

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

Board Members Present: Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Andrew Michaelson, Kimberly Rubel, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Brian Arnold, Greg Putnam and Diane Moe

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from June 14, 2017 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. The Neighborhood Forests bill has been temporarily paid from the Friends of Fulton account. Jim will reimburse with funds from the environment CD when it comes up for renewal later this month.

New Board Member: Brian Arnold has agreed to join the FNA Board. Andrew moved to appoint Brian to fill the seat vacated by Bart Phillips; Kimberly seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pershing Park Report: Diane Moe reported:

- The new Little Free Library is going well. There were about 30 kids at the grand opening.
- Spring/summer sports are wrapping up; fall sports registration has started.
- Ice Cream Social/Movie Night coming up on 7/21.

Ad Hoc Committees:

- **Survey/Seniors** – The sub-committee will meet on 7/17 to map out a plan; will start with in-person surveying at events and then a paper survey.
- **Parking** – Pig & Fiddle has closed; this will help alleviate parking pressure on nearby streets.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The redevelopment of the website continues to linger as the new designer has now resigned; Courtney has been working on it again. John moved to increase the project budget to \$2500; Steve H. seconded the motion. Jane made a friendly amendment to include that the final product be complete by August 31; John accepted the amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The Ice Cream Social is on July 21. Ruth has arranged for delivery of Sebastian Joe's ice cream and all necessary supplies. More scooping volunteers are needed.
- Ruth attended a meeting at the City on July 11 regarding future housing options. CEE has come forward and said that they will offer neighborhood programs for an annual fee of \$2500 (in addition to a \$1500 start up fee) with a 10% loan origination fee. The City will explore an internal program to offer neighborhoods, but this will take staffing and would have to be part of the city budget. Ruth will forward the list of approved housing strategies to the Board.

Ward 13 Update: Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- The recent Minnehaha Creekwalk was very helpful to bring focus back to the area. She is pleased about the coordination of funds and will continue to explore the spillways and increased communication.
- The Right of Way permits for fiber installation have generated some complaints about damaged gardens, water mains, sprinklers and a gas main.
- Airplane Noise: other parts of the city (Ward 8 arrivals) are being impacted right now due to weather, air flows, etc. The impact seems to vary block by block, but Fulton seems to be experiencing typical noise patterns for summer.
- The Upton Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek is being renovated; work will begin July 24. Neighbors will receive a notice in the mail.
- Permit Fees- Steve Y. expressed concern about the increased Animal Control permit for the petting zoo. This went from \$75 to \$200 last year. Regulation Services recently re-wrote all of their animal control fees to more accurately reflect the cost of processing permits. CM Palmisano will check into whether a reduced rate might be possible if neighborhood organizations arranged a group pricing method.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There has been a lot of theft the past month (all residential), but MPD does not think there is any pattern. Theft from Motor Vehicle is up by 98% in the 5th precinct so far this year.
- Community Engagement: Festival is 9/9; no corn will be available this year. Many volunteers will be needed. A few new Board members indicated that they were unaware we held a festival; Ruth will forward them our flyer from last year and brainstorm methods to better engage neighbors. The Linden Hills festival had a beer tent this year; the committee previously considered this, but did not pursue the idea due to cost. Andrew will reach out to Fulton Brewery to see if they are interested in sponsoring a beer garden and will explore permitting regulations.
- Environment: Jim moved to approve a \$20 donation to Monarch Venture to cover the cost of some flyers and bookmarks; Andrew 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