

**LGA Board of Directors Annual Meeting,**  
January 13, 2021, 5:00 PM via ZOOM

**Board Members Present** – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Merry Keefe, Linda Luksan, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, John Van Heel.

**Board Members Absent** – Margy Troje-Meade

**Call to order:** Nick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Hyatt Update** – Nick introduced Natasha Sellick, National Sales Manager for Hyatt, stepping in for John Yeadon, the Hyatt's new General Manager. She gave an update on the Hyatt's new program, ***Chef at Home*** meal kits, 3-course meals developed and executed by Hyatt chefs. A recent test went well, but they have paused it until next month.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the November 2020 meeting be approved; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – No report this month as we are waiting for the accountant's year-end report.

**Board Elections** - John, Mary, Merry and Nick's terms are up; it was moved and seconded that all four should serve another 2-year term. Motion passed.

**Officer Positions** – It was moved and seconded that the slate of officers presented at the November meeting be approved; motion carried. The 2021 Executive Committee consists of:

**President** – John Van Heel  
**Vice-President** - Laura Mattson  
**Treasurer** - Richard Anderson  
**Secretary** – Maureen Meier

**Committees**

- 2021 committees will be Fundraising, Gardening, and Trees
- *Infrastructure* - John will continue to lead infrastructure initiatives but doesn't think there is a need for a formal committee. He will meet with those who propose infrastructure needs and will champion them with the city.

**2021 Budget Planning** – the board will set the 2021 budget at the March meeting, after Q4 expenses and donation income are confirmed. The Gardening Committee, the biggest part of the annual budget, meets in February to finalize their plans and budget. The impact of COVID during the summer is still unknown so we will have to wait and adapt 2021 plans as needed.

## **Other Business**

*Amazon Smiles* – This is an Amazon charitable program that donates 0.5% of a prime member’s purchases to the registered charity of their choice. LGA joined in 2017 but few members were aware of it. To create awareness within LGA we will send a note to everyone on the LGA email list, asking them to support us if they are an Amazon shopper. Maureen will draft the email and Linda will send out.

*LGA Marketing* - Merry suggested developing a letter for new residents to educate them about LGA. Merry, Richard, & Laura will draft it and design any graphics. LGA building representatives will identify the best way to get the letters to new residents in their buildings.

*Skateboarder Deterrents* - In early spring John will remind the city about the 2020 decision to install hand railing to protect the long and tall Nicollet Lane berm, a favorite spot of skateboarders. The railing was supposed to be installed last summer but following the George Floyd unrest, improvements and repairs on the Greenway came to a halt. Consequently, the aging Italian tile took a beating, leaving many tiles newly cracked and chipped. John will also ask for “No Skateboarding” pavement signage in front of berms and pyramids, at the same time signage for bicycle speed is installed.

*Annual Reports* – An annual report was not compiled in 2019 as reports for various segments were not submitted. Laura will draft introduction paragraphs and assemble information for individual 2019 and 2020 reports, including: donor recognition, Greenway additions and enhancements, budget, infrastructure, and volunteer hours. Maureen & Richard will do budget graphs.

**Adjournment** - 5:57 PM.

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, March 10, 5 pm via ZOOM

**2021 Board Meeting Dates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5 pm**

March 10

May 12

July 14

September 8

November 10

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Meier  
Secretary, LGA