in the entrance area and the type of pavers. Richard Anderson found post cards that showed extensive plantings. The final decision is not clear at this time.

**Master Plan RFP:** The deadline is June 4, 2010. Neil Reardon reported that there was a pre-proposal meeting several weeks ago with 10-12 different firms participating in Q&A concerning the RFP. There is a graduate student from the University of Minnesota, a volunteer undergrad and other volunteers to conduct the LEED survey over the summer.

**Historic Plaques:** Kim distributed copies of the revised plaque plans. He would like to include more detail about the Alden Smith Mansion. There was discussion about adding several churches. John reported that the ramp developer has decided to not do the vertical greening at this time. John would like to continue to work on this idea and may bring it back to the committee.

Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

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ATTACHMENT #1

To: U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken

**Statement of Support for Strong Clean Energy Jobs Legislation**

As trustees for our community, we call on you to work for passage of strong climate and clean energy jobs legislation in 2010. A strong bill is vital to curbing global warming, clearing our air, increasing energy independence, reducing consumers' utility bills, and creating new green jobs in the renewable energy sector. Immediate solutions to climate change are needed to protect Minnesota's northern forests and the Boundary Waters, which scientists say are at risk from warmer and more severe weather, drought, and invasive species because of global warming.

Strong legislation should include the following:

- Ensure that we meet reduction targets by reducing global warming pollution from old, dirty power plants;
- Retain the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate global warming emissions;
- Increase renewable energy and energy efficiency standards to create clean energy jobs;
- Invest more in clean energy and protecting consumers, communities, and natural resources.

We urge the Senate to strengthen, defend, and pass a strong clean energy jobs bill. Passing a bill this year is a much-needed response both to the climate crisis and to the persistent need for new Minnesotan jobs. It's time to transition away from dirty fossil fuels and toward a new clean energy economy of which we can all be proud.

Signed: