

**LGA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2025  
Zoom**

Directors present:

Richard Anderson, Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Tina Jones, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Gay Russell -Dempsey, Judy Tucker, John Van Heel

Directors absent: Ron Fiscus

Call to Order: John Van Heel called meeting to order at 5:04pm

**Board Administration**

1. Meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

2. Board meeting minutes: October board meeting minutes accepted unanimously with addition of noting Tina Jones' leading a task force on LGA interest in City's long-range planning for the Greenway Capital Improvement Project.

3. Updates-John Van Heel

- Tina Jones has begun confirming other long range planning work group members, including Ron Fiscus.
- The deteriorating tiles on the pyramids, berms and water channels are of particular concern as they present an increasing concern for volunteer safety for spring gardening. Recommendation: A meeting with Public Works to emphasize the deterioration and safety concerns.
- Jo Theodosopoulos has resigned from the Board but will continue Greenway gardening.
- Richard Anderson will serve as the new Loring Greenway liaison on the Nicollet Safety Committee.

4. Financial and Fundraising-Laura Mattson

- We have approximately \$73,000 in the bank, not including a recent \$1500 donation from our local Lunds & Bylerly's. A big thanks to Judy Tucker for making the initial contact at L&B.
- Solicitation letters were sent to Loring Way and 1200 on the Mall and our general solicitation letter to all will be sent out soon.

5. Following 2026 Budget Approved unanimously.

<b>Communications Committee</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Events Committee-Judy</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Executive Committee-John/Laura</b>	
Insurance Liability, D&O	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 250.00

Accounting, Legal Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Bank Fees	\$ 250.00
Business Registration Fees	\$ 25.00
Refreshments	\$ 100.00
Website & Telecommunications	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Executive Committee</b>	<b>\$ 6,125.00</b>

**Fundraising Committee-Laura** \$ 3,000.00

**Garden Committee-Mary**

Professional Gardener	\$ 10,000.00
Plants	\$ 8,500.00
Landscaping	\$ 10,000.00
Trees	\$ 3,253.72
Supplies, Equipment	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total Garden Committee</b>	<b>\$ 34,253.72</b>

**Infrastructure Committee-John** \$ 3,000.00

**TOTAL** \$ 47,378.72

**Notes:**

- Infrastructure: Lights and signage are main expenditures. Purchase of additional chairs and tables needs additional review, including use of targeted fund raising just for new tables and chairs.
- Garden: Trying new approach- fertilizing trees every 3 years, rather than 2 years which saves approximately \$5,000/year; so this year's ½ Greenway fertilization will be skipped.
- Emerald ash borer treatment continues this year. Rainbow is the main provider of this service in our area.

6. 2026 Annual Meeting

- Date-February 11, 2026
- The following directors are up for re-election:
- Richard Anderson, Ron Fiscus, Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson, Gay Russell-Dempsey, Judy Tucker. Unfortunately, Judy Tucker stated she will not be running again; but she will continue to organize our annual National Night Out event. She has also been working on identifying a replacement from Greenway Gables.
- John checked interest of current officers' interest in remaining in current positions, stressing anyone interested in an officer position should let John know.

7. 2026 Visioning and strategic planning sessions

- Looking at these as "mini retreats" to begin after our February board meeting to allow participation of any new directors elected in February.
- See these visioning meetings as several shorter sessions, with the first tentatively set for March 14, 2026.

- Topics are YTB, but a quick brainstorming resulted in:
  - How much money do we need to raise?
  - Outreach (community and political)
  - LGA focus from now to the actual Greenway project.
  - Committee structure visioning

8. Final adds:

- Playground grand opening: Unsure whether another grand opening celebration should be done at this point. Maybe fold in the new playground into NNO event?
- John will work with Lee to put together a meeting with our new City Council member Elizabeth Shaffer and CLIC committee member John Masternoski.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.