



## **LGA Board of Directors Meeting**

October 9, 2019

110 W. Grant, Community Room

**Board Members Present** – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Greg Gaut, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, Margy Troje-Meade

**Call to Order** – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**Last Meeting's Minutes** – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the September 2019 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

**Financial Report** – Cash on hand as of September 30 is \$61,829.51. Income and expenses are both tracking favorably to budget.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Events** – Many thanks to the committee for delivering a terrific Oktoberfest! The event was moved indoors to the Hyatt due to weather, but a good time was had by all. The committee asked the board to clarify the primary purpose of the Oktoberfest event—is it community-building or fundraising? It's historically been the former, with collection jars available for donations. Karen will send Laura the list of door prizes and who donated them, so the donations can be recorded and acknowledgment letters sent.

The committee proposed moving the Donor/Volunteer Appreciation event from winter to spring (perhaps in May), so snowbirds can attend and to make use of the Hyatt's outdoor patio space if weather allows. The committee also recommends that wine-and-cheese receptions be held in each building to help raise awareness, encourage donations, and recruit a younger volunteer base. The committee will propose a budget for 2020 to fund these items and will meet with the building reps to exchange ideas about how to make the receptions successful.

**Fundraising** – The fall fundraising letter will go out at the end of the month. Board members are reminded to make their annual donations before year-end; Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 14, might be a good time to do so.

**Gardening** – The committee met earlier this week to discuss the 2019 gardening season and to plan for next year. The Target group of 16 hearty volunteers tackled lots of tasks. Rainbow Tree completed the digital tree map and the tree slow-growth treatment. The committee co-chairs did the walk-through with Beth Shogren of Green Minneapolis.

**Infrastructure** – John and Mary are doing the fall walk-through with Andy Carlson of Public Works on Friday to discuss progress on previously discussed priorities as well as new concerns. It's time to store the bistro furniture for the winter; Greg will check with Fred Aden regarding storing them at Loring Green West. There is information related to banners that will be transferred to the committee for its consideration.

**Minneapolis DID Greening Awards** – Hurrah for the Loring Greenway's tenth year in a row as an award winner! Two award signs are now on display.

**LGA Agreement with City** – The agreement with the City expires July 1, 2020. A small committee will be formed by spring to develop a list of proposed changes to the agreement.

**New Business** – Mary Alyce announced her early retirement from the board, effective at the end of this meeting. She recruited her replacement as the Loring Green West building rep. It was MOVED and SECONDED that Larry Clausen be elected to fill the remainder of Mary Alyce’s term. Motion CARRIED. Larry is interested in safety issues.

Karen Lund-Brust also announced her early retirement from the board, effective in January.

After a lapse in doing so, the Executive Committee will reinstate holding an orientation session for all new board members shortly after the January election; any current board members who didn’t receive an orientation will also be invited to attend.

It’s time for committees to begin assembling their 2020 budgets. We’ll discuss the process at next month’s meeting.

**Adjournment** – 6:30 PM

**Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday, November 13, 5:00 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room