

**Minutes of January 14, 2015
FNA Meeting**

Board Members Present: Jeremy Abbs, Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Bart Phillips and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Scott Erasmus, Christian Lindgren, Steve Kittleson, Matt Perry and Tom Alagna

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. Park Report moved up on the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 10, 2014 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Y. presented the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports as well as the 2015 Operating Budget. The quarterly report will now be included in the meeting materials each month.

Ward 13 Update: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- The 2015 Budget is done with a final property tax levy increase of 2.1%.
- There is an upcoming forum in Linden Hills focusing on how to help the City's poor and homeless.
- 2015 Priorities include:
 - Public Safety: Police body cameras and increasing the number of officers to 860
 - SWLRT: Focus on the Lake street station for pedestrian safety and multi-modal transportation
 - Organics: rollout will start in late 2015; in the meantime use Armatage Park organics drop-off. Concern expressed about the cost of the compostable bags
 - Internal Audit Department: providing good financial stewardship
 - Property Taxes: look at ways to decrease the impact of taxes; try to increase LGA
 - Teardowns: Refine the Construction Management Agreement and initiate a construction and demolition waste management plan
 - Airport: Continue to talk to NOC, MAC and FAA about the Runway Use System
- An offer from Edina and St. Louis Park has been made on the undeveloped land at 40th & France. Negotiations continue to determine Fair Market Value.
- Concern expressed about the high level of property tax paid in Ward 13.
- Concern expressed about senior citizens no longer being able to pay their rising property taxes. There used to be a program that let them help work off the taxes. This no longer exists.

Pershing Park Report: Pershing Park Director Scott Erasmus reported:

- MPRB Forestry has begun removing ash trees at Pershing Park.
- MPRB officials may visit with neighborhood groups to discuss the budget and capital shortfalls.
- Lake Harriet Kite Festival is scheduled for Jan. 17 from Noon to 4 p.m.

MSP FairSkies Update: Steve Kittleson reported:

- 2014 Accomplishments:
 - Temporary agreement with FAA to not implement RNAV for departures
 - Local, state and federal communications
 - Monitored NOC and MAC meetings
 - Proposed legislation to require an Environmental Impact Study in the air and on the ground
- 2015 Goals:
 - Continue pursuing the above legislation
 - Statewide vision: push some traffic to St. Cloud, Duluth, Rochester, etc.

- Continue establishing relationships with other nearby cities
- Work with MPRB to manage noise effects on parkland
- Engage community members
- Support Quiet Skies Coalition at the federal level
- Steve also reported that FairSkies purchased a large raw data file (\$1,800) from the FAA so they can more accurately study the current db levels and how different standards of noise would affect the area. Bart moved to provide \$300 toward the purchase of the file; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Steve Young will work with FairSkies on establishing a formal Fiscal Agent role for FNA.

Fulton Small Grants Program: Seven grant applications were received. The Review Committee (Bart, Jim and Jenny) ranked each application on a metric of criteria and recommend:

- Simply Jane: \$1,900 for youth activities at the Fulton Farmers Market and Fulton Fall Festival
- SWHS Music Boosters: \$1,700 for a concert, support and sheet music
- Lakes Martial Arts: \$993.75 for a bullying prevention program
- Students in Action: \$500 for youth engagement

Each recipient will be asked to present the outcome of the work at the FNA Annual Meeting. In the meantime, Bart will work on a form for general outcome reporting. Bart suggests dispersing the funds 100% up front and then asking for receipts afterwards. He will also ask each group for a list of projects, dates and activities so that FNA can participate and help advertise. Bart would like to form an official Grants Committee that could generate follow-up documents, evaluate the effectiveness of individual grants and plan for future years of the program. Steve Y. moved to approve \$5093.75 in grant funds for the above recipients; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. There is nearly \$10,000 in remaining funds for next year.

Shade Structures Update: We are working with MPRB to identify location, style, color, etc. of possible shade structures. We are considering one on each the north and south end because they would provide some pool deck and some playground coverage. Steve Y. is working with Commissioner Brad Bourn to identify matching funds.

Housing: Christian Lindgren and Eric Eickhof presented the draft Program Guidelines for Home Improvement Loan and Emergency Loan programs. The guidelines will be changed to say Lynnhurst instead of Lyndale and to specify that the Emergency Loans will be paid back at a rate of \$1000/year after the five year deferment period. John moved to approve the guidelines as amended; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Housing Committee and NRP Committee recommend funding the program at a level of \$110,500; this will require a Plan Modification that \$50,177.37 from a variety of unused Phase II administrative strategies be transferred to the Housing Strategy. A long discussion was held about the merits of spending funds on a housing program versus other projects/programming and how NPR funds are used. The Board agreed to the recommended funding levels and will vote on the Plan Modification in February.

Ruth formally notified the Board of the intention to call for a Plan Modification vote in February (21 days+ notice) and will also notify the broader Fulton community with 21 days notice. The Plan Modification will contain Housing funding as well as an additional \$1,000 to supplement funds for electricity for the Information Kiosk.

Proposed Community Open House: Jenny Monroe and John Finlayson spoke with Pig and Fiddle about hosting a casual Open House for the FNA Board and interested community members. Tentative date is April 6. More details to come.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Ruth presented the 990 and Attorney General Report. John moved to approve both reports for filing; Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The NCR Department, in conjunction with Ward 13, has proposed a Ward 13 Board Summit. FNA Board members are interested to meet other Board members and network for connections and ideas.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There were a lot of car break-ins at two business districts on 12/15 and 12/30. Those businesses have poor visibility and do not have video surveillance. They are in contact with MPD. Not many other reports.
- Streetscape: Hennepin County has agreed to consider a cross walk on 50th St.- possibly at Drew Ave. Steve is requesting a meeting
- Arts: Blaire reported that the Graffiti Prevention grant is not available this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary