

**Minutes of February 11, 2015
FNA Meeting**

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Scott Erazmus, and Emily Ziring

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

Minutes: Minutes from the January 14, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Y. presented the monthly Treasurer's Report which reflects two donations via Give to the Max. Steve will lead a Finance meeting prior to the next FNA meeting at 6:30 for those Board Members interested in a deeper understanding of FNA's various accounts and funding sources.

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

- Curbside composting will roll-out in two phases starting in 2015; residents must opt-in to the program. It has not been decided, yet, which neighborhoods will be in the first phase of the roll-out. The base Solid Waste fee is increasing \$3.25/month to cover the costs of the program regardless of opt-in status. To opt-in, send an e-mail to: swrcustomer@minneapolismn.gov and provide your address.
- 54th St between Penn and Lyndale will be reconstructed in 2016. The layout is approved and design continues.
- Emily is working with Public Works to get turn arrows added at the intersections of 50th & Xerxes and 49 1/2th & France.
- CM Palmisano continues to interact with MAC regarding the Runway Use System and trying to get some changes made.
- Weber Woods (40th & France) has been valued higher than previously expected. Edina and St. Louis Park made an initial offer and now the City has asked for a counter offer based on the higher valuation. They are willing to come down in price if there is a promise that the land will remain undeveloped.
- Ward 13 Summit on 3/19.
- CM Palmisano is hosting Ward Office Hours on 2/17 from 3-5 p.m. at Sparrow Café.
- A concern was expressed about the City of Edina plowing both sides of 54th St and throwing snow onto the sidewalks of the Minneapolis side.
- Emily has been in communication with Public Works about a crosswalk at 50th & Drew. PW ranks the intersection of 47th & Xerxes as higher need. Emily will talk with Hennepin County to see if bump outs or other traffic diversions could be used.

Plan Modification:

Jim reviewed the need for further funding for the new Housing Program set to start this spring. Steve reviewed the proposed funding strategy. Concern was expressed that other needs are not being considered. Steve Y. moved to approve the proposed Plan Modification; John seconded the motion:

1. Modify the Phase I Plan to reallocate \$1,000 from the Safe and Efficient Streets Section (Safety Committee Strategy #43) to the Building a Sense of Community Section (Information Kiosk Strategy #27).
2. Modify the Phase II Plan to reallocate:
 - \$2,210.93 from Environment and Parks Strategy #2.4 (Environmental Initiatives)
 - \$26,003.58 from Program Implementation Strategy #7.10 (Coordinator and Support)
 - \$9,462.86 from Program Implementation Strategy #7.10 (Administrative Expenses)
 - \$12,500 from Community Involvement Strategy #3.6 (Community Engagement)To Housing Strategy #1.1 (Neighborhood Housing Fund) for a total reallocation of \$50,177.37

Motion passed by unanimous Community and Board votes.

Fulton Small Grants: Ruth reported in Bart's absence:

Bart is trying to pin down the dates of the events so that they don't overlap and we can support getting the word out. He is also planning to help the organizations quantify the impact through surveys and may build some online tools to help facilitate that process.

Shade Structures: Steve will continue reaching out to Brad Bourn to secure partial MPRB funding.

Social Networking Event: Jenny Monroe has been working on organizing a networking event for neighborhood adults. The event will be an informal opportunity to connect with other residents as well as the FNA Board. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Mon., Apr. 6 at Pig & Fiddle. FNA will provide an adult beverage and array of appetizers. Space will be limited to 40 residents (plus FNA Board Members). Jenny moved to allocate \$500 for a community networking event in the spring; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pershing Park Report: Pershing Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- The Showmobile has been reserved for 9/12.
- Spring sports sign-up begins on 3/4.
- Summer Program registration begins on 3/25.
- There may be a leak in the main water line at the wading pool. Scott is waiting for more information from the Maintenance Dept. as this would affect the installation of shade structures.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The Ward 13 Summit is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on March 19 at Lynnhurst Rec Center.
- Blaire expressed concern about the ongoing sewer rehabilitation project and the upcoming construction at Southwest High School. Ruth will follow-up to make sure the two entities are coordinating schedules.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There was only one reported incident the past month! Pig & Fiddle is working with MPD on security issues. The respondents in the two cases of domestic assaults last summer are progressing through the court system.
- Streetscape: The 50th St. Committee will begin drafting a Vision Statement.

New Business: Jane attended the initial meeting of the Lake Calhoun and Harriet Master Plan group. A more formal Community Engagement Council will be formed with neighborhood and other representatives. Jane will represent Fulton. There is funding available in 2015 for planning and an additional ~\$3M for path repair in 2016.

John moved to adjourn the meeting; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary