



LGA Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 2018
110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nick Deacon, Lee Frelich, Merry Keefe, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Linda Luksan, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

Call to Order – Merry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

Board Planning Session (Merry) – 2019 planning will be from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday, November 10, in the 110 Grant Community Room. The Executive Committee, with any additional board members interested in participating, will prepare the agenda for the meeting. Committee chairpersons are to send their recommendations for 2019 activities and budget to Merry by 11/1 for distribution to board members by 11/7.

Communications (Laura) – The larger logo file needed for the volunteer apparel has not yet been created. Laura inadvertently locked herself out of Facebook, so LGA Facebook access is disabled. Another volunteer is needed to recreate the LGA Facebook page and manage it once it's recreated. Nick will seek an off-board volunteer.

Finance (Pat) – Our CPA has not yet provided August's financial report. Nick will circulate a draft long-range plan for board input.

Fundraising (Pat) – A mailing service has been engaged to send a fall fundraising appeal. Richard will coordinate follow-up contacts by building reps. For this year's Give to the Max Day (Thursday, November 15), Nick volunteered to set up a greeting station near the shed to solicit donations to the LGA. He'll hand out information cards and coffee on 11/15 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. Linda will send an email blast to remind subscribers that they can support the Loring Greenway on Give to the Max Day.

Gardening (Merry) – The next gardening day is Saturday, October 20. Laura will provide two carafes of coffee. Mary Alyce will get a tray of cookies from Costco.

Shed Improvements (Claire) – We have received proposals for hardscaping the shed area, differing primarily in the size of the paved area. The Gardening Committee will submit its recommendation and justification at the 2019 planning session.

Trees (Lee) – Memorial plaques are on order. The Park Board has not yet decided whether to cut down the big locust tree in the shade garden and the two river birches on the Grant Street extension.

Recent Damage to Plants (John) – At the walk-through with Public Works on November 1, John and Mary will discuss communication and coordination of Public Works tasks on the Loring Greenway.

Infrastructure (John) – Some of the globe light fixtures are original and yellowed with age; newer fixtures are much brighter. Richard will check with Mark Clark in Public Works to see whether there are sufficient globes to replace the old globes, for both safety and aesthetic reasons. Nick will contact Eufloria to install the holiday lighting. We take the lights down each year because the trees are still young and will outgrow the strands. Long-term, we may be able to leave the lighting in place for more than the winter months.

Safety (Merry) – There was a recent assault in the pergola near the playground, increasing the priority for Public Works to remove the benches there.

New Business – 1) The 2018 Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District Greening & Public Realm Awards were recently announced—the Loring Greenway was again recognized for its beauty as the Best Large Green Space, setting a record for nine years in a row as a Greening Award winner! The board extends many, many thanks to our tireless volunteers and generous donors. 2) Susan Lasoff's term on the LGA board ends at the end of the year and she is not seeking re-election.

Adjournment – 6:00 PM

Next Board Meeting – **SATURDAY, November 10, 10:00 AM**, 110 W. Grant, Community Room