



## **LGA Board of Directors Meeting**

March 14, 2018

110 W. Grant, Community Room

**Board Members Present** – Pat Davies, Lee Frelich, Gillian Frothingham-Gordon, Steve Hillestad, Susan Lasoff, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, John Van Heel

**Call to Order** – Linda called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

**Last Two Meetings' Minutes** – It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to approve the minutes of the January and February board meetings. Motion **CARRIED**.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark has a work conflict this evening, so there is no treasurer's report.

**Stickers for Bistro Furniture** (Susan) – Susan distributed final proofs of the decals from FASTSIGNS, which are as similar as possible to the current ones. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to approve the proofs as presented. Motion **CARRIED**. Thank you, Susan!

**Potential Contact with Green Minneapolis** (Laura) – Pursuant to the *Minneapolis StarTribune* article, do we want to be proactive about reaching out and discussing the potential role the conservancy might play? No one present knows whether Merry has done so already. The Infrastructure Committee will explore the concept at the next walkthrough with Public Works.

**Condition of Loring Greenway Sidewalks** (Laura) – Although the Greenway has been well cleared of snow this winter, potholes have returned (even larger than before they were patched last year), and there are very uneven and heaved areas that need to be repaired. This will be addressed at the walk-through with Public Works.

### **Committee Reports**

**Communications** (Laura) – The committee is trying to get a meeting scheduled within the next month.

**Events** (Karen) – The evening of April 17, Loring Green East is having a social with a garden theme. Karen will have LGA visuals (tabletops and slide presentation) to promote the Loring Greenway and its plantings and to spark interest. All board members are invited to attend. Susan will check whether Loring Green West could have a similar gathering. Another idea being considered is to host a picnic on the Loring Greenway.

**Fundraising** (Pat) – The fundraising envelope-stuffing session is still on for Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9:30 AM, in the Community Room at 110 W. Grant. Treats will be provided. Pat is ordering holders for donation cards to place on the Little Free Library.

**Gardening** (Mary) – Sadly, Guy Mueller is leaving the Minneapolis area so will not be involved with the LGA much longer. The next committee meeting is March 22. The garden shed will be installed April 19, which is good timing as we are losing our garage space. Merry and Richard will be organizing the garden shed. The first Saturday gardening day is April 21 for spring cleanup. May 18 is the Target Volunteer Day; we expect 120 participants. Claire volunteered to address the Target volunteers over their lunch to recruit their support during the rest of the year. Lee will find out whether there is an agreement

regarding replacing any plants that get destroyed in the Loring Way tuck-pointing project. The shade garden will not be touched. Becca Gross is officially set up as a contractor with the requisite insurance and other paperwork.

**Infrastructure** (John) – John will notify the board when the walk-through is scheduled with Public Works.

**Safety** (Steve) – Now that the Super Bowl is over, talks are resuming with DID about including the Loring Greenway in their patrols, at least during evening and weekend hours.

**Other Business** (Steve) – Steve recommends we create a card to hand out on gardening days (he suggests it be heavy on visuals with photos of youngish gardeners and very light on body copy, with interesting facts such as five things you can do to help—pick up after your dog and/or cigarette butts, volunteer to garden, donate, etc.). Steve gave his draft to Laura for the Communications Committee to use as a starting point. Desired completion date is the first Saturday gardening day in April.

**Adjournment** – 6:45 PM

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, April 11, 5:30 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room