



LGA Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 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 5:00 PM.

Previous Meeting's Minutes – It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the July 2020 meeting be approved. Motion CARRIED.

Business Since Previous Meeting – 1) Maxine Matheson is no longer with the Hyatt, so we need to have them designate a new board representative. 2) The Executive Committee approved the replacement of the damaged Little Free Library for an estimated cost of \$400.

Treasurer's Report – The Q2 financial report was posted to Dropbox on July 29. We've had only one major expense since our July meeting, for tree care.

Newsletters – Content for the next newsletter is due to Laura by September 15.

Committee Reports –

Fundraising – \$39,642 has been raised year to date versus the full-year \$50,700 revenue budget. Expenses are approximately \$28,800 year to date versus the full-year \$50,700 expense budget. Three building associations have not yet made their donations this year, but we still anticipate their receipt. No major expenses are forecast for the remainder of 2020, so we don't anticipate needing to dip into reserves. A decision regarding sending this year's second fundraising letter is tabled until the November meeting.

Gardening – Following major damage on the Loring Greenway last month, a group of volunteers tackled the cleanup. Planning for 2021 is underway.

Infrastructure – No progress yet on getting the masonry repairs or railing installation done on the pyramid near Nicollet Mall. Surface-level safety signage (pavement stencils) for cycles and scooters remains a priority. One of the accessible route signs was damaged last month and will be replaced and installed with a concrete foundation. A walk-through (with face masks) for the fall infrastructure assessment is scheduled for September 19.

Tables and Chairs – We would like to find a Loring Green West resident or other volunteer to manage and coordinate storage of the tables and chairs, which have been stored for many winters at Loring Green West. The Hyatt Hotel has previously offered to store them, so that may be a backup plan if Loring Green West should no longer be an option.

Recruitment of New Board Members – Nick has asked Loring Green West's association president and the Hyatt Hotel's General Manager to identify representatives to fill their spots on the board. Claire Selkurt is helping find someone to replace her as the Tower at 1200 on the Mall ("1225") building rep.

Other Business – 1) The new Little Free Library is larger than the damaged one it replaced. The board is very appreciative of the volunteers who made the replacement happen so quickly. 2) There is progress on the Greening Partnership Agreement, as evidenced by the City’s request for an updated W9 form from LGA.

Adjournment – 6:10 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 5:00 PM via Zoom