

## LGA Board of Directors Meeting

July 14, 2021, 5:00 PM

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

**Board Members Absent** – Pat Davies, Lee Frelich, Jack Hanson, Margy Troje-Meade

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

### BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- **Approval of agenda:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:** It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the May 2021 meeting be approved, with changes sent to Maureen; motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The accountant's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report will be out next week. There was a discussion about changing meeting dates to accommodate the 3 to 4 weeks needed to receive the quarterly report. We discussed moving the meeting dates forward 4 weeks. The Exec Committee will make recommendations about the meeting schedule for next year. Laura MOVED to have the accountant's report changed to reflect the budget approved by the board in January vs. last year. The motion was SECONDED and carried.
- **Record Storage:** There was a discussion around board member confusion on DropBox, as not every board member sees all documents. It is set-up this way so that documents are not accidentally deleted, although there can be varying levels of access set. Linda is happy to coach people on using DropBox.
- **Mark Clark Appreciation:** There was a very good turnout for Mark's appreciation gathering on, held on May 27 at the Hyatt. X of people attended. It also was a great way to rebuild our relationship with the Hyatt following the pandemic and a change in management.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Gardening (Mary Maier)

- **Minneapolis Woman's Club ZOOM Presentation:** Greg Gaut developed and presented a PowerPoint deck, highlighting the history of the Greenway and the current operations. Greg did a fantastic job and including many lovely pictures, bringing the Greenway to life. Mary also attended and answered the many questions about how the gardening is done. There were 27 attendees and the MWC donated a \$100 honorarium to LGA.
- Volunteers spent much additional time watering, due to the weather and problems with irrigation. Trees were fertilized today, and last weekend Bryan Winick finished mulching and adding steppers to a path connecting the 110 Grant driveway to the Greenway.

- Two new gardens are planned for next year: 1) A small pollinator garden in a sunny area along the path to Grant St, where a dead River Birch and Hemlock were removed. We will use salt-tolerant pollinating plants to counter the salt carried by snow melt run-off. 2) Replace the Bridal Veil shrubs with Becca-designed new plantings by the Greenway entrance to LGW.
- We are waiting to learn if the city has a digital copy of sprinkler head map. If not, once we have a copy of the paper version, John will make a digital copy. We are hoping to get a meeting with a city plumber to look at the heads to see if they are distributing water to the needed areas, and, if not, determine what needs to be done.
- A number of tree saplings have sprouted up along 110 Grant driveway and should be removed before they become too large. Mary Alyce will work with Laura and the 110 Manager to assess and determine next steps.

**Fundraising** (Laura Mattson) – Donations in 2021 through June declined about \$20K from the same period a year ago. Contributions by Individual donors are down about \$4500 compared to same time LY and, to date, only one building, LGE, has done its annual donation. Laura will be sending a reminder to our other Greenway partners.

**Trees** (Lee Frelich) – no report. It was also announced that Lee is now President for the Committee for Loring Park Community.

**Infrastructure** (John VanHeel)

- Kiosks – John shared final copy of information to be posted in the (2) former telephone kiosks. The Loring Greenway identity “signage”, colorful, vinyl vertical lettering, will be completed soon and John will be looking for assistance in applying it to the kiosks, particularly for alignment.
- John will check on the status of the hand railing to protect the tiled berm walls adjacent to the Nicollet Mall.

**Other Business** - none

**Adjournment** - 6:10 PM.

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, September 8, in-person, at 5 pm. Location details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Meier  
Secretary, LGA