

Notes from the Fulton NRP meeting of August 5, 2015

Present

John Finlayson, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the 7/1/15 meeting.

Fulton Neighborhood News

The next issue of FNN will be delivered the weekend before the Fall Festival and will include a call for nominations for the annual Friends of Fulton awards.

50th Street Streetscape

Steve Young has prepared a final draft of the vision statement for 50th Street. The intent is to provide the statement to business owners along the street by 8/15 and to present it at the 50th Street Safety meeting at Lynnhurst Park on 9/17.

Community Engagement

The group planning the Fall Festival has met several times. There is a new volunteer coordinating the silent auction this year. Two bands have been booked for the event. FNA volunteers will again prepare and serve food at the festival.

Safety committee

The committee will ask the Board for direction on whether to continue publishing the names of individuals arrested or cited for crimes in the neighborhood. The committee received a complaint about naming a person who was arrested and booked in the jail for probable cause burglary and who subsequently was not charged with any crime.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd donation

The group evaluating how to use the \$5,000 donation from Good Shepherd will recommend funding a project to promote plantings to support beehives and butterflies in the neighborhood. The group rejected a proposal to invest the money into expanding the shade structure project at the Pershing Park wading pool. That project will proceed as initially planned.

Grant program

The Board will consider whether to continue to program, with the same guidelines, in 2016.

Housing loan program

Ruth reported that all of the funds committed by FNA to the new housing loan program have been loaned out to neighborhood residents over the course of the past three months. At the end of October, the pool of funds remaining from all four of the neighborhoods which partnered to create this program will become available to residents of any of these neighborhoods – Fulton, Lynnhurst, Armatage, and Kenny. The Board will consider whether to invest more money into this program.

Other business

There was a discussion about the Park Board's community engagement campaign aimed at finding ways to close the funding gap between priorities identified by community members and the Board's limited sources of revenue.