

Loring Greenway Association Annual Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026
Via Zoom

Directors Present: Richard Anderson, Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Tina Jones, Laura Mattson, Mary Maier, John VanHeel

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Meeting agenda. Approved

Board Directors Election

Term expiring for: Richard Anderson, Lee Frelich, Ron Fiscus, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson, Gay Russell Dempsey and Judy Tucker. Ron, Gay and Judy declined to run for reelection.

Directors elected for another term: Unanimous vote electing Lee Frelich, Richard Anderson, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson for another term.

Officers Election: Unanimous vote electing: John VanHeel, President; Laura Mattson and Sue Jones, Co-Vice-president; Laura Mattson, Treasurer; Sue Jones, Secretary.

Board Administration

December Board meeting minutes. Accepted and approved..

Board Directors recruitment. Possible recruitment strategies include: Judy, Gay and Ron will continue to look for possible candidates. Board meeting with individual building boards and Mary will encourage gardeners to think about possible candidates. Identifying a “pitch” is critical to recruitment success. Our March retreat will add more ideas and clarity.

Financial and Fundraising Report - Laura Mattson. A total of \$55,000 was raised this year. Thanks and congratulations to all. One contributing factor may have been LGA's instrumental role in getting a new playground. LGA's leadership on this issue was noticed and appreciated by our Greenway community.

Given ongoing Greenway infrastructure issues (no working fountains and continuing electrical issues), Laura will focus on the beauty of the Greenway for fundraising efforts.

Preview LGA Activities

March 14, 2026 Retreat: 10-am to noon. 110 Grant Street Meeting Room. Laura will lead three primary discussions: Recruitment, Fundraising, Vision for the future.

Gardening - Mary Maier.

- A Gardening Committee meeting is being planned. Maureen, Sue, John and Joe will do annual shed inventory prior to April 18th. Brian Winick is on board for another year of assisting with landscaping. Lee will contact Rainbow to follow-up on Rainbow's offer for some special pricing. Grass cutting on Loring Way side of Grant Street Corridor is an issue. Richard will talk with building to hopefully identify a solution.
- Saturday Gardening Dates. April 18 - Spring Cleanup. May 15 - Plants delivered. May 16 - Planting. June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17-Fall Cleanup

Long-range Planning- Tina Jones.

Group Members: Tina Jones, Ron Fiscus, Bob Conlin, John VanHeel, Tina Jones, John Bollough, Heidi Schalberg, RichardAnderson, John VanHeel.

The Greenway Renovation Project has a \$500,000 (placeholder) budget and is currently ranked 61 (out of 62 funding requests). Group goals are to improve the Greenway ranking through community and city awareness and engagement, be prepared with additional funding sources and develop plans to address critical infrastructure needs in the interim. Meetings with Public Works, City Planning department and CM Shaffer are planned. Group will also research practicality of pursuing Historic Preservation Site status for the Greenway to protect Paul Friedberg's original design intentions.

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm.

Submitted,
Sue Jones