



LGA Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2018

110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Lee Frelich, Steve Hillestad, Mary Alyce Krohnke, 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 5:30 PM.

Last Meeting's Minutes – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the March meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report – Mark again had a work conflict and could not attend tonight's meeting.

Handout for Passersby (Laura) – Two versions of pocket-sized cards were presented and discussed. One emphasized donations; the other included a second photo and listed additional ways to help. The addition of a QR code was tabled for a later trial, as there are several set-up steps that need to be completed first. Steve will research what needs to be done to set up QR code processing so we can assess whether it is a more effective vehicle for millennial donations. It was MOVED and SECONDED to print 500 of the version with two photos (incorporating minor edits), at an estimated cost of \$107. Motion CARRIED.

During the discussion, Mary identified cigarette butt litter as a problem that needs to be addressed on the Loring Greenway; she didn't see any cigarette butts in New York City on her recent visit! Would special cigarette receptacles be a good solution? Richard said that the one located at an entrance to the Greenway does get considerable use. The Infrastructure Committee will discuss the issue with Public Works and report back at next month's meeting.

Building/Kiosk Flyer for Opening Gardening Day (Susan) – Lakes and Legends Brewery is hosting an Earth Day cleanup of local streets on Sunday, April 22. Susan and Richard will contact them to ask that they also direct volunteers to the Loring Greenway. St. Mark's is sponsoring a cleanup of Loring Park on Saturday, April 21, the same date and time as our opening gardening day. A gardening announcement to our email subscribers will go out next Tuesday and building reps are encouraged to post a related notice in their buildings and/or newsletters.

Outdoor Furniture and Grill (Susan) – Current count is 64 chairs and 18 tables. The supplier does not recommend touchup paint, due to it being likely to flake off and no longer available in our colors. Several board members believe spray paint would work fine for touchups. Susan will assess the condition of the tables and chairs and make a recommendation at next meeting. Loring Green West is redoing its outside patio where LGA's furniture and grill are stored; they recommend LGA purchase a tarp to provide weather protection for those items.

DID Greening Award Ceremony (Linda) – The Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District is hosting an event April 19 at 5:00 PM to recognize 2017 award winners and kick off the 2018 greening season. There will be refreshments and a photo opportunity. Mary, Claire and Pat plan to attend to represent the LGA. RSVPs are due by April 13.

VolunteerMatch.org Status (Richard) – Richard is waiting for the requisite form from Mark and will follow up with him so our VolunteerMatch posting can be updated.

Committee Reports

Events (Karen) – Socials are scheduled at Loring Green East and West this month. New residents in particular seem confused about the difference between Loring Greenway and Loring Park, so these gatherings can help clear up that confusion.

Fundraising (Pat) – A big thank-you to those who helped stuff the fundraising letters last weekend. Donations have already started coming in.

Gardening (Mary) – Tuff Shed prep is underway for installation Thursday 4/19. The Target team leaders are working with Mary to get ready for their volunteer day 5/18, which will be immediately followed by a gardening Saturday. Target's donation this year is \$3,500.

Infrastructure (John) – We have provided Public Works an updated site plan for the shed. Richard will deliver the required neighbor notice before the installation. The walk-through with Public Works is scheduled for May 4, time still TBD.

New Business (Laura/Pat/John) – We fondly remember Michael Troje, who passed away a year ago. Margy Troje-Meade has agreed to join the LGA board as the Greenway Gables rep. The annual CLPC benefit is 4/19, starting at 6 PM at the Loring Social Center. Contact John for tickets.

Adjournment – 6:45 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room