

Citizens for a Loring Park Community
Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 23rd, 2009

Those present: John Van Heel (resident), Paul Hinderager (resident), Jim Ruckle (Shea, Inc.), Philip Schliesman (City of Mpls./Licensing), Jerry Svee (resident), Richard Anderson (resident), Shaun Murphy (City of Mpls./Bicycling), Lisa Pederson Bender (resident), Christopher Hoffer (resident), David Hile (resident), Robert Cook (Business), James Andrew (resident), Ryan Bender (resident), and Jana Metge (CLPC Coordinator)

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. and introductions were conducted. November 2nd Land Use minutes were approved by motion. *Paul/Christopher M/S/C* Tonight's agenda was approved by motion. *Richard/Christopher M/S/C*

The following announcements were made:

- **Community Sing-Along** – Dec. 15th - 7:00-8:30 PM Loring Park Com. Center
- **Court Watch** – Dec. 4th, 10:00-11:30 AM Central Library 2nd floor
- **CLPC Holiday Party & Curry Dinner** –“The Mansion on the Hill” – 228 Clifton– Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 2009 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Light Up Loring – Wednesday, Dec. 9th** @ Loring Park from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; **Tree Lighting**
at **6:10 p.m.** – Refreshments, Music, Carriage Rides.
- **CLPC Annual Fundraiser – Thursday, Feb. 11th – The Woman's Club of Minneapolis**
FOOD ~~~~MUSIC~~~~~SILENT AUCTION~~~BUY YOUR TICKET NOW~~~~~

II. LUNDS Food Holdings, Inc.

Jim Ruckle, from Shea, Inc. architects presented on **8 - 13th St. S.** They have applied for planning approval for the installation of new garage doors on the rear elevation of a building in the Harmon Place Historic District.

8 - 13th Street S. is an existing single story building housing retail tenants. The scope of work for this project is the build out for a new tenant requiring office and showroom space. The scope of work consists of the demolition and restoration of three previously existing door openings (2 overhead garage doors and 1 swinging man door) at the rear of the building, east facing elevation. The openings will be reopened and infilled with new doors to match existing conditions. Project architect Jim Ruckle will present the building elevations and site plan to show where the new openings will be. Shea, Inc. will be attending this meeting on behalf of the building owners Lund Real Estate Holdings, LLC. They are applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the City of Minneapolis. This has been requested by CPED Preservation && Design staff due to modifications to the rear exterior of the building.

III. Loring Kitchen & Bar – Update from Oct. meeting

Philip Schliesman, Licensing staff from the City of Minneapolis attended this Land Use meeting to answer questions and address some recent concerns raised. There was a resident request that CLPC re-affirm its support for 1) monitoring noise 2) ensuring that the inner wall does not come down 3) CLPC's stance on the utilization of outdoor space, and 4) definition of "nightclub"

IV. Loring Park Bike Future Improvements – Shaun Murphy, City of Minneapolis
Shaun presented the striping of 15th St. for bicycles, as well as a proposed project to enhance the crossing of bicyclers across 15th St./Oak Grove to the park and the striping of 15th for bicycle usage. They are interested in creating a design team for this project, as well as utilizing our Phase I NRP remaining bicycle funds of **\$14,319.39**.

This project will also improve the bicycle/pedestrian entrance to Loring Park at the NE corner of the intersection of W. 15th St. and Lyndale Ave. for cyclists continuing through the Park connecting to Hennepin Ave., Harmon Pl. and Yale Pl. bike lanes. Separating bicycle and pedestrian paths at the Park entrance will greatly improve safety."

Motion: That CLPC approve the use of up to \$14,319.39 of non-contracted NRP Phase I dollars for design work and construction on the entrance into Loing Park at the NE corner of the 15th & Hennepin intersection and affirm the use of NRP Phase II \$8,000.

V. 7:50-8:00 p.m. Save Wesley Church – Deniz Kalayci, U of M Graduate student
Request to CLPC from "Friends of Wesley Church" for a letter of support for the preservation of the Wesley Church as a community-serving asset. Methodist Convention is still considering to put the Wesley for sale on January. The U of M Design class graduate students, under Dr. Donofrio, are looking into assessing building demands, searching building issues, possible future groups that can use the building... everything to convince Methodist Convention to make the case more palatable for Wesley and the neighborhood. They would like any and all kinds of help and recommendations during this work.

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. Architectural Firm

•**Master Plan Steering Committee** – John/Robert

•**Traffic Calming Task Force** – Dave reported that we received a

•**LaSalle Pedestrian Street Light update** – Jana reported that the lights on LaSalle are now on. Neil reported on 3 Oak Grove Pedestrian street lights paved over by the Public Works department. They reported to Neil that after numerous calls not returned to Xcel, they could not leave the holes and had to pave over. Upon notifying CLPC, Jana contacted Xcel and Public Works. Presently, the sidewalks are torn up to insert wiring and install the pedestrian lights. Jana noted that the cement had only been down 30 days, and then had to be dug up again, due to the lack of coordination, communication. The torn-up sidewalks lasted from Spring until 30 days ago and now businesses will be without complete sidewalks again so that the pedestrian lights will be installed. Neil noted that businesses/organizations/paid and were assessed for these pedestrian street lights, so businesses paid to have these 3 lights in operation.

VII. *The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

