

**Minutes: Loring Greenway Association Board of Directors**  
**October 11, 2023-Zoom Call**

Directors Present: Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Merry Keefe, Laura Matson, Judy Tucker, Gay Russell Dempsey, John Vanheel, Ron Fiscus

Directors Absent: Mary Maier

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by John VanHeel

**BOARD ADMINISTRATION**

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Moved and seconded to approve. Approved by Directors

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved and seconded. Approved by Directors.

Introduction of new(est) Director: Ron Fiscus was introduced. Ron comes on board as the Building Rep for 1200 On-the-Mall. Ron shared he is a Landscape Architect with a strong focus on design which he has put to use running his own consulting company. Projects of note: 12<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet triangle, grounds at Central Lutheran Church. Ron has lived at 1200 On-the-Mall for 18 years.

Director Resignation: John announced Maureen Meier has resigned from the Board due to family issues. Maureen, and all Directors, hope she will be able to rejoin the Board at some point in the future.

Director Appointment: Directors approved the appointment of Richard Anderson to the Board. Welcome back!

Treasurer's Report: Laura reported total fund raising to date is about \$40,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Events: Judy

Greenway Music on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Though all is set to go for the music event on October 14<sup>th</sup>, weather may force a cancelation. Judy will make that call.
- Work on 2024 events calendar has begun. Judy has contacted school district community education group re. possibility of performances on the Greenway.

Gardening-Sue

- October 21<sup>st</sup> gardening/clean-up day will be last one for the year.
- Summer will also do some replanting of plants before winter sets in.
- Maureen and Sue will do shed cleanup and final inventory to prepare for next year.
- Mary (and Summer) is working on compiling 2024 plant orders by the end of December.

Trees: Lee

- LGW's project will impact some trees near the hemlock garden. Larger trees will not be impacted.

- John mentioned that a (memorial) tree purchased years ago is dying. Since tree planting is no longer allowed on the Greenway, LGA Board needs to develop plan to address handling of tree memorial plaques as trees die and/or are impacted by upcoming Greenway (re)design.

#### Infrastructure: John

- John is working with David Bauer re projects that could yet be done this year...masonry, sidewalk cracks. It was agreed that sidewalk cracks are so large that they present a safety hazard.
- John continues to work on pricing of metal letters for Nicollet Mall signage and on additional panel depicting Greenway timeline to be added to Greenway kiosk.

#### Brainstorming/Planning Sessions – Merry and Sue

- Sessions held to date: SWOT LGA and All things Gardening.
- Next up? Roles and Responsibilities-Directors (and Key Players), Fund raising.
- To help us in the development of job descriptions, to move us along in our efforts to document all the moving parts of LGA and the Greenway and to assist in prep for upcoming December roles & responsibilities meeting, it was agreed that by end of November, current officers and others will provide John list of roles, responsibilities and tasks they do.

Next regular Board meeting- December 2023

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Jones