

**Minutes of March 12, 2014
FNA Board Meeting**

Board Members Present: Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Ryan Kelley, Jane Kohnen, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Linea Palmisano, Ken Dahler, Jason Wittenburg and approximately 80-90 residents

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the Feb. 12, 2014 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve presented the February Financial Report.

Pig and Fiddle Summer Event: Mark van Wie, owner of Pig and Fiddle, announced that the restaurant will be partnering in the Lifetime Fitness Women's 5K run on July 24. The race will be held at 50th & France; this is the second year for the event and they are anticipating 2,000 participants. After the race, the restaurant parking lot will be fenced off and race participants will enjoy food, drink and music. It is anticipated that the event will be done by 10 p.m. Security and trash clean-up will be included.

The Waters on 50th: Judy Peters announced that the new senior living facility will open on May 1. There will be 60 senior living apartments, 14 memory care units and 14 advanced care units. There are currently 25 units reserved. When fully occupied, Judy anticipates 20-25 staff members on site at a time. There will be 12 above ground parking spaces for guests and 60 below ground spaces for staff and residents. There will be a Grand Opening Open House from 5-7 p.m. on April 9; refreshments and tours will be available.

Minnehaha Creek Corridor: Jane reminded residents to take the Creek Survey they should have recently received and to attend the Community Meeting on March 22.

Ward 13 Report: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported that she attended a meeting last week with the 50th & France Business Association. It was a good meeting and productive ideas were generated. A compromise has been reached between the neighbors and the owner of Red Cow for the Critical Parking Area. The restaurant owner still has to officially drop his lawsuit against the City before the compromise can be brought forward to be approved by the full City Council.

Housing Moratorium Discussion: See attached addendum.

Small Area Plan: The Steering Committee for the SAP will meet again on March 31. They are investigating the best way to reach our goals (SAP or some other planning document) and exactly what our goals will be.

Pershing Park Director's Report: Ashley reported in Scott's absence that Spring Sports and Summer Program Registration have both begun.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The 2013 FNA Annual Report was presented. John moved to approve and submit the report to NCR; Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: A resident noted concerns about increased crime rates over the past year. John mentioned the monthly Safety Meeting on the 4th Thursday is a good avenue to address specific concerns. Traffic patterns were also discussed due to drivers trying to avoid France Avenue; call 311 and report problems.
- Arts: Blaire will be resubmitting our request to pursue Utility Wraps. We will use pre-approved designs. Encroachment fee of \$50 per box; unsure of vendor fees.

- Zoning: The Zoning Committee read their proposed position statement to the draft ordinance calling for a moratorium on demolition and new construction in five Ward 13 neighborhoods:

“We have a great neighborhood, and we are lucky to be living in such a desirable location. We fully agree with the sentiments that are behind the issues raised with residential construction. Respect for neighbors during the construction process is a must.

However, there is a subset of contractors that have made it difficult for those living next door to a construction site. The City of Minneapolis needs to look at how to better enforce our existing ordinances. In addition, there are areas of code that could be improved.

One issue we are concerned with is the lack of fairness with the moratorium. Many who do respect the code will be negatively affected by the moratorium. This includes single family homeowners, builders, and contractors. The sudden imposition of the moratorium has serious consequences. There are many contractual obligations already in place that will result in undue financial burden on businesses and homeowners. And we could lose valuable neighbors who leave the area because of the moratorium. We agree that something has to be done. How can we help to get this resolved quickly and fairly?

We fully support your intentions and want to engage with you in improving the building process and the resulting homes. We would like to see this done without a moratorium.”

Much discussion was held about whether or not FNA should take a formal position on this issue. Everyone seems to agree that something needs to be done with the size and scale of new homes and to require better regulation enforcement, but a full moratorium has a negative financial impact on the neighborhood. Board members would like to see investment money spent locally rather than in other neighborhoods or other cities. Jane noted that the position statement isn't about the size, aesthetics, enforcement, etc. of infill housing, rather it is about objection to the process of a moratorium. Jim questioned the need for an immediate vote and suggested the issue be re-addressed in one month when we have had more time to think about and discuss the issue. Ryan noted that if we want to have any effect on a City Council vote, our position would need to be made clear prior to the Zoning and Planning Committee meeting on 3/20. John moved that FNA make a formal public position statement on the proposed draft ordinance; Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Steve Y. moved that FNA adopt the Zoning Committee statement; Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Ryan Kelley, Secretary