

LGA Board of Directors Meeting

May 10, 2021, 5:00 PM via ZOOM

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Jack Hanson, 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 5:05 PM.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- **Approval of agenda:** The agenda was updated. It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept it as amended. Motion carried.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:** An addition was made to the minutes. It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the March 2021 meeting be approved; motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Richard sent budget to board for 1st quarter. It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the report. Motion carried.
- **Hyatt Update:** Jack Hansen, manager of the Hyatt, hopes to open their restaurant in July. Mary asked if Tim could use the Hyatt restrooms as he currently needs to drive to a city facility to use one. Jack approved and explained the lobby doors are locked, but someone is monitoring the cameras. The next time Jack sees Tim he'll explain the process for getting into the building.
- **Record Storage:** Mary Keefe had some historical records and needs someone else store them. Merry recommends that we need to formally adopt a record retention policy. Linda has at least 6 years of documents in DropBox. As the discussion ensued, Pat D said that keeping plant documentation is valuable as if something is damaged or destroyed for reimbursement. Exec committee will present recommendations at the July meeting.
- **Appreciation for Mark Clark:** Residents of the Greenway want to show appreciation for Mark and his years of service to the Greenway. People from Greenway Gables planned a 5 pm happy hour at Lakes & legends, but LGA needs to pick the on a Thursday. May 27th was chosen, but COVID restrictions may not accommodate the number of attendees. Jack will look at doing it on the patio at the Hyatt and he and Richard will develop a plan.
- **July meeting** will be in-person. The Exec committee will work it out and notify people. John will look into how to do a hybrid model for those who can't attend in person.
- **Jumping Worm Presentation:** A community meeting, hosted by Citizens for a Loring Park Community (CLPC), will feature a presentation by Lee Frelich, about addressing the jumping worm problem. It will be held via ZOOM on May 24 at 6:30 pm. CLPC will send out a link and Lee will forward the link to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening (Mary Maier)

- Cleanup dates were cancelled because Tim, Bryan Winick, and individual gardeners did the work. Adopt-a-Garden volunteers will plant perennials on May 21 and annuals on May 27.
- Comcast broke a water main, requiring extensive repairs by the city. Bryan Winick is returning this weekend repair the landscaping. Irrigation should be operational by the end of the week.
- Mary was approached by The Women's Club, to speak about the LGW on July 13, from 11 am to 12 noon. Greg Gout is updating the PowerPoint deck and will do the presentation.
- We are donating the unused paper/party items stored in the shed but haven't been used for 5 years to Steeple People. Richard will take them there.

Fundraising (Laura Mattson) – fundraising letters are going out next week and will include the jumping worms flyer. Linda said a donation of \$500 bounced; she will send the check to John, and he will reach out to them.

Donor Recognition (Merry Keefe) – Pat, Maureen and Merry are still working on it and will meet with John to discuss possibilities and costs.

Trees (Lee Frelich) - the Park Board planted a new River Birch in early April, replacing the one the on the Grant Street Corridor that died. Rainbow will be fertilizing the Nicollet Mall/East end.

Infrastructure (John VanHeel)

- Thanks to Mary, Richard and Laura on participating in the walk through. The guard rail is a top issue; we don't know if a work order has been put in yet. The damaged corner of the berm on the Nicollet Mall has been repaired. Compared to the original tiles, the color looks different depending upon time of day and angles.
- Damaged fountain tiles have been repaired. The city mason said they have lost a lot of people due to retirement and budget cuts, which is why it has taken so long. John installed the test pavement warning signs by the fountain and the hill by 110 Grant.
- John reported that utilizing the kiosks for signage is a good project for him, believing it is doable and cost-effective. He met with Lisa Maddig and Jessie Osendorf about the kiosks at the end of the mall. They are considering the possibility of electronic boards like the ones in Crystal Court, and they asked if we might be interested in having one on the Loring Park end.

Other Business

- The tables and chairs are out, and some are in need of touch-up paint. Richard will check to see if we can get touch-up paint from the manufacturer, Fermob.
- Laura raised money at 110 Grant to pay for the triangle garden; Becca is designing it

Adjournment - 6:23 PM.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 14, in-person, at 5 pm. Info to follow on location.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Meier
Secretary, LGA