



Loring Greenway Association (LGA) Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2017
110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nick Deacon, Lee Frelich, Steve Hillestad, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Susan Lasoff, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Mark Ring, Claire Selkurt, John Van Heel

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Business Conducted Between Meetings – During the past month, Paula Buckner resigned from the board for personal reasons. Via email voting, Richard Anderson was elected to the board as the Loring Way representative and Laura Mattson was elected to the board as a member at large. Their terms will run through 2019.

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the November 2017 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report (Mark) – There was a delay getting this month's financial reports from our CPA. Vote to approve will be via email once Mark receives the reports and uploads them to Dropbox. We have received a proposal from the CPA for our requested expansion of services next year.

Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Items –

Gardening, Trees and Native Planting (Mary) – The committee is ready to move ahead with installation of the Tuff Shed. Target has renewed its sponsorship of LGA for 2018 with 100 volunteers working on the Loring Greenway one day next spring. Gardening Saturdays will again be scheduled for the third Saturday of each month between April and November. The next committee meeting is January 17, 2018. Some expenses, including mulching, landscaping and pruning, are expected to decrease next year. The candidate for the professional gardener's contract position has impressive credentials, including the Saint Paul Hotel's landscaping, the Lake Harriet Rose Garden, rabbit management, and a BA in Horticulture.

Public Works (John) – John looks forward to having a more formal committee structure next year. The next walk-through with Public Works will be in the spring. The committee plans to address signage issues, including way-finding, accessibility and safety.

Events (Nick) – The Hyatt Hotel will host the donor and volunteer appreciation party on Tuesday, February 13.

Safety (Steve) – The new mayor has agreed to attend the next neighborhood safety meeting that Steve attends. The group will also engage the Downtown Council, Catholic Charities, and other charities once the Super Bowl is over.

Planning Process and Goals (Nick) – To accomplish our 2018 plan, we need all board members to serve on the committees responsible for the work. After thoughtful discussion and enthusiastic volunteering, committees for next year were populated as follows (not including the additional volunteers who are not board members):

Communications	Laura, Linda, Mark
Events	Claire, Karen, Richard, Steve, Susan
Finance	Mark , Linda, Merry, Nick, Pat
Fundraising	Claire, Nick, Pat, Richard, Susan
Gardening	Mary , Claire, Lee, Mary Alyce, Merry, Nick, Richard
Infrastructure	John , Laura, Mary, Pat, Susan
Safety	Steve, Susan

Where applicable, committee chairs are noted in bold above; each committee that has yet to determine its chair will do so via a vote of its members within the next month.

2018 Budgeting (Mark) – Based on the board's priorities and each committee's high-level plans, a preliminary 2018 budget was agreed to. Yet to be determined is whether to set a balanced budget or to plan to draw upon cash reserves. Mark will distribute a more detailed breakdown of the proposed budget as soon as possible, so that the board can give formal approval no later than our January meeting.

Adjournment – 7:35 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 17, 5:30 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!