

Loring Greenway Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

110 W. Grant St

June 14, 2023

John called the meeting to order at 5:02.

Board Members Present – Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Mary Keefe, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, Judy Tucker, John VanHeel

Board Members Absent – Ron Fiscus

Guests: Scott Marsh from LGE, new member of the Gardening Committee and Master Gardener

BOARD ADMINISTRATION:

- The meeting began with recognition of Mary Maier, who has led the Gardening Committee for eight years, resulting in the development and expansion of many gardens. Under her leadership the gardens were taken from shrubs and trees to a landscape containing a variety of plants and designs, as well as the addition of the colorful flowers for which many local residents have been asking. There will be a plaque placed on the Greenway in her honor; Mary will provide input as to what she'd like the script to read.
- **Approval of agenda:** Two addition were added to the agenda. It was MOVED and SECONDED to accept the agenda. Motion carried.
- **Approval of new board member:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve Ron Fiscus as the board representative of 1200 on the Mall. Motion carried.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:** It was MOVED and SECONDED to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** For health reasons Richard has stepped down from the board so we need a replacement for the Treasurer position. Until one is brought in Laura will fill in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mary – Gardening

- Thanks to hand waterers who kept the new plants alive given the drought.
- Since Richard stepped down Maureen & Scott Marsh will split supervising the west end. We're making some changes for efficiencies and reducing work load for Mary by establishing section leaders who will oversee the work and report back to Mary.

- We received 10+ cu yds of compost and bought more to do the east side and the Playground Perimeter Garden. Bought plants from 4 different vendors. as Summer wants the right plants for the right place. Mary will be in Germany for 3 weeks, leaving Sunday and returning July 10.

Infrastructure

- Capital renewal project (repair and improvements) slated for 2029. There will be no assessment.
- Lisa Goodman is not running for re-election so we should meet with the candidates to assess their view with the area and GW. There currently are 2 candidates; Judy & Merry will reach-out to the candidates to setup a walk-through, dependent upon candidate availability.
- Dog signs are in, 4 each of 5 designs. Will be put out in problem areas and rotated as needed.
- Maureen will be the contact with Tim's boss.
- Judy – concert on July 13th (rain date of July 27st).
- Fundraising letters going out next week.

Strategic Planning

Merry Keefe led a discussion around “Where do we go from here?”, as a way to build a road map for how LGA moves forward in the future.

Planning sessions to begin discussions: Mary is available July 9 – Aug 1; the 1st and 3rd week of Aug She is then going to Germany for 3 months to assist her daughter whose husband, a military officer, will be in the US for training. Mornings are best for her.

We discussed having general sessions to learn about how LGA operates, before beginning strategic planning, including: finances, fundraising, the partnership with the city and city contacts, how the Gardening Committee operates, and the history of the Greenway. We also need:

- To decide how often to meet
- Need a slate of candidates by January
- Come up with 3 priorities to focus on in 2024

Merry, Judy, and Maureen will work on pulling together a SWOT chart (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for our first session. It was MOVED and SECONDED that we meet on July 12 to discuss board members thoughts about the SWOT. Motion approved. Maureen said she'd look into a space at LGE for the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on July 12 with location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Meier
LGA Secretary