

Minutes of April 13, 2016
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohlen, Sheila Sager, Nikki Shultz and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoe, Linea Palmisano, Greg Putnam, Tony Mann, John Dillery and Matt Perry

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. A request from the Environmental Committee was added to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from March 9, 2016 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jane reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Ward 13 Update: Council Member Palmisano reported:

- Patty Day is the new Policy Aide for Ward 13. She was not able to make it to this month's FNA meeting, but will try to make it to the May meeting to introduce herself.
- Spring Street Sweeping began on 4/13.
- There are three proposals aimed at filling the maintenance funding gap for MPRB: the standalone MPRB referendum, a city-backed funding plan for parks maintenance and some sort of bonding measure for parks and streets from Mayor Hodges. CM Palmisano does not support the standalone referendum as it lacks oversight and control. All parties are trying to work out an agreeable solution and are hoping to get a clear plan by the end of April.
- Organics cart deliveries have started and will be completed by June.
- Ward 13 recently hosted a community forum regarding implicit bias training in the Minneapolis Police Department. Minneapolis is one of 16 cities chosen for a grant by the Department of Justice to work on this issue. Officers have begun training and are working on improving community relations and recognizing pre-existing perceptions and opinions.

Shade Structures: Steve met with Colleen O'Dell to confirm placement and status of the shade structures. The equipment has been received and we are waiting for the ground to be ready for installation.

Environment Committee: John and Tony of the Environment Committee asked for clarification about process and funding. They will elect a Chair, define their needs and present a funding request to the Finance Committee.

Bees & Butterflies: MRPB does not want us to do anything along the creek because of the Creek Improvements Project scheduled for 2018. The group will meet soon to discuss other ideas.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The 2015 Annual Report was reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the report as presented; John seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Another round of advertising will be done for the Fix It Fund; this time it will be done by an insert in the Southwest Journal rather than a postcard.
- Work is continuing on the website upgrade and the New Neighbor Welcome Program.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There have been seven incidents in Fulton this month mainly to do with stealing garage door openers, smashed windshields and home break-ins. Ruth mentioned that Lynnhurst neighborhood is organizing a Property Protection Forum that all Ward 13 neighborhoods will be invited to attend.
- Environment: The committee will elect a new Chair at their meeting on 4/26. It would be nice to have a Board Member on the committee, but not required. The new Chair needs to be approved by the Board.
- Arts: The Utility Box Wraps project application has been submitted.
- Zoning: A variance to split a double lot back into two single lots at 4826 Chowen Ave S was discussed. The Zoning Committee recommends no objection. Further discussion was held as to appropriate neighborhood notice and input and how the Board should routinely review committee recommendations. Jane will get more detailed info about this particular variance and call for an e-mail Board vote. She will also work with the Zoning Committee to establish a procedure for Board adoption of their recommendations.

Old Business: Nikki met with Diane Moe about the change in meeting space for FNA. Diane is trying to balance the needs of Lakes Martial Arts, FNA and income from programming. Diane recognizes the past support from FNA for a variety of park projects and programming. She has agreed to speak with Lakes Martial Arts again and ask for data to back up ongoing Wednesday night programming versus another night of the week. She will try to confirm whether or not they could be successful on other nights. Nikki again informed Diane that Lakes Martial Arts was told at the outset that the multi-purpose room was not available on the second Wednesday of the month. Nikki and Diane looked at the Arts and Crafts room and think that 21 people can comfortably fit in that space and propose that room for future FNA meetings.

New Business: Matt Perry of Southwest Business Association announced SWBA Happy Hour on April 19 at King's Wine Bar (46th & Grand). SWBA is also working on monitoring and responding to recommendations from the Workplace Regulations Group regarding paid sick time. Smaller businesses, especially those in existence less than five years, are especially hit hard by proposed policies.

Steve Y. moved to adjourn the meeting; Nikki seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary