



LGA Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2019
110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Nettie Andrews, Pat Davies, Nicholas Deacon, Lee Frelich, Greg Gaut, Merry Keefe, Mary Alyce Krohnke, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Mary Maier, Maxine Matheson, Laura Mattson, Claire Selkurt, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM (or at 5:00 PM, depending on whose clock you believe☺).

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

Minneapolis DID Greening Awards – Voting ends Friday, so vote and spread the word to others to vote for the awesome Loring Greenway.

Committee Reports –

Communications – The Frank Edgerton Martin talk is set for 11 AM Saturday, September 14, at the Loring Community Art Center in Loring Park. Richard and Nettie will help Greg and Linda set up tables, chairs, food, et al., at 10:30 AM. Richard will bring the Donations bucket and Linda will bring the bagels and coffee, LGA information cards and an email signup sheet. Greg will emcee the event (introductions, thank-yous, donations needed, Oktoberfest event, etc.).

The new slide show is uploaded to Dropbox for board members to access and use at their convenience.

Events – Maxine is checking whether there is indoor Hyatt space available should it rain the day of Oktoberfest (September 22). If so, the committee will modify the posters to show the backup plan, Laura will post on Facebook and Linda will send an email blast to our subscribers. Pretzels, root beer and non-alcoholic beer have been added to the menu; see last month's minutes for more info about the menu, setup and door prizes.

The committee is proposing to move the Donor/Volunteer Appreciation event from winter to spring to attract snowbirds who can't attend in January or February. The idea will be discussed further next meeting. In the meantime, the committee will brief Maxine on the history of the appreciation event, which is the board's priority event each year.

Fundraising – The fall fundraising letter will go out in October or November—Laura is still seeking personal "what the Loring Greenway means to me" stories to include in the letter. Board members are reminded to make their annual donations before year-end. Give to the Max Day this year is Thursday, November 14.

Gardening – The next Saturday gardening day is September 21. A Target group of up to 25 volunteers is scheduled for October 4. Too many leaves are falling in the shade garden, so we are having Rainbow Tree treat the trees there to slow their growth; they'll also be providing a digital map of all the trees on the Loring Greenway and address the infestation of caterpillars on the locust trees at the east end of the Loring

Greenway. The committee is seeking ideas for next year; a suggestion was made to change next year's fountain saucer plantings back to last year's version, which had more color. Contact Mary if you have ideas.

Infrastructure – The next committee meeting will be scheduled soon. John is creating a plan that shows the opportunities for mobility signage. Unbelievable damage, qualifying as outright vandalism, has been done by skateboarders to numerous (expensive) tiles on the pyramid gardens this summer. Board members have attempted to intervene when they've observed the activity in progress, but they have been met with disdain and/or hostility. Some shocking repair work on the tile berms was done recently by Public Works, using scored concrete of a variety of colors that are not remotely similar to the existing tiles. Claire will research local tile companies that might be able to replicate the tiles, which were manufactured in Italy and are no longer readily available. John and Mary will be doing the fall walk-through with Public Works in early October, at which time these issues will be reviewed. The City has engaged a consultant to review "downtown assets" that include the Loring Greenway.

Green Minneapolis – The committee continues to flesh out potential areas where the two organizations could work together, leveraging each group's respective strengths. Richard and Mary will walk the Loring Greenway with Beth Shogren to better acquaint her with the space. Green Minneapolis is holding two downtown Greening Lab events this month, one each at The Commons and Peavey Plaza, to count and measure trees in those spaces. Pat will send info to Linda for publicizing to our email subscribers.

Adjournment – 5:55 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 5:00 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room