

Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)

Livability Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

6:30-8:00 p.m.

@ Loring Park Shelter

Attendance: Jana Metge (CLPC), Jim Bullock (CLPC board), Craig Williams (1st Precinct SAFE), Dick Sandberg (CLPC board), Jan Sandberg (local resident), Mike Rollins (CCNP Restorative Justice), Mary Turner (CLPC board), Neil Carlson (CLPC Board), Anne Supplee (YouthLink)

Agenda

I. 6:30 Welcome & Introductions Richard Sandberg

Minutes from October 15th, 2003. Motion by Jim Bullock, seconded by Jan Sandberg

Passed unanimously.

Announcements:

(1) A series of meetings, “**Eat Street Meet,**” associated with the Corridor Housing Initiative, will be held on February 19th and March 4th. Jana reported that the business owners met today and there will be another meeting tomorrow for developers who live in Loring Park and those who have developed in Loring Park. There were several safety concerns---flow of persons on the street, attempted theft of a tray of cookies from a restaurant, afternoon theft from a store. Mary said she had spoken with Dennis Babcock from the Music Box who appeared receptive to holding the CLPC Annual meeting there.

(2) **NRP Crime Funds:** The City Council approved \$1,000,000 million of NRP funding for city neighborhoods but it was not clear how it would flow. Jana heard that it has already been appropriated to the precincts. The policy board of NRP is taking up the issue on Monday at the Hennepin County building. The process could be an agenda item for February with the results forwarded to Insp. Rob Allen by March (he also has Elliot, Downtown, and Stevens will also be involved). Craig said he heard that the allocation is in terms of hours not dollars, to keep policing levels up but there will be additional clarification. One possibility is to ask neighborhoods how they want this used, such as an additional beat cop at certain times. This must be attached to the Phase I plan and show as an encumbrance to the Phase II plan. The committee agreed that we need more information since there is confusion about whether: (1) the money is already deducted from the CLPC account, (2) it is going to be assessed to all neighborhoods, (3) the money will add services or prevent cuts, (4) CLPC will have an opportunity to have input and monitor what happens, (5) there are restrictions on how it can be used (Jana has a list of some things that she received to day from Bob Miller). For next month’s meeting Craig and Lt. Diaz (Sector 1) will attend to discuss this issue.

II. 6:35 7:00 Meet our Loring Park Neighborhood Park Police Sgt. Fred McCormick

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III. 7:00-7:15 Humphrey Research Project Jana

Central Cities Neighborhood Partnership (CCNP)/Safety Committee submitted another application (that was subsequently accepted) for a Research Graduate Intern, paid for by Humphrey Institute, to be housed at the Stevens Square Neighborhood office. Interviews to select our Intern were held on Thursday, Jan. 15th. Jana participated in the interviews. A description of the project to set up a Misdemeanor Court Watch system was be distributed.

IV. 7:15-7:40 Suggestions for Outreach *Dick Sandberg*

Dick presented ideas for outreach in the upcoming year, in part because of the corridor initiative that will involve more residents. Ideally several of those involved with CLPC will help with this—a canned presentation would be useful. Options include: a. Quarterly Town Meetings and b. Annual Presentations to Bldg. Resident Council Meetings

Mary is concerned that this should wait until the evaluation of Phase 1 is completed. There was also discussion about the Web site and it would help to have this be up-to-date. Anne Supplee suggested having a meeting at the Park Building that would be run for some of the apartments. Jana suggested that there could be monthly meetings to do this; Dick suggested adding an item to the Livability agenda to address some of the building issues. Luther and Craig will develop a short ad for the virtual block club that can be distributed at meetings.

V. 7:40 – 8:00 CCNP/Restorative Justice *Mike Rollins*

Anne Supplee from YouthLink attended. She and Julie Radmer from Loring Park Neighborhood have expressed interest in being appointed as the Loring Park Reps. to the Restorative Justice Advisory Team (CCNP's governance body although there is no financial responsibilities). The Committee is made up of two reps from each neighborhood and three at large members who each serve a one-year term.

Motion by Neil Carlson, seconded by Jim Bullock, to approve Anne Supplee as a representative of Loring Park to the Restorative Justice Advisory Team.

Motion passed, one no.

Motion by Mary Turner, Craig Williams seconded, to approve Julie Radmer as a representative of Loring Park to the Restorative Justice Advisory Team.

Motion passed, one no.

Jim commented that the CCNP representatives should be a part of the quarterly reporting process. Jana asked for clarification on how to get information back and forth and whether the representatives represent their own expertise or the community.

Yearly report: Mike Rollins distributed the minutes for CCNP's December Partnership Meeting (meets quarterly). They handled 121 cases last year, up 26% from 2002. In Loring Park there were three cases, down from 9 in 2002—consuming in public, panhandling, and misdemeanor drug. In all neighborhoods there were 1200 eligible offenses, but CCNP only saw 121 of them. 859 of those eligible cases never scheduled a court date and of those with a court date, 56% did not appear in court. Of those that did make it to court, 94% chose the restorative justice option. These data will be part of the Annual Report distributed at the dinner in February. Mary asked that the data be broken down by neighborhood—how many did not show up for Loring—Mike suspects that about 120 cases were from Loring Park. A recent program development is that Marci-Holmes and Southeast Como are working with their boards to join the program. The next step would be to take the request to the advisory team.

Other:

Craig Williams reported on the precinct averages.

Precinct 1: 73 street officers, 184 weekly arrests, average per officer is 2.52, the highest in the city.

Precinct 2: 76 street officers, 65 weekly street arrests, average per officer is 0.85

Precinct 3: 141 street officers, 238 weekly street arrests, average per officer is 1.68

Precinct 4: 114 street officers, 134 weekly street arrests, average per officer is 2.05

Precinct 5: 101 street officers, 178 weekly street arrests, average per officer is 1.76

Jim asked about what happened to Linda Larson, the former Loring Park manager. Mary Turner said that she was told that most staff are part time but she is not sure what happened. Jim is interested in knowing the staffing for the park---there seems to be a lot of staff at some times with an unclear workload. Sidewalk shoveling is a problem but apparently it must be done by park maintenance staff.

Jim Bullock moved, Mary Turner seconded, that for the February meeting the Committee requests Commissioner Mason be invited to provide information on the shelter staffing and responsibilities, cost of that staff, responsible supervisor and his or her schedule, that we ask the Skyway News to publish the programs, and that plans for programming in the shelter.

Motion passed, one no.

Neil reported on continuing problems at the SuperAmerica and regular patrols at night in Loring Park neighborhood would be a good use.

Neil Carlson moved, Jim Bullock seconded, that CLPC send a letter to SuperAmerica to repair the lighting on the LaSalle Ave side of the store at 101 West Grant Avenue.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned 8:15 PM.

Items For the Next Agenda From August/September:

- Doug Dubay
- Police reserves program information
- Jana's notes from meeting with Judge Burke
- A letter from CLPC based upon the Stevens Square letter on livability crimes gap.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sandberg/JLM