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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC)**  
Monday, February 11, 2008; 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Loring Park Community Center

**Board members present:** John Van Heel, Robert Hansen, Dick Sandberg, Richard Gardell, Becky Gullickson, Neil Carlson

**Board members absent:** Terry Thompson, Robert Cook, Pat Hafvenstein

**Guests :** Lisa Goodman, Jan Sandberg

**Staff:** Jana Metge, CLPC Executive Coordinator

**I. Call to Order --** John Van Heel

*Motion by Richard Sandberg to approve the agenda. Seconded by Becky Gullickson.*

*Passed unanimously*

*Motion by Richard Gardell to approve the minutes from January 13, 2008. Seconded by Becky Gullickson.*

*Passed unanimously.*

## **II. Announcements**

- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2008 – see below.

## **III. 6:40-7:00 Discussion with Councilmember Goodman**

Lisa will be at the Annual Meeting with an information table.

Lisa distributed the following information:

- A description of the Minneapolis Pedestrian Master Plan and survey that will be used to develop pedestrian profiles for the City's Web site. (handout) [For more information, see the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/pedestrian/index.asp>]
- Update on the unified library system. (handout)
- Update on Wireless Minneapolis. Loring Park is having problems getting complete wireless coverage (as are Lake of the Isles and areas along the river). There is a lack of infrastructure on which to hang the transmitters and difficulty getting signals to the upper levels of tall buildings. (handout) [For more information, see the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/wirelessminneapolis/> The USI Wireless FAQ page at <http://www.usiwireless.com/service/faqs.htm> describes the coverage problem under the question "Why is my area grayed out on your coverage maps? What are Challenge Areas?"
- Lunch with Lisa – the February 27th topic will be the City's Ten Year plan. At the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the topic is homelessness. For the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Lisa will host the new Downtown Council retail recruiter.
- Downtown Noise Campaign – Noise was a more widespread problem ten years ago but is still a localized problem. There is an anti-noise campaign for bars and restaurants with posters and coasters that is the joint effort of North Loop, Councilmember's Goodman office, and Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association.
- In a brief review of draft information on the CLPC comprehensive plan, Lisa highlighted some of the more forward thinking elements, especially those that tied the City's goals to neighborhood efforts.

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- There is a new Indian restaurant going into the old Willie's Wine Bar space. However, the Deli in the Loring Park City Apartments has closed.

Lisa commented on the liquor license issue for the Eitel Hospital site. Lisa feels that the kind of license that a retailer gets and the way a restaurant is operated are important. The noise issues can be particularly problematic. The City has considerable control through the type of license granted – type is tied to entertainment and music.

Lisa also discussed several opportunities for CLPC to work with DMNA on land development issues.

## **IV. 7:00-7:20 Land Use Motion – Statutory Permission for Liquor License for Eitel Hospital Site**

The Land Use Committee passed the following motion:

*Motion by Richard Anderson, seconded by Shane Swanson, supporting the following legislative language: “The city of Minneapolis may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a restaurant located at 1367 Willow Street South notwithstanding any law or local ordinance or charter provision.”*

*Motion passed with 24 votes in favor, 5 votes opposed, and one abstention (John van Heel). City staff, the developer, and the chair did not vote.*

Dick Sandberg described the three meetings that discussed the issue. CLPC actively recruited those opposed to a license to attend the committee meeting. At the January Land Use meeting members passed a motion supporting submission of statutory language to permit the City to issue a license to a retailer as part of the Eitel Hospital site.

*Motion by Dick Sandberg to support the motion passed by the Land Use meeting. Seconded Robert Hansen.*

*Motion passed, John van Heel abstain*

## **V. 7:20-8:00 CLPC Annual Meeting and Board Member Recruitment**

Ela Rausch will be coming back to help with the meeting. Jana has confirmations from most of our political representatives and departments such as the police. There will also be booths from a large number local nonprofits such as Friends of Loring Park, 360 Degrees, and Walking Minneapolis.

Jana asked Jan to contact Diane Hansen to provide information describing the Pedestrian Master Plan and also contact Merry Keefe about information on Greenway maintenance needs. Also, John will get materials for the streetcar issue. The committee discussed other possible attendees such as the Eitel Hospital development.

Discussion of openings on the Board of Directors -- there is an opening left vacant when Ela Rausch resigned. There are a total of five openings with three Board members interested in re-running. Because there may be more than five candidates, the ballot process should be well described and more formal than last year.

## **VI. 8:00 – 8:15 p.m. CLPC Fundraising Drive**

Jana distributed drafts of the fundraising or goal budget and a more basic, barebones budget that reflects the possibility that funds cannot be raised. Jana pointed out some of the differences between the two and the Board discussed individual items. Becky suggested working off the base budget.

*Motion by Dick Sandberg to accept the working/operating budget as presented with a reduction in noncontracted staff funds to balance expense and income. Seconded Robert Hansen.*

*Motion passed.*

There are still a few other presentations to schedule – 1200 on the Mall is set for February 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## VII. 8:15-8:30 p.m. Reports

### **A. CLPC Livability Meeting, January 16, 2008**

Bob Hansen raised the issue of a request by the CLPC Board to inquire into robberies in the Loring Park neighborhood. Luther said that at their weekly meetings some crimes are mislabeled. Also, there are problems with how crimes are reported to the feds (UCR tables) by reported date vs. city reporting for CODEFOR by incident date. The feds count crimes, the city counts incidents (which may include multiple crimes).

Jan asked Luther to bring more detailed data about robberies to the next meeting including ways in which the community could address any problems.

### **B. CLPC Land Use Meeting, January 28, 2008**

See above discussion.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Dick to contact Andy Hauer about possible development projects of interest to both Loring Park and Downtown.
- John to get together materials on streetcar plans for the Annual Meeting.
- Jan to approach AccessWorks
- Jan send copy of bylaws to John van Heel and the Board.
- Jan to ask Diane Hanson to prepare some materials on the Pedestrian Advisory Committee for the Annual Meeting. Also ask if she has some suggestions for possible Board members. Ask when property owners group meets so that Jana can get flyers to them.
- Jan to contact Merry Keefe about information for the Annual Meeting on Greenway maintenance needs.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m.