



LGA Board of Directors Meeting

August 8, 2018

110 W. Grant, Community Room

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

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

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

Business Since Last Meeting (Merry) – Via an email vote concluded June 15, it was MOVED and SECONDED that the 2017 Form 990EZ and State of Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report Form, both prepared by our CPA, be approved for filing. Motion CARRIED.

Meeting Time (Merry) – Meetings for the foreseeable future will start at 5 PM.

Communications (Laura) – The leading candidates for volunteer identification apparel are vests or cobbler's aprons that will include the LGA logo. Laura will check with the Gardening Committee for their preference. It was MOVED and SECONDED that the Communications Committee create an LGA Facebook page to help recruit volunteers and publicize LGA events. Board members agreed to provide content on a regular basis. Motion CARRIED.

Events (Karen) – LGA will host a happy hour on the Hyatt patio on Thursday, September 13, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Draft beer, house wine and select appetizers will be offered at half-price. Gillian will check whether a DJ can perform. Karen will draft a flyer for Gillian and the Communications Committee to review and approve before it is distributed. The Events Committee agreed to organize an LGA-hosted potluck next spring following a Saturday planting session.

Morrison Installation (Pat) – The sculpture, formerly outside the Minneapolis Public Library, will be installed at the Nicollet Mall entrance to the Loring Greenway within the next month or so. Pat will notify other board members once the date is known.

Fundraising (Merry) – Laura distributed reports of donations year-to-date; building reps requested new reports that include last year's donated amounts. Each rep will follow up with lapsed donors in his/her building.

Gardening, Trees and Native Planting (Richard) – The new location of the shed is working well. It will be landscaped with vines and hardscaped with pavers and steps next spring. The next gardening day is Saturday, August 18.

Infrastructure (John) – The committee had its kickoff meeting last week, a step forward in acknowledging its importance to achieving the mission of the LGA. Although the LGA doesn't fund or

actually do most of the infrastructure work along the Loring Greenway, it is a vital voice of the neighborhood in helping identify and prioritize the infrastructure work that the City does do.

One infrastructure issue is finding the right balance among historical preservation, safety and beauty on the Loring Greenway. People are loudly congregating, drinking, fighting and sleeping on the benches in the lower pergola near the playground. It is rumored that the city intends to remove those benches, but the work isn't currently in the 2018 Public Works plan. It was MOVED and SECONDED that the LGA support expeditious removal of those benches by Public Works. Motion CARRIED.

Safety (Merry) – We can report to the police and our council member safety issues related to bikes, scooters and pedestrians. Signage might help communicate that the Loring Greenway is a shared-use space; the Infrastructure Committee will explore options.

Adjournment – 7:10 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 12, 5:00 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room