

LGA Board of Directors Meeting - FINAL

February 9, 2022, 5:00 PM via Zoom

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Merry Keefe, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, John VanHeel

Board Members Absent – Margy Troje-Meade

New Board Members Present – Sue Jones and Judy Tucker

Past Board member – Pat Davies. Pat introduced her replacement, Sue Jones, from LGE. She mentioned she was cleaning out her files and she found an award from 2016 DID Mpls award for Best Large Green Space and wanted to know who should take it. The consensus was we should find a place to hang all the awards in the shed.

She serves as a board member of Friends of Loring Park (FLP) and is involved in raising funds for refurbishment of Berger Fountain; Damon Farber is working on the project. The fountain has numerous problems, including an underground service bunker for electrical and plumbing which constantly floods, causing the electrical components to rust. There is discussion around creating a splash pad as part of the refurbishment. Final cost estimates are not currently available, but FLP hope to use some money from new apartments around the park, and from the Park Board. They aim to have it operational in 2023. John suggested adding this topic to the agenda in the coming months to discuss how LGA can help.

Call to order: John called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. He introduced a new at large board member from Greenway Gables, Judy Tucker.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- **Approval of agenda:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve the minutes of the Nov 10, 2021, meeting; motion carried.
- **Board Elections**
 - It was moved by Richard and seconded by Nick that Laura Mattson, Richard Anderson, Lee Frelich, Margy Troje-Meade, Sue Jones, and Judy Tucker be elected for 2-year term terms. Motion carried.
 - It was moved by Nick and seconded by Lee to approve the officer slate of John Van Heel as President, Laura Mattson as Vice-President, Richard Anderson as Treasurer, and Maureen Meier as Secretary. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Richard submitted the 2021 final Treasurer's report. It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve it. Motion carried.
 - Despite early concerns that COVID would drive a decline in 2021 donations, total assets increased a mere 1% from 2020, to \$92,027.81.
- **Meeting Dates for 2022:** May 11, Aug 10, Nov 9, and Feb 8 (2023 Annual Meeting)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising (Laura Mattson)

- Raised \$43K in 2021, more than anticipated.
- All buildings on the Greenway except the Hyatt and 110 Grant donated. Laura will do more active solicitation of the Hyatt this year.

Gardening (Mary Maier)

Becca, who has resigned, placed the 2022 order in December. Richard, Pat, and Mary worked to find a new gardener. The new person is Summer Badawi, highly skilled in public garden design, working with volunteers, arboriculture, and greenhouse production. She owns a plant farm, and had a 2-year college-level field training experience at the highly esteemed Longwood Gardens outside Philadelphia PA. Summer also has an LLC, a big plus for LGA.

- Gardening Committee – need to set planting dates; will do so at the next Gardening Committee in March.

Trees (Lee Frelich) – So far it is not a bad winter for trees, as we had snow cover before the ground froze. Tree expenses will be higher in 2022 as we will fertilize half the trees plus conduct the biannual treatment for Emerald Ash Borer; cost to do both will be around \$9500.

Infrastructure (John VanHeel)

The last capital renewal project was in 2007 and included repairs, replacements, and upgrades. Currently things on the Greenway are wearing out and we should submit a proposal to get on the Capitol Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC) list. Generally, it takes about 5 years from the proposal stage to implementation. The committee will meet with Mike Kennedy, Director Transportation, Maintenance & Repair for the City of Minneapolis and Patrick Sadler, assistant to Councilperson Lisa Goodman.

- Minneapolis Public Works, in March. Items for consideration include the irrigation system for improved water management, lighting/electrical, new sidewalks, and safety initiatives.
- Greg Gaut is refinishing the bistro tables and some of the chairs this winter, including a graffiti protection topcoat. The work includes sanding off rust, applying a rust prevention primer, repainting, and replacing the feet pads. New table decals were ordered as only 5 remain of the original design. John created new ones that replicate the Greenway-branding signage he designed and installed last summer.

New Business - none

Old Business - none

Adjournment - 6:12 PM.

Next Board Meeting – June 8, 2022, in-person, at 5 pm. Location details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Meier
Secretary, LGA