

**Minutes of July 12, 2017
FNA Meeting**

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Richard Knapp and Meggie Wittorf

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. In Jane's absence, Steve Young chaired the meeting. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from July 12, 2017 FNA meeting were reviewed. There were no questions, but they will need to be approved at the September FNA Board Meeting due to no quorum present.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The Neighborhood Forests payment of \$5107 has now been transferred from the Environmental CD to reimburse Friends of Fulton. A new CD has been opened with the remaining balance.

Zoning Variance at 2604 Cromwell Court: Richard Knapp and his wife have purchased the property at 2604 Cromwell Court. They are planning minor renovations which will require two variances:

1. There is a cantilevered section of the home that sits over the garage. The Knapp's would like to pull the garage forward to be even with the cantilever and then add a second story. They will also extend the garage to the side for additional storage.
2. The property is in a Shoreland Overlay District and a variance is required to allow work in the district.

The variance hearing will likely be on Sept. 14. The FNA Zoning Committee recommends no opposition to the variance requests. The FNA Board had no further questions and is also in support. Due to no quorum being present, Jane will be asked to hold an electronic vote. Once that is complete, FNA will send a letter of no opposition to the city planner.

Listening Session Recap: In response to the police shooting of Justine Damond in Fulton neighborhood, Council Member Palmisano held a Community Listening Session on 8/2; FNA was a co-sponsor and will pay the moderator fee.

- Blaire: 200+ people present and the church had about 20 members there welcoming the community and providing refreshments. The event wasn't perfectly run, but it was important to have a forum for people to speak and listen. It would be nice for FNA to send a note of thanks to the church.
- Steve Y: Steve also thought it went well – people needed an outlet for questions and concerns. There was a lot of frustration in the room and little information. The moderator did the best she could given the emotions of the crowd with a few people speaking out of turn, interrupting and monopolizing speaking time. In general, people walked away feeling they had a chance to be heard by CM Palmisano and the Civilian Police Oversight Committee.
- Jim: Sue went and felt it was productive

CM Palmisano was able to take information back to better participate in the hearing for the new police chief. This feedback was necessary to best represent the residents of Ward 13.

Air Quality Monitoring Project: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minneapolis Department of Health will be conducting an air quality monitoring study and are looking for

recommendations of sites to place monitors in each zip code. FNA recommends 50th & Chowen (day care, school, park and traffic) or 50th & Washburn (schools and traffic).

Ad Hoc Committees:

- **Survey/Seniors** – The sub-committee has begun some in person feedback gathering at community events and will be having a Networking Event in early October. We have not done any formal surveying in several years and would like to get a baseline for how people feel about the neighborhood and then be able to track that going forward. Also, we have funding available for some improvements.

Coordinator’s Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Courtney has completed an initial re-design of the website. Ruth will review and also send it to Katharine for her input. The goal is to have it up and running by September 1.
- The Ice Cream Social was on July 21 and was great! There were lots of people there who enjoyed listening to the band and visiting with their neighbors. Next year: get more cones and consider another couple tubs of ice cream so servings can be a little larger.

Ward 13 Update: Ward 13 sent a lengthy e-mail update about the Justine Damond shooting and memorial service as well as the new police chief, zero waste initiatives, menthol cigarette ban and the sick time ordinance. Ruth will forward the e-mail to the Board.

Committee Reports:

- **Safety:** There was an incident of indecent exposure on July 22. MPD is investigating if this is related to the exposure incidents near the city lakes.
- **Community Engagement:** Festival is 9/9 and lots of volunteers are needed! The online sign up has already been sent out in the e-news and to previous volunteers. Ruth will post on the website and all social media platforms.
- **Streetscape:** Steve Y reported that the businesses on the Minneapolis side of 50th & France are considering replacing the sidewalks from France to Chowen and Market (49 1/2th to 51st) and then maybe adding pedestrian scale lighting. They are still looking at crosswalks and other traffic calming measures to help increase safety and reduce speed on 50th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary