Loring Greenway Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2024
Via Zoom

Directors Present: John Van Heel, Gay Russel Dempsey, Merry Keefe, Ron Fiscus, Mary Maier, Sue Jones, Lee Frelich, Richard Anderson, Laura Mattson, Judy Tucker

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm

Board Administration

- Meeting agenda approved.
- Meeting minutes for July 10, 2024 approved.
- Financial Report-Laura Mattson
  - Building solicitation letters will go out in the next week. Laura hand delivered cash donation letter to Hyatt.
  - Laura will follow-up her first (in-person) LGA finances session with written documents that will complete the first session and will add additional info to complete the tutorial.
- LGA/DPW 4 year agreement renewal-John VanHeel.
  - Current agreement expires end of December.
  - Directors interested in working on new agreement should contact John. So far Judy Tucker and Sue Jones expressed interest. John willl send out a doodle survey to set up first meeting of the group. Goal is to send LGA's suggested agreement changes to MPW by end of September.

Committee Reports

Events-Judy Tucker

- National Night out was a great success!
- Hyatt Donor Recognition Event set for September 10, 5-7pm.
- Judy encouraged Directors to begin to think about who/how to do events next year.

Gardening-Mary Maier

- Greenway looking lush and beutiful.
- Mary will do a Greenway walk-thru with Waggners Nursery contact. Mary will also do a walk-thru with Summer to begin to think about our 2025 Greenway.
- Mary will assess and report on damage done as a result of Greenway Gables wall work.
- August 17th is next Saturday gardening day. Remaining 2024 Saturday gardening dates are September 21st and October 19th.

Trees-Lee Frelich

- Given tree fertilization costs, Lee will think about possible alternatives.
- One of the down sides to our very rainy summer is fungal leaf disease. Between that and reduced sun exposure, a flowering crab apple tree by the shed died and will be cut down. Two firs by Loring Way will also be cut down.

Building Rep Convesation-Sue Jones

Sue Jones, Merry Keefe, Judy Tucker and Gay Dempsey had a follow-up meeting to share prgress, additional thoughts. Laura Mattson joined meeting to provide historical insight. Little Green Light (LGL) is a valuable resource for Building Reps interested in sending "Thank You" notes to their individual building donors as, once setup in LGL, the building rep is notified automatically of new donations made from people in their respective building.

Infrastructure-John VanHeel

- Not for the first time, lights have been out on the west end of the Greenway. The problem could be related to the two kiosks and the underground fountain vault, This could push forward some of capital improvement project which may or may not be advantageous. John will continue discussions with Dave Bauer.
- Condition and maintenance of play ground sand needs MPW attention.
- Construction equipment, related to the current LGW project, has been driven on Greenway sidewalk resulting in damage to the Greenway. John will check into the issue.

Covering tasks during Laura's temporary absence

- John's name will be added to bank account to ensure any needed check/payment coverage.
- Late September thru October donor acknowledgement letters will go out in November
- September Saturday Gardening Day email blast will be done as usual.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm

Respectively submitted,
Sue Jones