

Loring Greenway Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2025
110 Grant Bldg.

Directors Present: Richard Anderson, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson, Judy Tucker, John VanHeel, Mary Maier.

Directors Absent: Ron Fiscus, Lee Frelich, Tina Jones

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Board Administration

- Meeting agenda. Approved
- Nomination of new At-Large Director. Jo Theodosopoulos. Approved.
We are glad that Jo found us through our website. Jo has both experience and keen interest in fund-raising for nonprofits and looks forward to lending her expertise to LGA.
- June 11, 2025 meeting minutes. Accepted and approved.
- Financial Report-Laura Mattson: Approved.
 - Judy Tucker raised idea of considering using Venmo for quick way to do spontaneous fund raising on the Greenway. All seemed receptive to the idea.
 - An anonymous donor stepped up to donate \$25 for every bag of weeds created for our August 23rd gardening day.

Reports

- DID-John VanHeel

John, Judy, Gay and Laura attended a DID meeting to discuss the impact the changes around Community Special Services District Designation (SSD) could have for Loring Greenway. Typically SSDs apply to commercial areas allowing property owners to collectively fund enhanced services that are not ordinarily provided by the city. Though Loring Greenway is not a SSD, recent changes allow certain residential properties to be considered as SSD. DID is currently studying the expansion of SSD to include Loring Greenway which could open up different opportunities in maintaining the Greenway, including a partnership with DID. This is very much in the

consideration phase. No LGA commitments, changes or plans have been made. DID is responsible for calling next meeting.

- Playground-John VanHeel

In a holding pattern. Per City/DPW's request in June, any fund raising efforts were stopped as there seemed to be a donor ready to step in. To John's knowledge that has not materialized. Nor has any other significant funding been identified by DPW or by the City. Despite the disappointment in the pace of funding, kids continue to enjoy the make-shift playground of primarily sand, some toys and a lot of imagination.

- 2031 Capital Renewal Project-John VanHeel

- Water for fountains and pyramids is still connected to electrical repairs which still await funding.
- Guest, Abe Olson Associate Planner for the Met Council, volunteered to put together a Greenway strategy/plan that could allow LGA to be prepared, maybe even get ahead of city planners, with our thoughts on reimagining and planning for the renewed Greenway.

- Gardening, Trees and Infrastructure: Reports not given due to time constraints.

Submitted,
Sue Jones