



## **LGA Board of Directors Meeting**

August 14, 2019

110 W. Grant, Community Room

**Board Members Present** – Richard Anderson, Nettie Andrews, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Greg Gaut, Merry Keefe, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, John Van Heel

**Guest Present** – Maxine Matheson, Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel Director of Events

**Call to Order** – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

**Last Meeting's Minutes** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the July 2019 meeting be approved with the addition of Greg Gaut as a board member in attendance. Motion CARRIED.

**Election of New Board Member** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that Maxine Matheson be elected to the Board of Directors as the Hyatt's representative. Motion CARRIED.

**Financial Report** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the quarterly financial report be accepted. Motion CARRIED.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Communications** – The Frank Edgerton Martin talk is set for Saturday morning, September 14, at the Loring Community Art Center in Loring Park. Greg will email the flyer to the board for inclusion in building newsletters and for posting. Some volunteers are needed to help out with the event; contact Greg if available. There was a \$50 "building" fee for staffing on a Saturday. At the talk, someone from the board will announce the following week's Oktoberfest event.

Greg showed the new slide show to fellow board members at the end of meeting. It will be useful for building reps and fundraising efforts. The primary target audience is people who don't know anything about the Loring Greenway.

**Events** –The entertainment/dancers' contract has been signed for the September 22 Oktoberfest event. The Hyatt will set up some tables in coordination with Maxine. Karen and Claire are looking for setup and cleanup volunteers—a couple of people from each building will be ideal. LGA is providing food, brats and potato salad from Costco and using four grills from LGE; grilled brats will be transported to tables that have burners. Door prizes are lined up. Laura asked whether the food would be on the accessible level of the Greenway. Linda will send one more reminder email about both events (Oktoberfest and Frank's talk).

**Fundraising** – Laura provided summary reports of year-to-date donations for all building reps to use at their discretion in contacting non-donors; another mass mailing will go out in September or October. Laura is interested in collecting personal stories about what the Loring Greenway means to you for the fall fundraising letter, so consider sending a few sentences to Laura.

**Gardening** – The committee met to discuss possible needs from Green Minneapolis and initial ideas for next year's garden planning. The August volunteer gardening day is this Saturday. Last month's was rainy and

moved to Sunday, but there was a good turnout. One corporate volunteer group backed out from volunteering earlier this month.

Lee will be doing a walkthrough with Rainbow (~\$200 cost) to count and map trees to ensure we are keeping track of what's happening with each tree. We could put tree information on our website.

The adopt-a-garden program is going on year 3 with some really dedicated people, but some areas are still not covered at all or could use more people. Peggy MacRae won't be able to continue leading that effort, so Mary suggested a Happy Hour in coordination with the Hyatt to thank the adopt-a-garden volunteers, get feedback, and recruit extra people. 20 to 30 people are currently involved; perhaps the Happy Hour could be done in coordination with a patio party or board meeting party. Karen suggested it could be an invited event that she would help coordinate because Mary wants a focused/ captive/ working meeting. At our next board meeting, we'll discuss moving the annual donor and volunteer thank-you event.

**Infrastructure** – Use signage (accessibility, bicyclist, scooters, and skateboards) should be a priority and coordinated with city. Signage would be one piece of the puzzle and education to people coming downtown from other areas. Having observers/data gathered about where signage is needed might be useful for convincing city – even on the pavement. John has heard from a lot of people on this issue and thinks we need an organized pitch. Accessibility coordinator at city hasn't gotten back to John. Mary Alyce mentioned some people are just lost. John mentioned Green Minneapolis might have a way to tackle this from their other projects. Greg mentioned separating scooter traffic and bike traffic on the Greenway. Next infrastructure committee meeting will be in early September.

**Green Minneapolis** – The meeting tomorrow with Beth Shogren is simply informational. All are welcome to attend (11:00 AM, LGE first floor).

**Safety** – Pat summarized some information shared at the CLPC safety meeting and some statistics about neighborhood crime. General reminder to call 911; people from Loring Way have been calling 911 a lot lately and squads have been responding and ticketing.

**Adjournment** – 6:30PM

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, September 11, 5:00 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room