



**Loring Greenway Association
Board of Directors
January 12, 2012
One Ten Grant, Community Room
4:30**

Board Members Present: Fred Aden, Kristin Berns, Pat Davies, Bess Gold, Doug Wallace, Sally Westby

Board Members Absent: Kay Constantine; Ray Harris, Merry Keefe

Board Business

The Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Doug Wallace. Pat Davies moved that the agenda be approved; seconded by Sally Westby. The motion was adopted. Pat also moved that the Board minutes for November 13, 2011 be approved; seconded by Sally Westby. The motion was adopted.

Sally Westby moved that the treasurer's report for December be accepted; seconded by Bess Gold. The motion was adopted.

Pat Davies nominated Bill Snyder and Jan Sandberg for Board membership. Both nominations were approved unanimously. Doug Wallace announced that Kay Constantine, whose term on the Board ends in February 2013, is retiring from the Board. Fred Aden is seeking another person from Loring Green West to serve. The terms of five current members end with the February annual meeting. All five agreed to serve a two-year term if approved in February: Pat Davies, Fred Aden, Sally Westby, Bess Gold, and Doug Wallace. Fred is relinquishing the role of secretary. Doug Wallace requested that a Board member volunteer to fill that role by the February meeting. Doug reported that John Van Heel, a resident of 110 Grant and staff member of CLPC has agreed to join the Board.

Pat Davies moved that Bill Snyder be elected Board Treasurer; seconded by Sally Westby. Bill has been asked by Doug Wallace to attend a meeting. Bill gave a brief rundown of his background. The motion to confirm him as Treasurer was adopted unanimously.

LGA Annual Report Progress

Doug Wallace reported that Jan Sandberg has begun to create the report for 2011. Copy for any missing pieces is needed now.

Fred Aden has received volunteered hours from all Board members. Using the Databank USA valuation, members contributed administrative hours worth \$23,303 and gardening/events hours worth \$10,512 during 2011.

2012 Budget

Doug Wallace presented summaries of (1) Actual Budget Revenue and Budget Expenses for 2010 and 2011 and (2) proposed Revenue and Expenditures for 2012 and 2013, detailed in seven categories. The proposed budget for 2012 is a “base budget”. The current layout reflects higher expenditures in alternate years, largely due to ash borer treatment and tree fertilization applied in two-year cycles. Ways to balance the expenditures across years were discussed.

Doug noted that expenditures were curtailed during 2011 due to concern that revenue would not be sufficient. In the end, 2011 ended with a surplus of \$15,635 to carry forward to 2012. Bess Gold moved that \$6000 of that amount be moved to proposed expenditures for 2012; seconded by Sally Westby. The motion was adopted.

Pat Davies said she felt that the amount budgeted for fundraising expenses was not sufficient. After board discussion, it was agreed that this area need fuller attention and resolution.

Bill Snyder moved that the proposed budget for 2012 be accepted with the note that fundraising monies will be looked at after the election of new officers. The motion was seconded by Sally Westby. The motion was approved.

Retreat Results

Board members received the summary completed by Jan Sandberg. The results will be discussed over several months.

Draft Case Statement Review

Doug Wallace requested that Board members review the statement he wrote and respond to him with any recommendations for substantive changes and additions. Visuals prepared by Damon Farber will be included.

Doug asked Pat Davies to work on the concept of “Friends of the Greenway” as a way to differentiate the Loring Greenway from the Midtown Greenway. Pat discussed her proposal to change the name of the donor group to “Friends of the Loring Greenway.” This will be a part of the discussion on fundraising and fundraising budgeting.

Annual Meeting Agenda

Content will include a summary of 2011 activity and results, Board member approvals and presentations by Lee Frelich from the University of Minnesota and Russell Kennedy from Rainbow Treecare.

The meeting was adjourned.