

**LGA Board of Directors Meeting**  
March 10, 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, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

**Call to order:** John called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

**Approval of agenda:** The agenda was updated. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to accept the report. Motion carried.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** An addition and change were made to the minutes. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the minutes of the January 2021 meeting be approved; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard emailed annual report to the BOD on Monday. It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to accept the report. Motion carried.

**Annual Report:** Laura sent out draft copies of annual reports for 2019 and 2020. Once they are finalized, they will be posted on the website. She also is approaching 110 Grant management to pay for redesigning the garden outside their Greenway door. She will keep us updated on her progress.

**Newsletter:** Laura is soliciting content ideas for the spring newsletter. Deadline is April 1.

**Hyatt Opening:** John will touch base with the Hyatt to learn about their plans for opening and programs they may offer.

**2021 BUDGET**

The 2021 budget was presented and discussed. There was some confusion around where the tree budget resided. The Tree Committee is now a subcommittee of the Gardening Committee, and as such, tree expenses will appear as a Garden Committee line item. There also was a discussion around getting the railing installed this spring to protect the Nicollet Mall berm facing the Hyatt. The Department of Public Works should pay for it; John will reach out to discuss and push for an install date.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to accept the 2021 expense budget, totaling \$40,500; the revenue budget is pending. Motion carried. Budget breakout by committee is:

Executive	\$ 2500
Fundraising	\$ 1300
Gardening	\$33,500
Infrastructure	\$ 3250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,500</b>

## COMMITTEES

**Committee Chair Assignments** - It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept Motion to accept assignments; motion carried. Committee chairs are:

*Infrastructure* – Richard

*Gardening* – Mary

*Fundraising* – Laura

### **Garden Committee:**

- A hybrid volunteer model will be used for planting and on-going gardening tasks. We will use adopt-a-garden volunteers and hopefully reinstate the Saturday groups for support, COVID permitting.
- Plant orders are being assembled by members and are due to Becca by April 1. Planting dates, usually in mid-to-late May, are tentative because of COVID and George Floyd trial concerns. If plants arrive before they can be planted, they can be stored behind the fence at LGW.
- Brian Winick will do the mulching and Rainbow will do the tree fertilizing.
- Target not coming back to downtown until the end of July or later so we can't count on them.

**Fundraising** – Fundraising, particularly this year, is unpredictable, so it is difficult to anticipate if donations will cover the 2021 budget. We don't believe we will receive any corporate sponsorships. Maureen, Merry and Pat will develop recommendations for donor recognition.

**Trees** - The city cut down the dead River Birch near Grant Street and the replaced the Coffee Tree above the playground planted a Hawthorne to replace the Linden in the Greenway Gables Garden. Lee will ask if they can remove the stumps from the River Birch and the Linden sites. We have asked them not to replace the River Birch as it receives salt run-off from the 110 Grant parking lot above it.

**Infrastructure** – John will schedule a walk through with Andy in mid-April.

John showed samples of signs for the sidewalks; they can be printed just about any color. He also shared ideas about using the old phone booths for posting notices and branding "Loring Greenway"

**Other Business** – The question of when to put out the Chairs & tables was discussed. They typically go out when the weather consistently warms, in April or May but the decision was made to wait until the George Floyd trial ends and any possible aftermath subsides.

**Adjournment** - 6:22 PM.

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, May 12, at 5 pm via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Meier  
Secretary, LGA