

**Minutes of March 11, 2015
FNA Meeting**

Board Members Present: Jeremy Abbs, Julie Backer, Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Matt Perry and John Dillery

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. No revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the February, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. Steve H. moved to approve the Minutes as presented; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Y. presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. Payments were made for a FairSkies transaction and on two NRP contract advance paybacks.

Home Improvement Program Marketing Plan: Ruth presented an outline of the proposed marketing efforts and costs for the upcoming four neighborhood cooperative program. The program has been named Fix It Fund. The marketing efforts will include an article in the Southwest Journal, an information booth at the SW Home Improvement Fair, a design logo, a postcard mailer to all four neighborhoods, banners, flyers and social media. There is an \$8K budget and the recommended activities are estimated to cost \$2,800. Remaining funds will be used in the future if further marketing is necessary.

Fulton Small Grants: Jim reported in Bart's absence:

Funds have been distributed to Lakeview Martial Arts and SWHS Music Booster and both have agreed to document the impact of their event thru a post event survey and a mini documentary, respectfully. Waiting for Simply Jane and Students in Action to provide event details before funds are distributed.

Shade Structures: Steve Y. has been in contact with MPRB Commissioner Brad Bourn and has secured an agreement (99 percent certain) that MPRB will pay half of the estimated \$15K cost of two shade structures at Pershing pool. Steve moved that FNA commit additional funds up to \$7,500 for the purchase and installation of two shade structures at Pershing pool; John seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Steve will contact Colleen O'Dell at MPRB to keep things moving forward. The NRP committee will discuss and make a recommendation for which funding source to use (NRP, CPP or Friends of Fulton).

Social Networking Event: Jenny Monroe has been working on organizing a networking event for neighborhood adults. The event will be an informal opportunity to connect with other residents as well as the FNA Board. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Mon., Apr. 6 at Pig & Fiddle. FNA will provide an adult beverage and array of appetizers. Space is limited to 42 guests; 24 registrations have already been received. FNA Board members will attend and purchase their own food and beverages in order to allow as many neighbors as possible to attend within the budget constraint. Jenny has a door prize and will engage attendees to give feedback on an important issue in order to be entered into the raffle.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The Ward 13 Summit is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on March 19 at Lynnhurst Rec Center. Ruth will forward the agenda to the Board. Each neighborhood is being asked to speak for five minutes to

share successes, issues, concerns, etc. Jim will plan to mention the BLEND Awards, the Fulton Small Grants Program and the Spring Networking Event.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There were only three reported incidents this month. The most significant incident was a robbery at knife point at the UPS Store.

New Business: A resident mentioned that there are a lot of debris and leaves in the streets because the street sweeping was not completed before the first snowfall. It was recommended that he report this to 311. Ruth will also call CM Palmisano's office to see if there is a City plan to deal with this issue. Jane also recommended that residents could clean the leaves from the street in front of their homes and especially from the storm drains.

Blaire moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary