

**Minutes of August 10, 2016
FNA Meeting**

Board Members Present: Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoe and Matt Perry

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from July 13, 2016 FNA meeting were reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Jenny offered a friendly amendment to add “The Board will revisit the proposal once further information is available” at the end of the Tree proposal and Blaire accepted the amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Ruth reviewed the monthly Treasurer’s Reports in Jim’s absence. Jim has moved \$5,309.05 of plant sale funds out of the Friends of Fulton checking account and consolidated it with the Environmental CD into a new CD. There have been several larger expenditures for the Bees and Butterflies project and the New Neighbor Welcome Program. Jane also noted that there was confusion with the Environment Committee about ordering more signs for the Pollinator Project. The Finance Committee had approved two rounds of signs, but the Environment Committee had already ordered four rounds. They have been advised that approval needs to be received before any expenditures can be made. Steve H. moved to retroactively approve the additional signs; Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth will create some sort of and expense request and tracking form to be used by all committees.

Pershing Park Report: Diane Moe sent a written report noting:

- Fall programming begins the week of 9/12.
- Preschool Pals starts on 9/6.
- The Minneapolis Bike Tour is 9/18.
- Rec+ is offered at Pershing.
- Rev Sports is offering a variety of sports programming.
- Fall soccer and volleyball are in progress with 14 soccer teams. Winter sports registration begins in December.

Coordinator’s Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The new New Neighbor Welcome Program is about ready to launch and Ruth presented a draft of the postcard that will accompany the mugs.
- The Community Engagement Committee continues to work on the festival. We may try some sort of Treasure Hunt or “Passport to Fun” involving local businesses. Volunteers are needed; Ruth will repost on social media and Board Members were asked to help with recruiting.
- Open Streets on 50th is on 9/25, 1-5 p.m. FNA will have a table and provide entertainment and activities that will attract visitors. We can raffle and/or sell our new mugs and also try to recruit Block Contacts both at Open Streets and the Festival. Steve Y. moved to approve \$350 in funds to support activities at the FNA booth; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Council Member Palmisano is holding a Ward 13 Forum on 8/16 focused on pedestrian and bicycling safety. Steve noted that Fulton resident Megan Lennon has been working on some sort of safety improvements at 47th & Xerxes and 50th & Drew/Ewing . She is talking with Hennepin

County as well as Minneapolis Public Works about what could be done. We can try to leverage FNA funds to get some sort of safety measures in place.

- The FNA Annual Meeting will be able to take place in the multi-purpose room at Pershing park on 10/12.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There have been twelve incidents in the past month. Most of the incidents have been forms of theft (bike, from auto, home, business). A home break-in resulted in suspects being apprehended and charged.
- Streetscape: See above discussion about safe crossings.
- Community Engagement: The Silent Auction is donation recruitment is going well for the Fall Festival with 40 donations thus far. Mary has forms to give to potential donors but requests that Board Members let her know if they are approaching someone so she doesn't duplicate the effort and make repeated requests.
- Arts: Waiting for Sign Minds to start installing the utility wraps.
- Zoning: No variances.

New Business: Matt Perry of Southwest Business Association will have SWBA at the Fall Festival with a fun game and Kindle give away. SWBA is surveying members about the impact of the proposed \$15/hour minimum wage. The proposed ballot initiative has been ruled ineligible by the City Attorney but the issue is headed to court.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary