



LGA Board of Directors Meeting
July 8, 2020, 5:00 PM, via Zoom

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Merry Keefe, Linda Luksan, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Maureen Meier, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

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

Last Meetings' Minutes – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the June 2020 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

Business Since Previous Meeting – Claire Selkurt and Larry Clausen submitted their resignations from the LGA Board, which were effective immediately.

Treasurer's Report – Richard will circulate the Q2 financial report upon receipt from our accountant.

Committee Reports –

Fundraising – Donors are being generous this year, despite the pandemic, for which the LGA Board is very appreciative.

Gardening – Gardens look great. Plant thefts continue (now up to 96 for the season). Rabbits are making a mess of the zinnias.

Infrastructure – John contacted David Bauer in Public Works to propose two options to address the skateboarding problem. Public Works is overwhelmed with work, largely due to the recent damage done along Lake Street. The pyramid corner damage near Nicollet Mall was caused by a snowplow. When fixing that, Public Works could install raised tiles on the pyramids and bollards at the corners to discourage skateboarders. Public Works officials think a guardrail will be a viable option in some locations. Public Works continues to provide much-needed maintenance and repair along the Loring Greenway and is in the process of painting the trash receptacles.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Richard and Merry draft a letter to Lisa Goodman, for the Executive Committee to send on behalf of the LGA Board, to request that Public Works do an assessment of the infrastructure of the Loring Greenway in order to have the data needed to initiate the Capital Long Range Improvement Program request that is needed to get into the City's budgeting process. Motion CARRIED.

Safety – With Larry's resignation from the board, the committee is now in inactive status. Relevant issues will be folded into the work of the Infrastructure Committee. An area resident wrote the LGA Board about recent unruly gatherings on the Loring Greenway, and removal of its benches was an idea floated for consideration. The problem appears to have been a short-term one that has moved on. Given the heavy use and enjoyment of the benches by Loring Greenway residents and visitors who do not disturb others, the board supports keeping the benches in place. Nick will relay the board's thoughts to Jana Metge at Citizens for a Loring Park Community, which has also been involved in discussions regarding this matter.

Recruitment of New Board Members and Officers – We need Building Reps from Loring Green West and the Tower at 1200 on the Mall. Nick will contact their Association boards to ask them to recruit/nominate their candidates. We need to find candidates who understand that a two-year commitment is expected and that we are a working board responsible for both strategy *and* execution. Nick and Linda will update role

descriptions to aid with recruiting. Board members are also reminded that a new slate of officers needs to be identified for 2021.

Project Ideas – In light of a recent large donation, there's an opportunity to target spending toward an unbudgeted project this year, provided there's a project champion to shepherd it to fruition. Candidate projects include, but are not limited to, expansion of the shade garden and banners.

Other Business –

If board members want a July newsletter, the deadline for submitting content to Laura is July 15.

Nick will check with Maxine at the Hyatt regarding storage of the bistro furniture in the off-season.

Beth Shogren recently resigned from Green Minneapolis due to funding cuts.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that we meet every two months instead of monthly. Motion CARRIED.

Adjournment – 6:20 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2020, via Zoom