

Minutes of January 13, 2016
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Sheila Sager, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Matt Perry, and Councilmember Linea Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from December 9, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reviewed the monthly and quarterly reports.

Ward 13 Report: Ward 13 Councilmember Linea Palmisano reported:

- The 2016 City Budget has been passed and CM Palmisano's priority was to provide Ward 13 residents high quality services for the high property taxes that they pay.
- The budget started with \$750K in strategic budget cuts; this allowed the 3.4% property tax increase to be 1% less than it would have been. The budget includes funding for the domestic violence prevention pilot program, body cameras for police, funds to assess tech safety and funding for a Fire Department youth career exploration program.
- CM Palmisano will check into reports of both the 311 phone system and App not working properly.
- Several Community Forums will be held to discuss issues important to Ward 13 residents including implicit bias in policing and environmental services.
- Sign up by Feb. 1 to guarantee that you will receive a green organics cart this spring.
- The Workplace Regulations Partnership is working on the goals first presented by the Working Families Agenda. The group is comprised of low wage earners, business owners, business associations and other worker representation. A variety of Listening Sessions are being held. Concern was expressed that the group does not appear to be balanced and has very little representation outside of downtown Minneapolis.

Shade Structure Update: The engineered drawings have come back and the post for the structure on the west side of the pool will have to be placed in the middle of the path in order to have a large enough footing. MPRB has proposed an "apron" be installed at that point in the path so that maintenance vehicles can still get through. Concrete seems to be the best option at an estimated price of \$1,350; this cost can be absorbed by the contingency built into the project budget. Ruth will contact MPRB to see if we are losing some forward thrust of the structure since it has to be set back further than we anticipated.

Networking Events: The proposed Networking Event on 1/16 has been modified since Kitefest was canceled. Residents can meet and greet over coffee and bagels at Bruegger's on 50th & Penn at 11:30 a.m. on 1/16 and then those who are willing can take an urban hike along Minnehaha Creek.

Fulton Small Grants: Four grants were received by the December 31st deadline. A request has been made by a community group to extend the deadline so they can still submit for the year. John moved to not extend the deadline for this group as we would then have to re-open the process for everyone; Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Ruth presented the Fulton 990 and Attorney General Report. John moved to approve and submit both documents; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The updated Charter for the Finance Committee was presented. The main updates include a committee name change and clarification of the supervision of the Neighborhood Coordinator. Jim moved to approve the updated Charter as written; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The updated Charter for the Community Engagement Committee was presented. Updates were made for the website, social media and new events. Blaire moved to approve the updated Charter as written; Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- A month-long sewer project will begin soon at 47th & Vincent/Washburn. 47th St. will be closed on either side of the diverter at the intersection.
- There is an external audit of the Neighborhoods Community Engagement Commission and Neighborhood Community Relations Department going on. Ruth will report back more about this audit after a focus group at the end of the month.
- Ruth will also try to get a better understanding of Neighborhoods 2020- who is on the committee and what are their goals.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: The committee will be updating their Charter at the January meeting. There have only been three crime incidents reported in the past month.
- Community Engagement: The Fall Festival will be held on 9/10.
- Environment: The group has begun work on a Committee Charter and it is almost finalized.
- Arts: Blaire and Ruth are still pursuing the owner of the Loft Antiques building for approval to wrap the utility box located just outside the building.
- Zoning: Chris Strom is the new committee Chair. There were no variances to review this month and the committee is working on updating its Charter.

Old Business: The Bees and Butterflies committee continues to research options.

New Business:

- Tim Kresse has resigned from the Board. Jane will ask Chris Strom or a representative of The Waters if either of them would be interested in the open spot.
- Matt Perry announced the Southwest Happy Hour, sponsored by Southwest Business Association, on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 at Terzo.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary