

Notes from the Fulton NRP meeting of May 6, 2015

Present

John Finlayson, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the 4/1/15 meeting.

NCR survey

The committee reviewed and discussed a survey from the Neighborhood & Community Relations department in regard to a proposed City policy governing unspent NRP funds. The FNA Board will discuss the issue at its 5/13 meeting. NCR will hold community meetings about the proposal on 5/14 and 6/16.

Fulton Neighborhood News

The new issue of FNN will be delivered this weekend.

Community Engagement

The group will meet next week to begin planning the Fulton Fall Festival.

Grant program

Four grant proposals have been approved. One project, a bullying prevention program, has already been completed. A second project, a choir performance, will take place on 5/18.

Pershing Park improvements

The committee reviewed and discussed the \$15,000 project to install two shade structures at the Pershing Park pool – FNA would use Community Participation Program funds (through a Neighborhood Priority Plan) and split the cost with the Park Board. The committee recommended that the FNA Board approve the NPP.

Planning the future of Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet

FNA has received one application from a resident to serve on the advisory committee to develop a master plan for Lakes Calhoun and Harriet. The committee recommended that the Board appoint the applicant.

Web site redesign

FNA's web site, which dates to 2009, is not functioning well and is difficult to access via smart phone. There is a proposal to upgrade the site for a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200 with unused priority funds from the Community Participation Program. This would involve shifting the funds to FNA's CPP operating budget. The committee recommended that the Board approve this project and allocate up to \$1,500 to cover the costs.

Community solar workshop

Ruth and a Board member attended a workshop about the potential for developing "solar gardens" in city neighborhoods. An example of such a program involves buying five to eight shares of a solar garden at about \$1,600 each up front with the intent of offsetting home energy costs over a 25-year period.

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