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Q1

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

Citizens for a Loring Park Community

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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Neighborhood Organization Contact:

Jana Metge

Organization Email Address:

LoveLoring2@gmail.com

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Organization Website and Social Media

Website

www.LoringPark.org

Facebook

Loring Park Neighborhood

Twitter

NA

Other

NA

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Date / Time

03/14/2022

DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL Once your board has reviewed this draft annual report, please provide the date of the meeting at which the board approved submission of this report to NCR. Note: Meeting minutes may be requested by NCR.

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Q5

Indicate the POSITION TITLE of each PAID EMPLOYEE OR CONTRACT STAFF (excluding professional services such as accounting, legal, etc.)

Position Title #1

Jana Metge, Executive Director

Q6

Please indicate below the AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK of each paid staff (excluding separate professional services such as accounting, legal, etc.)

#1 Hours/Week

40.0

Q7

IF NEEDED, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO BELOW: Note if any positions are seasonal, temporary, etc.

NA

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Q8

MEETINGS (Check all that apply)

Held regular committee meetings or discussion groups that are open to all stakeholders

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Held at least one general membership or community meeting (in addition to the annual meeting) to gather input from residents and other stakeholders for a neighborhood specific initiative

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Hosted at least one general membership or committee meeting in response to a City request for input - such as a development proposal, transit planning or public works projects

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Conducted one or more focus groups

Q9

DOOR-TO-DOOR (Check all that apply) Door-Knocking (with goal of face-to-face engagement)

For more than one issue/outreach effort,

Conducted primarily by volunteers,

Carried out primarily to increase membership and participation

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Carried out primarily to gather input or inform on a specific city or neighborhood issue

Q10

Approximately HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS DID YOU REACH through door-knocking in 2020-21?(Please provide a cumulative total for both years)

500

Q11

FLYERING - Dropping literature at doors (Check all that apply)

At least once reaching a portion of the neighborhood,

Carried out primarily to inform and increase membership and participation

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Carried out primarily to gather input or inform on a specific city or neighborhood issue

Q12

Approximately HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS DID YOU REACH through flyering in 2020-21?(Please provide a cumulative total for both years)

1000

Q13

EVENTS (Check all that apply)

Staffed a booth or table at neighborhood event or other community event that included sign-up sheets, surveys or information about your organization.

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Organized one or more issue specific event (such as a safety forum, housing fair, Open Streets, Creative Citymaking, etc).

Q14

COMMUNICATION (Fill in all that apply)

Print a paper newsletter?(If so, at what frequency?)

2x per month

Number of subscribers to your email list

2,700

Number of followers on your primary social media channel (facebook, twitter, or other)

800

Q15

OTHER (Check all that apply)

Conducted at least one community-wide survey (such as a random sample or all-household survey)

Other activities (please describe here)::

Throughout 2020 and 2021 we worked virtually, held meetings per building when requested, expanded our Nicollet Safety Coalition Loring Neighborhood wide and increased participation. We also worked 1:1 with small businesses who were experiencing vandalism, burglaries, robberies, thefts, fights breaking out in their businesses, cash boxes being stolen and gunfire. Many of our residential buildings were broken into, as were their garages so we engaged in follow up with buildings. Two priority areas with gunfire were Nicollet Avenue and Oak Grove. We held virtual meetings to discuss and develop strategies for these two areas. Loring Park hosted an encampment and we worked with Hennepin County to 1) bring in outreach staff 2) bring in resources, 3) find housing for all unsheltered residents. We worked with the park board on 1) Park Outreach staff worked with residents in the camp 2) Port a Potties were available 3) extra trash cans brought on site 4) manage criminal activities which came into the site victimizing unsheltered residents, chopping up bicycles in the handicapped port a potty and threatening residents using the park. There were also incidents of business thefts by individuals in the camp, caught on video and incidents of gunfire, a man with a bat beating a female and a man wielding a machete threatening all in the camp. At the same time we raised resources to replace the Tennis Courts and the Park dedicated resources for a new Children's playground. We convened our Berger Fountain Task Force and worked with Park Staff to create & sign a Memorandum of Understanding and post a RFP, solicit responses and contract with Damen Farber to conduct pre design and project cost estimates. We worked with Public Works virtually on Pedestrian Safety concerns & solutions. Volunteers staffed Information booths at the 2021 Loring Art Festival and at a 2021 Neighborhood National Nite Out Event hosted by The Woman's Club with food prepared and donated by INVOLVE MN. In 2021 we hosted a virtual Annual Meeting with online Board Elections. We also conducted an online fundraiser in 2021.

