

MINUTES: LORING GREEN ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 10, 2024

Directors Present: John VanHeel, Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Laura Mattson, Judy Tucker, Mary Maier, Gay Russell-Dempsey, Merry Keefe, Richard Anderson

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

Approval of meeting agenda. Moved and seconded. Approved by Directors.

Approval of previous meeting minutes. Moved and seconded. Approved by Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial/Fund Raising- Laura

- Laura will have the financial report ready in November.

Discussion of Proposed LGA-DPW 4-year Agreement Renewal— Group

Two copies are available to us: the red suggested changes are for the DPW and the blue suggestions are for our committee. John has asked the City for the original 1990s agreement and was told they could not find it, but we might still get it. This agreement is based on the Third Avenue of Area and City agreement. The City is resistant to making changes to the agreement.

It should be clear that we are NOT taking on the Park, so the word *park* in the agreement has been changed to *playground*.

We have also emphasized the idea of *partnership* in our wording (red) to the PB.

John and Laura and Judy will look into the Insurance portion of the agreement (8 a and b) and John will review with Dave Bower issues about procedure when we need to use a subcontractor, additional compliance, etc.

Mary feels we need to sit down with Public Works and their employees to address our grievances regarding interface with their workers. There exists online a Code of Ethics Title 2 Chapter 15 that she believes addresses this. John feels this is not an infrastructure issue.

John's next steps will be to talk to D Bower about the agreement renewal and address any questions we still have, such as waste bins, communication, etc.

Sue wonders what we respond if PB denies our changes to the document.

Attempting to improve interfacing and taking a few more steps to prepare for a meeting with the City seems the best plan at this point.

Gardening-Mary

October 19 is Clean-up Day; we close the shed, roll up hoses for the season. Summer is meeting with gardeners to plan 2025. Brian Wittick(sp?) may be gone. We won the Green Spaces award (AGAIN!!). The waste bins are an ongoing sore spot in various places around the Greenway. John indicated that the enclosures should be remodeled and Mary said the sprinkler near the shed is being stepped on. She feels the bin is drawing attention to the shed as a sleeping area.

We should discuss recruitment at our annual meeting (February?)

Events-Judy

Judy expressed her disappointment in the turnout at the *Hyatt Appreciation Event*. Gay also thought it was a sad affair given the fact no one from LGE showed up. Mary suggested choosing a night other than Tuesday. Judy feels there was not much money spent while the Greenway looked nice and new people helped with the event. *National Night Out* was fun. It was suggested that we might want to resurrect the Doggie Dress-up event that was once a feature of the get-together.

The entertainment was much appreciated by many who attended.

Trees-Lee

We need help with problem trees. A tree branch fell into a balcony at Loring Way and who will take care of it? There are broken branches all over the city. The Park Board forestry division should be given a list of all of these (or to Dave Bower?)

Infrastructure-John

We had a walk thru in September and should receive a report. To come is a Playground specialist. Tiles are missing but could be in a warehouse somewhere. Lights are out in West end, which may be due to Kiosk or fountain.

Next year is CAP Renewal project replacing kiosks etc. If lights go out again, work will commence sooner. Mary noticed the north side near Greenway Gables has a new electrical box near steps. John will check on this.

John will be talking to Dave Bower about the issues discussed at this meeting.

John and some board members feel that it may take time to come to consensus on the more fractious issues.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30+

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Russell-Dempsey