

Minutes of May 13, 2015
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Bart Phillips, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Scott Erazmus, Matt Perry, Emily Ziring, Bill and Linda Kerker, and Arunc

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

Minutes: Minutes from April 8, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Y. presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Ward 13 Update: Policy Aide Emily Ziring reported:

- Skyway Regulations are under review; bird-safe options are being considered.
- The Council is considering repealing the Lurking and Spitting ordinances.
- Residential construction permits have decreased slightly so far this year; inspections per unit have increased.
- The Council is considering a request from Century Link to provide cable services.
- Emily is still waiting to hear from Public Works on the lights/timing issues at 50th & Xerxes and 49 ½th & France.
- No update on Weber Woods; St. Louis Park is still considering a counter offer.
- Emily will try to get more information behind the Draft NRP Funding Guidelines request.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd: Bill and Linda Kerker presented FNA with a donation of \$5,000. The church is undergoing a major renovation and has committed 10% of the budget to community outreach and partnerships. Many years ago, they gave a similar donation that allowed FNA to launch the newsletter.

Pershing Park Update: Park Director Scott Erazmus reported:

- A Community Advisory Council for Lakes Calhoun and Harriet is being formed.
- There will be decreased staffing for lawn mowing at the park this summer.
- Pershing Rec+ is getting ready to put in raised garden beds and materials. This was funded by FNA's donation after the 2014 Fall Festival.

Shade Structures: Planning continues for joint funding for two shade structures at Pershing Park. MPRB and FNA will each contribute up to \$7,500 for the installation of the structures. Steve motioned to modify the Fulton Phase II Action Plan Strategy #5 (Youth Projects at Pershing Park). Plan language will be expanded to now read "Funds will be available for Pershing Park to sponsor environment-related activities, programs and facilities improvements for youth". Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by both a community vote followed by a Board vote. Steve then moved to approve and submit the proposed Neighborhood Priority Plan supporting FNA's funding of the shade structures; John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by both a community vote followed by a Board vote.

Lakes Calhoun and Harriet Community Advisory Council: Rich Nyquist applied to represent FNA on the CAC. John moved to approve the appointment of Rich to the CAC; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NCR Draft Guidelines for Unspent NRP Balances: NCR has proposed guidelines for the timeline of spending Phase I and Phase II NRP funds. There are community meetings on 5/14 and 6/6; Jim and John will attend. It will be important for FNA to respond to these proposed guidelines not only for ourselves but for all neighborhoods.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The new Fix It Fund Home Improvement Program launched on 4/27; the interest is high and Fulton residents have already submitted three complete applications.
- The FNA website was last fully updated in 2009 and is not working optimally any longer. There are many areas which need updating as well as the whole site needs to be made mobile-friendly. John moved to approve up to \$1,500 for this update and to move \$1,985.69 in unused priority funds to the CPP Budget to support this; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Solar Garden Workshop: Steve H. and Ruth attended a City workshop allowing neighborhoods to explore supporting solar gardens. Steve has worked in this field for four years and recommends that FNA proceed with caution. Steve has offered to host a "Solar 101" presentation for Fulton residents as a first step to evaluate if there is even any interest in this area. FNA's role could be as an Educator if further steps are needed. Further discussion will be held at the NRP Committee level.

Committee Reports:

- Community Engagement: Fall Festival planning begins on 5/18.
- Streetscape: Visioning Group is working on a draft 50th St. Community Corridor Vision Statement.
- Arts: Blaire continues to pursue approvals for the Utility Box Wraps; getting approval of Minneapolis Public Schools is proving difficult.
- Zoning: The committee will be updating the Residential Guidelines.

Old Business: Bart reports that the Small Grants Program is in full swing. The Bullying Prevention Program was held in April and the Southwest High School Music concert supported by sheet music and a guest artist will be held on May 19.

Jim met with representatives of Minneapolis Park Board regarding future Creek planning. There have been several staffing changes and Jim presented our community engagement process for Creek planning to the new staff. They continue to be supportive of our efforts.

Steve H. moved to adjourn the meeting; Steve Y. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary