

LGA Board of Directors Meeting - DRAFT

August 10, 2022 5:00 PM via Zoom

Board Members Present - Richard Anderson, Gay Russell-Dempsey, Sue Jones, Merry Keefe, Laura Mattson, Lee Frelich, John VanHeel, Judy Tucker

Board Members Absent - Mary Maier, Maureen Meier, Nick Deacon

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

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- *Approval of agenda:* Two items were added to the 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 June 8, 2022, meeting with no changes. Motion carried.
- *Treasurer's Report:* The second quarter report was emailed to Board Members prior to the meeting. It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- John and Laura reported on their meeting with Jack Hanson at the Hyatt. The Hyatt will make a \$4500 monetary donation to LGA. It will also provide in-kind goods and services in the amount of \$7500 for a volunteer appreciation event. The Hyatt has now hired an events coordinator, Terrie Spano. Laura and John will meet with her to plan the volunteer and donor appreciation event. The date for the event will be Thursday, September 29. It will take place in the room next to the raised terrace, making it possible that the outdoor space may be used. John solicited ideas for the event. It was suggested to have flowers. Other suggestion or questions should be emailed
- to Laura and John. We expect 75-100 attendees. Since the \$7500 donation from the Hyatt includes the costs of wages for service staff, a budget of \$7500 may be tight.
- John also discussed recent safety concerns on the Greenway. If someone sees a safety-related incident, they should call 911 or 311. Police are understaffed and may not respond to calls but calls still help make a record of what happens on the Greenway and so are useful. In their meeting with Jack Hanson, Laura and John encouraged the Hyatt to contact Lisa Goodman's office about skateboarders. Jack is concerned that a skateboard could fly onto the Hyatt patio. LGA has the Hyatt's support in trying to discourage skateboarders.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening (Richard, in Mary's Maier's absence)

- Watering by volunteers is ongoing.
- Planning meeting to get orders ready for next year's took place recently.
- Irrigation system is working well. Don Buckley is irrigation volunteer.

Fundraising (Laura)

- Fundraising is going well so far. Approximately \$25k has been received.
- Hyatt will make donation.

Trees (Lee)

- Due to technical problems, we couldn't hear Lee when he spoke over Zoom so John asked him to send an email with any information from his report.

Infrastructure (John)

- Signage was an item added to the agenda. Merry Keefe said that she, Laura and Richard have looked at the temporary signs (dog signs). They suggest a group should work on making policies and procedures for temporary signage. The goal would be consistency and professionalism on "temporary" signage, with new signs to be ready for next spring. Temporary signage that may be needed include dog and skateboarder signs as well as volunteer day announcement signs. John raised the need for way finding signs to identify the Greenway at the Nicollet Mall entrance. Sue, Richard, John, Laura and Merry will work on this issue together. John asks that we send photos of signs that we think are good models to them

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Adjournment - 5:51 PM

Next Board Meeting - October 12, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tucker
Substituting for Maureen Meier, LGA Secretary