

Minutes of April 8, 2015
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Jeremy Abbs, Julie Backer, Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Scott Erazmus, Matt Perry and Greg Putnam

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. No revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from March 11, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Y. presented the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

Pershing Park Update: Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- The leak in the pool is minor; shade structure planning can continue.
- The City has added a new event permit fee for all park events; FNA will no longer be covered under the MPRB umbrella permit. The \$43.50 fee will be waived for upcoming events if the paperwork is submitted by 6/1.
- MPRB has a new, more user friendly website.
- Southwest High School will not need to use a corner of the Pershing fields as a staging area for their construction after all.

Shade Structures: Steve Y. has been in contact with MPRB Commissioner Brad Bourn and has secured \$7,500 in funding from MPRB for the shade structures. The Board agreed to pay their \$7,500 matching amount using CPP funds. This will require both a Phase II Plan Modification to add language to an appropriate strategy and a Neighborhood Priority Plan. Both require 21 day notice to affected parties. The Board was formally notified of the intent to vote on both of these actions at the May 13 FNA meeting. Ruth will post notice on the website.

Annual Report: Ruth has prepared the required Annual Report for the City. Discussion over the difficulty using the FNA table at the Farmers Market was held. We will revisit this issue and try to be more purposeful in using the table and in offering it to other community groups. John moved to approve the 2014 Annual Report with Jenny's modifications; Steve Y. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Social Networking Event: Jenny Monroe reported that the first Networking Event held on 4/6 was highly successful. Thirty-six residents plus Board members attended. The event was sold out by 3/9 and the link had 275 total hits. Feedback was that it was a great event that reached a diverse segment of the neighborhood. Many people expressed interest in further events. FNA will consider quarterly events with different venues and themes. A casual survey was done of attendees and they were asked to list their favorite thing about Fulton. Responses were focused on walkability, sidewalks and the nearby lakes.

Ward 13 Report: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- Airport Noise: MAC is working on their 2035 Comprehensive Plan and they have been requested to hold public listening sessions in both Wards 10 and 13. New contour maps have been released, but they do not indicate any changes in Fulton. Complaints have decreased over the past few days as the airport has been operating in a southeast flow. CM Palmisano continues to urge implementation of the Runway Use System, especially during "shoulder" hours (early morning and later evening).
- The Zero Waste Working Group is trying to expand their vision to include more commercial organics recycling. They are already focusing on reducing construction and demolition waste.

- Curbside organics will be available in Fulton in spring, 2016. The implementation roll-out is based on existing garbage routes.
- Efforts continue with a Special Services District at 50th & France.
- A mini-traffic study is being done on 50th St. near Burroughs School; they are working with the school to ease drop-off rules in order to help with the congestion of the area.
- The Youth Coordinating Board is actively working to support youth workers and their ability to respond quickly to fast moving gatherings. They are also trying to add youth events and programming at public events.
- The Construction Management Agreement is undergoing its third revision and fine tuning; it seems to be working and making a difference.
- There is an upcoming meeting regarding the Weber Woods on the west side of France Ave. CM Palmisano is expecting a deal soon and continues to support that it remain undeveloped land.
- CM Palmisano will get an update on efforts for changing traffic lights and easing traffic flow at 50th & Xerxes and 49 1/2th & France.
- The City is working on creative funding ideas for streetcar lines.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The new Fix It Fund Home Improvement Program will launch on 4/27; marketing efforts continue.
- The Ward 13 Summit was a good opportunity to share ideas between neighborhoods.
- The City is sponsoring a Solar Garden workshop; Steve H. and Ruth will attend. It is hoped that this could be another multi-neighborhood cooperative opportunity.

Committee Reports:

- Environment: The Raingarden sign will be installed on 4/11.
- Arts: Fulton should be in the first phase of installation for the Utility Wrap project. Five boxes have been approved and the cost will be approximately \$600 for the wrap/installation and \$50-75 for permits for each box.
- Zoning: Two upcoming variances will be reviewed.

Old Business: Excess leaves are still in the streets; Ruth will find and forward the street sweeping map and schedule.

New Business: Congratulations to Board Member Bart Phillips and family on the birth of another baby.

John moved to adjourn the meeting; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary