

Minutes of July 8, 2015
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Jenny Monroe and Jim Tincher

Guests: Ruth Olson, Scott Erazmus, Dave Delvoye and Council Member Linea Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. No revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from June 10, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Jim presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Ward 13 City Council Report: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- The sale of Weber Woods is nearly complete. The City of Edina is purchasing the larger portion at a reduced price because they were willing to sign a restrictive covenant agreeing to keep the land as undeveloped or for park use. The City of St. Louis Park is paying a higher rate because they were unwilling to sign a similar covenant. There will be a public hearing at Ways and Means Committee on 7/20 with the full City Council expected to approve the sale on 7/24.
- Airport Noise: After making progress to reduce flights during the "shoulder hours" (early morning and late evening), it appears that flights during those hours have now picked up again. There has been a 16% increase in overall nighttime arrivals as compared to last year at this time.
- CM Palmisano is supporting a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco products anywhere other than at formal tobacco shops. This will be considered for a full City Council vote on 7/10.
- The Council is considering a change to the Residential Parking ordinance on high frequency bus routes. The revision would reduce the number of designated parking spots at R3 zoned properties. Fulton neighborhood does not have any such properties.
- Organics sign-ups have reached 30,000+ subscribers; all of Fulton will be in Phase II in spring 2016.
- CM Palmisano's office has been investigating traffic control changes at three different intersections. There will be some pavement painting changes at 50th & Xerxes, but no changes at 49th ½ & France. They are still trying to pursue funding for traffic calming at 47th & Xerxes.

Pershing Park Update: Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- The Ice Cream Social on June 24 had over 400 attendees and was a fun night.
- SWAC fall sports sign-ups have begun.
- There were about 40 people at the Closing the Gap meeting on 6/23. They thoughtfully considered the projected funding shortfalls and had good questions for Park Board staff.

\$5K Donation: Jenny has been able to schedule a small group meeting to discuss the results of the dotmocracy vote for 7/10. They will plan to narrow down the list to 2 or 3 items and look at the feasibility of projects.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Open Streets on 50th is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 1-5 p.m. FNA will have a booth and will focus on offering kid and adult activities. The Board agreed to a \$500 budget for activities, although this will need to be formally voted on next month due to lack of a quorum. The event will be community building for the whole area. Next year Ruth will try to get the event extended down to the other business nodes along 50th St.

- A U of M student is conducting a survey of southwest Minneapolis neighborhoods about their views of their neighborhoods, its heritage, etc. The Board agreed to help promote this survey via its electronic media outlets. Ruth will look at the survey first to make sure it is appropriate.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: Number of incidents is still down for the time of year and they seem to be scattered around (not heavily focused in one area). There was a break-in at Papa John's pizza.
- Community Engagement: Fall Festival planning has begun.
- Streetscape: Steve is working on a revised Vision Statement. This can be presented at the 9/17 meeting that Lynnhurst neighborhood has scheduled with Council Member Palmisano and Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary