

LGA Garden Committee Meeting Minutes (10/6/22)

Present: Marsha Weidenhammer, Claire Selkurt, Maureen Meier, Richard Anderson, Nick Deacon, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Fred Aden, Peggy MacRae, Mary Maier, Sue Jones

- **Roster-** There are no updates/corrections to current roster of committee members.
- **Review of 2022 Season-** The general feedback of the season was very positive, with many positive comments from users of the Greenway. It was a difficult season as the second summer of drought. The committee would like to be able to set the irrigation timing and zones as needed. Mark did these changes in the past and Tim does not do it. We will find out if we can get access to the meter box and permission to set the zones. The committee would also like to speak with Public Works regarding the fall date of the water turnoff. The turnoff this year was not ideal considering the drought. Richard will speak to Loring Way regarding improvement of the grass area on the Grant St Corridor. Some grass areas of the Greenway need seeding, so we need to clarify if Tim does this as Mark did in the past.
- **Discussion of 2023 Garden Planning & Orders & Planting-** The committee decided to order the plants from one vendor, Gertens, and have one Friday delivery with a planting on Saturday. Summer is working with the individual gardeners to place the 2023 plant order by the end of November. An effort will be made to plant as many drought-resistant plants as possible.
- **Discussion of 2022 Roles & Responsibilities-** The committee Roles and Responsibilities were accepted as written.
- **Adopt-a-Garden Update-** 63 volunteers were active on the Greenway this year, which helps to make the Greenway efforts a success. The hand waterers were very diligent in keeping up with watering needs. We will focus on recruiting additional hand waterers for next year.
- **Trees Update-** Mary spoke with Jeff Metcalf, who is the Greenway Rainbow Tree Care representative. We will meet with Jeff in the spring, and he will update the digital tree map this fall and forward us the update. Lee did a walk through with the forester from the Park Board concerning the trimming/pruning of the trees, which will take place at the end of October. Lee will speak to the Park Board about removing the root of the River Birch on the Grant St Corridor, the stump in the Greenway Gables Garden & whether the pear tree in the east Grant Street Garden should be pruned. The DID is filming a documentary on urban forestry and will be meeting with Lee and gardeners at the Saturday gardening on Oct 15 as part of this process.
- **Landscape Update-** Bryan Winick indicated that he will continue to work with us next year.
- **Infrastructure-** Skateboarding continues to be an issue on Nicollet Mall and has destroyed the south end Nicollet Mall planter plantings. This topic will be discussed at the Board meeting next week. Mpls police on horseback told a Greenway resident that they could not say anything to the skateboarders on the Greenway because it is "private property".
- **October Cleanup-** Plans were made for Saturday, Oct 15, gardening day.

Submitted by Mary Maier