

**Minutes of June 10, 2015**  
**FNA Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Julie Backer, Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe, Bart Phillips and Jim Tincher

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Scott Erazmus, Matt Perry, Linda Romine and Mike and Linda Thompson

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.** No revisions or additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from May 13, 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:** Jim presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

**Pershing Park Update:** Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- MPRB has begun the RecQuest and Closing the Gap meetings. There will be a meeting at LH Park on June 23; it will be important for Fulton residents to show support.
- The Pershing Park Ice Cream Social is on June 24 from 6-8 p.m.
- Minneapolis and St. Paul tied for the best park system in the country.
- The summer garden project, funded by an FNA donation, has started.
- Food and event permits have been submitted for the festival

**NRP Funding Guidelines:** Jim and John both attended a meeting on the Draft Guidelines for Unspent NRP Fund Balances. The City is making an effort to get neighborhoods to spend their funds and not sit on large balances. They are also establishing rules to engage the neighborhood on a regular basis to make sure goals and priorities are still current and reflect the needs/wants of the neighborhoods. FNA will take no action.

**Blueprint for Equitable Engagement:** The City has also sent out another proposed document, the Blueprint for Equitable Engagement, for review and response. This document was generated by the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). It seems to be very vague, does not make much sense and is not cohesive. FNA will send a response reflecting our full support of the idea of equitable engagement, but also stating that we do not understand the document and cannot comment until further clarification on many points.

**Coordinator's Update:** Ruth Olson reported:

- The new Fix It Fund Home Improvement Program is underway. There have been seven completed applications submitted so far, although not all of the loans have closed, yet. \$78K in funds have been reserved for those applications; \$14K in funds remain.

**Committee Reports:**

- Safety: not much going on for this time of year.
- Community Engagement: Fall Festival planning has begun.
- Streetscape: Waiting on a revised Vision Statement.
- Arts: Blaire continues to have difficulty getting MPS to agree to a Utility Wrap by LH Upper Campus. She will try to engage our School Board Director, Tracine Asberry, or just proceed without that location.

- Zoning: Working on updating the Residential Guidelines. They will also be scheduling a meeting with some other neighborhood groups and the City to schedule an informational session about the new Granny Flats ordinance.

**Old Business:** The Southwest High School Music Boosters grant activity was completed on 5/18. Our grant money supported a guest artist, the purchase of sheet music and a performance. This will be put in the next newsletter.

**\$5K Donation Discussion and Dotmocracy Vote:** Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has given FNA a \$5K donation. Suggestions were collected over the past month from Board and Community members and were presented in several different categories: Pershing Park, Safety, Minnehaha Creek, Youth, Seniors, Environment, Community Building and Business. Several further ideas were generated. Board and community members were each allowed to vote for up to six suggested uses for the funds. The most popular items were: additional or larger shade structure at Pershing Pool, Bee Garden/Hives, Milkweed for Monarchs, Fulton 5K and a "Welcome to Minneapolis" sign. A small group will meet to discuss these ideas and make a recommendation back to the Board. The group will be Jim, Jane, Jenny, Linda Romine and Linda Thompson; we will also reach out to the church to ask if they would like to help.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Blaire Hartley, Secretary