

Loring Greenway Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025

Directors Present: John Van Heel, Richard Anderson, Laura Mattson, Judy Tucker, Mary Maier, Tina Jones, Lee Frelich, Gay Russell-Dempsey
Meeting called to order at 5PM via Zoom

Meeting Agenda Approved

Board Administration

Meeting minutes for May accepted and approved.

Financial Report: Laura

Laura has sent End of First Quarter financial report to us all. She will send a new report if we are spending more than is coming in. Our reserves have never been this low. A fund raiser letter is going out through a printer mail house. LGE donation amount is now \$3,000 according to Mary. Gay will request that LGW match those funds. Perhaps all building representatives should follow suit.

Laura proposed the hiring of Kate Bortell to help with the website. Kate will charge \$1800 for her efforts. This will be a bit more than we are now paying. Kate charges \$900 to start and \$900 on completion then \$60 an hour. Laura feels that Kate will be very helpful. Richard asked about a QR code. Laura indicated that we do have one for surveys. Laura's motion was approved.

Playground Report: John

A survey was sent out by Public Works showing three concepts of possible playgrounds equipment. The objective being to try to find a budget number in addition to types of equipment. There may be a chance of getting Downtown Assets Fund (Money donated by corporations such as the Twins, Target, etc.) for the project, according to Tim Sexton. The results of the survey indicated that \$350,000 would be needed to complete the project. Rubber and woodchips are planned for surfacing. So, we have a design and will meet with the designer at our next Community Meeting. We may meet soon about ideas for a temporary playground, for which we have \$5,000. Later in the year we will have a better idea how we move forward on the Playground rebuild. David Bauer will hold a meeting to discuss money and policy. Policy aide Kalie Brown is leaving. Right now, ours is the only group application for money—although the vault near the fountains has moisture, so who knows?

Events: Judy

National Night Out is August 5 from 5PM to 8PM--we are registered with the city. People who came last year thought they would get eats. This year we will see if Lunds might donate snacks. A colorful poster advertising the event will be posted around town. Turnout at the Hyatt was disappointing last year. These are the possible dates we can choose from: September 8, 9, 10, 15. Lets get LGA advocates involved in choosing the best one (advertise this event with posters also). Estimated cost of NNO \$2,000. John related that we are waiting for a signed final agreement from the city. Richard suggested a pro bono lawyer. Laura thought paying someone around \$1000 would be more advantageous.

Gardening: Mary

Our last major planting day is coming up June 21. Plants were lost during winter and beds are lush with weeds. Annuals are planted in spaces for quick summer color. Call out for more volunteers (we now have 70). A cart was stolen (new one is on order).

Trees: John/Lee

The Harris Family wants to donate 3 white fir trees to Greenway. Each planted in a separate location with plaque (plaques?) Questions were raised about this re: who will pay to plant? What about our 'no-plaques rule'? Is this a donation? It was agreed that it MUST be a donation with no cost to LGA.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm?

Submitted by Gay Russell-Dempsey