

Minutes of August 12, 2015
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Jeremy Abbs, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jenny Monroe, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Scott Erazmus, Kris Stevens, Dave Delvoye, Matt Perry and Emily Ziring

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. No revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from July 9, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion to also approve the June Meeting Minutes was made by Steve H. and seconded by John. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports are ready, but Ruth forgot to put them in the packets. They will be reviewed in September.

Ward 13 City Council Report: Policy Aide Emily Ziring reported:

- Phase I of the Organics Recycling Program began on 8/10. All of Fulton is in Phase II which will begin next spring. Ward 13 has the highest rate of household sign-ups so far.
- Airport Noise: The FAA has recently suspended some use of Runways 35 and 30L. When flights are arriving on 35, departures are no longer allowed on 30L. This has reduced the number of operations per hour from 90 to 60. The FAA, MAC and MSP Airport are working on a new solution.
- The Walgreens at 49½th and France will be torn down; a new Walgreens with additional housing and parking will be built.
- The expanded liquor license at Agra Culture Kitchen has been approved.
- CM Palmisano's office has been investigating traffic control changes at 50th & Xerxes. Adding a turn lane would take away one parking spot on the northeast corner and businesses are against this. Ward 13 will not pursue the turn lane at this time.

Pershing Park Update: Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- Scott has been promoted and will be moving to Linden Hills Park. Kris Stevens will be put in place as the temporary Director at Pershing while the position is posted and filled.
- SWAC is looking for soccer coaches.
- Festival planning continues.

Shade Structures: A meeting with Colleen O'Dell has been scheduled for 8/20. Final decisions will be made and the project should be able to move forward.

\$5K Donation: A small group of volunteers reviewed the Dotmocracy votes and has chosen to fund some sort of bee/butterfly support program. They feel this project will have a broader appeal across the neighborhood and will enhance beauty. The small group is working with the Environmental Committee and will report back further details as they are developed.

Fulton Small Grants: Jim, Blaire and Jenny will sit on the review committee again this year. Ruth and Bart will review the program and application guidelines and be ready to roll out the program by October 1.

Summer Networking Gathering: Several ideas for a low-key summer gathering were brainstormed. Ideas such as the Farmers Market, Garage Sales, Open Streets and the Festival were discussed as starting points

for a gathering. Jenny will try to start something with the free Yoga in the Park as part of the festival and also recruit volunteers at the same time.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Open Streets on 50th is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 1-5 p.m. Blaire moved to approve a \$500 budget for a variety of activities for youth and adults at the FNA table; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth is planning for face painting, an art activity, active games, a magic show and ballooning. A raffle for an adult prize will also be held.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: In the past month there was one Theft from Motor Vehicle, five garage burglaries and two home burglaries. The activity seems to be focused south of 50th St. between Sheridan and Washburn. A resident has complained about FNA's policy of publishing names of people who have been arrested, but not charged or convicted. A long discussion was held as to what other neighborhoods do or don't do and the fact that it is public information. The Safety Committee has always felt that by publishing the name it lets the neighbors be more aware and it is a deterrent to the potential criminals. It was decided to not change the policy for now, but Dave will ask MPD for best practices and standards of reporting.
- Community Engagement: Fall Festival planning continue. We are in desperate need of volunteers. Blaire will reach out to the kids from The Jefferson Project and ask for volunteers. Jenny will try to make volunteering part of the summer networking gathering.
- Streetscape: A final 50th St. Vision has been drafted; the committee will review within the next week
- Housing: The new housing program has gone well and Fulton has expended all of its funds. It was decided to not put any additional funding into the program at this time because the combined "pool" will go into effect at the end of October; as of right now, two of the other neighborhoods have significant funds remaining. If the pool is used up, FNA will reconsider funding options.
- Arts: Blaire cannot get the permission of Minneapolis Public Schools to wrap the utility box on their property, so she will move forward on the project without that box. There are four boxes that are approved for us to start.

New Business: Matt Perry reported that NEHBA has changed their name to Southwest Business Association; the new name reflects the expansion of their territory. They will be launching an App this fall with their directory.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary