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**MINUTES**  
**Citizens Long-range Improvement Committee (CLIC)**  
**Regular Meeting**

**March 12, 2009**

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<b>Chair:</b>	Tonja West-Hafner	<b>P</b>	<b>Council Liaison:</b>	Steve Lampi	<b>P</b>
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	David Williams	<b>EA</b>	<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Gary Brown	<b>P</b>
<b>Recorder:</b>	Sy Knapp	<b>P</b>	<b>Youth Liaison:</b>	Nehwoen Luogon	<b>EA</b>

**MEMBERS:**

Adejuwon, S.	<b>P</b>	Baldy, T.	<b>P</b>	Dossman, B.	<b>P</b>	Durey, D.	<b>P</b>
Kalla, P.	<b>EA</b>	Robertson, J	<b>P</b>	Maas, Ann	<b>P</b>	McNamer, M	<b>P</b>
Smith, S.	<b>EA</b>	Sutphen, C.	<b>P</b>	Therrien, B.	<b>P</b>	Townsend-Anderson, R.	<b>A</b>

**GUESTS:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair West-Hafner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call established that a quorum existed.

Chair West-Hafner noted that the terms of Tom Baldy, Ben Dossman and Brad Therrien will expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> and thanked them for their contributions to CLIC and their service to the City. All stated they learned a great deal about City operations and enjoyed their work on CLIC. Gary Brown noted that all retiring commission members will be feted at a special presentation of all volunteers who serve on various commissions on April 2, 2009.

Jerome (Jerry) Robertson was introduced as a new member of CLIC, replacing John Schleter. Jerry is a police officer and looks forward to participating in CLIC's issues from a policeman's perspective.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Approve Agenda – Ben Dossman, Unanimously passed.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion to Accept Minutes for the February 12, 2009 meeting – Brad Therrien, Unanimously passed.

**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.1 Report of CLIC subcommittees**

- **Natural Resources (David Williams and Brad Therrien co-chairs, Tom Baldy, Sy Knapp, Charles Sutphen & Nehwoen Luogon).**

Brad Therrien reported that the Lake Success Association has worked with a consultant regarding the issue of water levels and water quality in Lake Success. This work has provided the basis for a grant which would pay 50% of the costs of a detailed study of the lake.

Brad also noted that the subcommittee has been meeting with City staff regarding water supply/water usage issues, including the reduction of water usage for irrigation of plantings, etc. for aesthetic purposes. Member Sutphen suggested that the subcommittee investigate the possible use of goysia grasses. Gary Brown noted that if and when CLIC is ready to make some recommendations regarding reduced water-use landscapes, we should address them to the City's Planning Commission, since that commission is responsible for making recommendations to the City Council on such matters.

- **Ethnic Diversity-Livability (Richard Townsend-Anderson, chair, Ben Dossman, David Durey, Mark McNamer & Paul Kalla)**

Mark McNamor, David Dury and Ann Maas reported on the activities of this subcommittee, noting that their emphasis has been on the development of a conceptual Neighborhood Boundary Map in cooperation with City staff members. Committee members have attended several of the meetings which City staff members have conducted on the issue of forming neighborhood boundaries. Gary Brown noted that staff members will make a presentation to the City Council at its next meeting, and that the unresolved issue is "who should provide the oversight?" Mayor Lampi noted this is a "governance issue" which needs to be resolved.

- **Efficiency in Government (Tonja West-Hafner, chair, Charles Sutphen & Ann Maas)**

Chair West-Hafner reported they are having difficulty focusing on specific issues. However, the issue of limiting residents' choices of garbage collection (to reduce damage to City streets and to reduce the costs of collection) is a very difficult one. Tom Baldy noted that in the City of Maple Grove a program has been initiated to provide cash incentives for combining garbage services. This subcommittee is also working with the City's "Dan the Garbage Man" to develop cost-saving and energy-saving concepts.

## 5. OTHER ITEMS

### 5.1 Old Business

None

### 5.2 City Council Report – Mayor Steve Lampi, Council Liaison

Mayor Lampi noted that LGA cutbacks by the State of Minnesota have reduced the City's income by \$1.8 million in fiscal years 2008 and 2009. It is expected that the State's 2010 allocation to the City will be even greater. In addition, the City's return on property taxes could decrease dramatically because of reduced market values as a result of the current financial crisis. To deal with this problem, the City has initiated a Voluntary Retirement Program. If this does not provide adequate cost reductions, the City may need to consider layoffs and other options. Mayor Lampi also noted the need to consider "shared services" with other agencies, other cities, the County, School Districts, and others. He cited the delay or cancellation of the installation of artificial turf on the athletic fields of each of the schools. He also noted that the City Council has recently approved plans for the construction of a Mexican restaurant in the Park Place Promenade development.

### 5.3 Staff Report – Gary Brown, Staff Liaison

Gary noted:

- Traffic signals will be installed at the intersection of 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Winnetka Ave.
- Work on the "Devil's Triangle" project has started again, slowly
- MnDOT has provided a grant of \$594,000 for adding lanes on T.H. 252, but the total costs will be about \$1.2 million. The City has agreed to fund the unfunded balance with an agreement to have MnDOT refund those costs at a future date
- The City may receive Stimulus funding for improvements to the City's Water

Treatment Plant

- The prospects for the availability of "Stimulus" funds for construction of T.H. 610 appear to be good.
- Regarding enforcement of the City's Rental Code, the City has prosecuted 76 cases and won on each of them.

6. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next CLIC meeting April 9, 2009

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn – Tonja West-Hafner, Unanimously passed and Adjournment called by Chair West-Hafner at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sy Knapp