

Minutes: Loring Greenway Association Board of Directors
December 13,2023

Directors Present: John VanHeel, Lee Frelich, Sue Jones, Laura Mason, Judy Tucker, Gay Russell Dempsey, Ron Fiscus, Merry Keefe, Richard Anderson, Mary Maier

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Approval of meeting agenda. Moved and seconded. Approved by Directors.

Approval of previous meeting minutes. Moved and seconded. Approved by Directors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gardening-Mary

- Summer is finalizing Spring plant order.
- The Gables will be doing some wall work early spring.
- Lee reports patio work, to be done in April or May, will not have major impact on Greenway/gardens.
- Gay will check on impact of LGW membrane project for Greenway access.
- LGW membrane project will impact delivery and plant storage staging.

Events-Judy

- Looking into LGA marching in Aquatennial Parade on July 24th.
- Possible Greenway performances could include
 - Cloggers
 - McPhail summer students' performance
 - Various speakers

Trees-Lee

- Some questions remain about protecting trees during the Greenway reconstruction.
- East trees will be fertilized next summer.

Infrastructure-John

- Nicollet Mall entrance signage will be installed soon.
- Cracks in sidewalks remain an issue.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS

DID Award: Graciously received by Ron Fiscus. Discussion on where plaques are/can be displayed. Currently, Mary has the plaques. No decision on a good place to display. Many thanks to ALL for making this award happen..once again!

Google Workspace-Laura

Google Workspace is LGA's new platform for storing/archiving organizational documents. Laura hosted an introductory session with Mary, John and Sue. Laura plans to do additional small groups in January or February to continue to introduce the platform to all Board directors.

Berger Fountain-John

John will get update re. Berger Fountain status, with intention to do a more detailed update to LGA Board to air LGA Board discussion of how best to support the Berger Fountain project.

Concern was expressed by a few LGA Directors that recent Berger Fountain fundraising communications (from Friends of Losing Park) suggests LGA's financial support...which has yet to be determined by LGA Board. John will send note to key groups connected to Berger Fountain restoration project confirming LGA's support of the Berger Fountain restoration (with LGA financial support yet to be determined by LGA).

Upcoming LGA Board elections-John

LGA Board Officers annual elections are in February. Due to resignations, LGA Secretary and Treasurer positions are vacant and are being temporarily performed by Sue and Laura, respectively. Any Director interested in either of these positions, or any Director position, should let John know.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Jones