

## **Loring Greenway Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025**

**Directors Present:** John Van Heel, Richard Anderson, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson, Judy Tucker, Mary Maier, Gay Russell-Dempsey  
Meeting called to order at 5PM via Zoom

### **Meeting Agenda Approved**

#### **Board Administration**

Meeting minutes for February accepted and approved.

**Financial Report:** Laura Mattson Laura has sent March financial information to the accountant. She advised that as we go through the budget we be mindful, as directors, of reining in spending. We should be setting the stage for announcing December candidacies for our January slate—roles and responsibilities, etc. There may be a need in third quarter to get a lawyer to help with contracts. John related that we are waiting for a signed final agreement from the city. Richard suggested a pro bono lawyer. Laura thought paying someone around \$1000 would be more advantageous. Judy offered to take it on as she is experienced in this area. Judy and Laura will work something out.

**Review & Approve 2025 Budget:** Using the 2024 budget as reference, it looks like 2025 will be on target. Budget approved. Sue abstained.

**Events:** Judy There is so much concern about the playground now that it is taking precedence. Here is what is planned: 1. a Bluegrass Band 2. National Night Out 3. September Recognition Night the Hyatt We have \$1000 in the budget for these events.

**Executive Comm/Administration:** Laura We have \$1200 of insurance for liability up to \$1300; posters and stamps of \$1000; legal fees of \$3,000; \$2050 bank charges; web and telecom of \$500. We should upgrade our website to be more efficient.

**Fund Raising:** Do we want to fundraise for more trees? The playground may have funding from other sources so it not the time to be fundraising right now.

**Playground:** Richard asked about the \$50,000 that was said to be available for the playground. Laura responded that Katie Cashman is advocating for it, but Public Works may not have the funds. John indicated that there is a draft of a survey about the playground that he can't share yet. They are after more demographics information. John will review it with Judy and Laura. We will discuss it at our next meeting. Public Works plans to have a petition for public comment.

**Infrastructure:** John Last year the lights on the trees was an issue as the cords were pulled. More dog signs will be ordered but no plans to for more signage. We have \$700 for supplies and \$300 for other uses. We will skip the issue of tables and chairs for now, but plan to purchase them next year. New labels=Greg Gaut and Maureen??

**Gardening:** Mary April 19 is our Garden Clean-up day. Laura will send a notice and Richard was asked to take care of the watering. Our budget is \$4200. We have a proposal for help from Public

Works. PW will do clean up. Richard proposed to take rocks near Hyatt and place them near shed, not near trees. Mary wants them where they are. She says she has no time to talk to Brian.

**Issues and Opportunities:** Mary indicated that we are not getting enough donations and this hurts the budget. Some buildings on the Greenway did not contribute at all in 2024. John said that David Bauer suggested that the Greenway could become a Special Services District (like Eat Street) to get PW money for Greenway maintenance up to \$25,000?

Meeting adjourned: 6:30pm

Submitted by Gay R-D