Q16

How did your organization adapt to issues surrounding COVID19 and civil unrest? (Check all that apply)

Online meetings/events,

Held events/meetings in person outside with social distancing

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Other activities (please describe here)::

We did a variety of things: - Staff worked out of their car - We arranged for all church bells to ring and for folks to come out on porches and bang pots to show solidarity weekly for a month - We secured face masks and distributed - We posted food distributions at local resources - We increased our newsletter to 2x per month - A group of neighborhood staff all listened to the State Health update and would then zoom to discuss what we heard, how we would proceed and what each of our neighborhoods were doing. - Staff would do email in car sitting in crime hot spot areas to observe what was happening. - We raised funding from 3 Property owners to bring in 21 Days of Peace to talk with feuding gangs on Nicollet. Outcome = gun fire ceased; gambling on the city parking lot ceased; high level narcotic trafficking ceased. - A team would work on safety issues raised at the monthly meeting, in between the meetings. - A Communication structure was put together for Emergency contact. Ex. CLPC staff would contact businesses, they would contact employees; CLPC staff would contact property owners and they would contact staff who would contact residents. A church contact list was developed. We partnered with the Downtown Council & DID and distributed their information. - We formed a partnership with the Downtown Council and their expanded their boundaries down Nicollet south to the freeway and then north to downtown on LaSalle. Downtown Ambassadors came thru twice a day and Mad Dads were assigned in the neighborhood. - We worked with the County Attorney's office on criminal complaints due to business damage and theft and endured victim voice and opportunity for community voice. - We participated virtually in County Mtgs by adding Teams to our Software. - We communicated daily with the Council office working directly with the Council Policy Aide. - We responded to many 1:1 calls, emails, Facebook messages - Finally, Staff found online concerts, museum tours and presentations and posted them on Facebook as well as activating a 'Loring Park Music Festival' page to put things that would be of interest or be relaxing or be fun to watch while in quarantine.

Q17

How did you connect with your community about important information? (Check all that apply)

Phone,

Email blast,

Flyer,

Social media posts/campaigns,

Special page on website,

Other (please describe here)::

Outdoor gatherings Summer of 2021 and Virtual Meetings and Newsletter 2x per month.

Q18

What issues affected your community? (Check all that apply)

Community members needing PPE,

Businesses damaged/destroyed,

Food insecurity,

Housing insecurity,

Encampments,

Increased crime,

Other (please list)::

Loneliness, Fear, Trauma. Street Gunfire. Millennium Hotel / leased 100% of room to unsheltered residents People passed out on building stairs, parking lots in front of businesses, people breaking into residential buildings, vendor booths selling alcohol drinks with no permits, 3 attempted suicides/2 successful, Donuts in the SA parking lot Narcotic / Sex Trafficking, Racing cars on Hennepin Avenue Resources for repairs, Contacts for Victim resources and to follow crimes charged, basic information and to just talk to someone.

Q19

Did your organization create initiatives and projects or share information from/with other organizations that were developed in response to: (Check all that apply)

COVID-19,

Civil unrest,

Encampments for those experiencing homelessness,

Food insecurity,

Mutual aid networks,

Supporting local businesses,

Solidarity Gatherings,

Other (please list)::

See above

Q20

PLEASE SHARE ONE STORY ABOUT A PROJECT OR INITIATIVE YOUR ORGANIZATION CREATED OR SUPPORTED IN RESPONSE TO THE VARIOUS CRISES OF 2020-21:

Community Solidarity during Quarantine

All Church Bells ringing at set time

People came out on porches and cheered, Clanked pots, played kazoos

Laughing.

Community.

Q21

Please provide an ESTIMATE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS PROVIDED to your organization in 2020-21. (see Volunteer Hour Tracking Guide for suggested ways to calculate this. Please provide a cumulative total for both years)

5220

Q22

HOW DID YOUR ORGANIZATION REACH OUT TO UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? (Check all that apply)

Worked on an issue of particular interest to an under-represented group within the neighborhood

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Targeted outreach in apartment buildings or blocks to reach renters

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Reviewed participation activities, and identified new leaders and volunteers for volunteer, committee and board participation

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Held one-time/pop up events in areas of the neighborhood that don't often have neighborhood meetings

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Met with other agencies in the community that work closely with under-represented constituencies in the neighborhood

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Other activities (please describe here)::

Began the process of expanding park building operations and services to add additional picnic tables and barbeque grills and to develop a social center and virtual work stations in the park building for residents to have an additional place to work from.

Q23

What more would you like to tell NCR or the community ABOUT YOUR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT?What are you doing that is NEW OR PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL TO REACH RESIDENTS and others?

Community virtual Mtgs:

Jumping Worms

MN Department of Agriculture and Loring Park project to remove Gypsy Moth infestation

Inoculated Key Ash Trees on Nicollet Ave

Governance Structure Charter Amendment

Projects/Programs:

Discussions with MPRB Planning staff on pickle ball courts

Summer 2021 Safety Survey in partnership w/DMNA

Promoted Outside Loring Park Programs

Supported HN/Lyndale Greening

Welcomed 3 new businesses

Supported businesses which had to close

Developed a MNDOT/Community Partnership project with Rayito de Sol

Internal Operations:

Updated Financial Policies & Procedures

Created a Communication Policy

Created a Whistleblower policy

Created a Language Access Policy

Creating an electronic vs printed Board Manual

NCR Application & Community Engagement Plan

Renewed Secretary of State Registration

Completed IRS 990 & AG Annual Report

Year end financial close out

Insurance Policies Annual Renewal

Updated Website

Developing a Berger Fountain page for website

Follow up on all shootings/reviewed videos; dozens of violent incidents over these 2 years.

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Q24

MAJOR HIGHLIGHT

Described above.

Many projects.

Nicollet Safety Coalition and the Encampment Solution Workforce were most effective and well attended, participated in.

Q25

Respondent skipped this question

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