



## **LGA Board of Directors Meeting**

May 9, 2018

110 W. Grant, Community Room

**Board Members Present** – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nick Deacon, Gillian Frothingham-Gordon, Merry Keefe, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Susan Lasoff, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, John Van Heel

**Guest Present** – Margy Troje-Meade, Greenway Gables resident

**Call to Order** – Merry called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

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

**Length of Meetings** (Merry) – Recent meetings have been running longer than an hour. Merry reminded the group that, to keep them concise, board meetings should be focused on policy, with detailed work done at committee meetings.

**New Board Member Introduction and Election** (Pat) – It was MOVED and SECONDED that Margy Troje-Meade be elected as the Greenway Gables Association representative. Motion CARRIED.

### **Committee Reports**

**Communications** (Laura) – The handout card for passersby was ready in time for distribution during last month's gardening Saturday and some are placed in the Little Free Library. The tri-fold display boards are in need of updates; John will make a list of them.

**Events** (Karen) – Before next month's meeting, Karen will meet with Gillian to explore neighborhood event options, possibly a National Night Out or Oktoberfest.

**Bistro Furniture** (Susan) – Current count is 59 chairs and 18 tables. With the loss of Loring Green West as the winter storage location, Public Works may be able to haul and store the furniture off-site. Gillian offered the Hyatt as an alternative storage location.

**Finance** (Merry) – Mark has submitted his resignation due to work commitments. Pat has agreed to take on the assignment. It was MOVED and SECONDED that Pat be elected as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Motion CARRIED.

**Fundraising** (Pat) – With Pat's new role, a new fundraising committee chair is needed. Pat will distribute a summary of the role so that board members understand what the work entails.

**Gardening, Trees and Native Planting** (Mary) – Rainbow Tree Care will be performing tree inoculation and fertilizing soon. 135 Target volunteers will be working on May 18, with Saturday gardening the next day. Bryan Winnick is completing the landscaping work. Guy Mueller will be wrapping up in July after three years of much-appreciated volunteer service to the LGA. Becca Gross will be keeping a professional eye on our plant investments.

**Infrastructure** (John) – John, Merry, Mary and Laura did the spring walk-through with Public Works last week. Items to be addressed include the typical sidewalk and tile issues; accessibility signage on the north side of the Loring Greenway; light post, kiosk and flagpole painting; underground irrigation leaks; pergola maintenance; additional trash containers and recycling containers. It was noted that the Commons and the Walker Sculpture Garden have more attractive trash containers. Public Works will not provide cigarette butt receptacles; Gillian said the receptacles have a short lifespan in public spaces because people break them to retrieve the butts.

While the City of Minneapolis and the LGA approved the size, design and location of the gardening shed, its sightline affected the view from the adjacent Greenway Gables unit more than anticipated. Finding a location that has convenient access to the tools and equipment needed by our volunteers; that can be accessed by the moving equipment; that does not block the fire lane; that preserves the aesthetics from ground level; and that does not block views from adjacent property is the challenge. About ten alternatives have been explored in the past week, of which two sites near the Hyatt Hotel seem promising. A third, less visible location near 1225 Lasalle would be a good choice if transport of the shed proves feasible. Public Works has the equipment to move the shed once a new location is approved. Mary informed the rest of the board that the five-year warranty on the shed would be voided once the shed is moved from its current location. It was MOVED and SECONDED that the shed team (Infrastructure and Gardening committee members and Gillian) work with Public Works on alternative locations. Motion CARRIED.

**DID Greening Award** (Pat) – The Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Greening Award was presented at last month's ceremony. The plaque will be mounted inside the new gardening shed and an image posted on the LGA website. At the event, Pat learned that the George Morrison granite paving carpet formerly at the Central Library will be installed soon at the Nicollet Mall entrance to the Loring Greenway.

**Environmental Issues** (Susan) – Susan brought an example of a sign that is used in Minneapolis parks to encourage proper cigarette butt disposal. All agree that cigarette butt litter is the bane of the Loring Greenway. Richard proposed contacting Lisa Goodman to explore the concept of an ordinance declaring the Loring Greenway a non-smoking area.

**Partnerships** (Merry) – LGA is fortunate to work with a number of organizations that help it pursue its mission successfully. Merry distributed a partial list of vendors and other partners.

**Adjournment** – 7:05 PM

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, June 13, 5:30 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room