

Minutes of May 11, 2016
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Jenny Monroe and Bart Phillips

Guests: Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoe, Greg Putnam, Tim Schwarz and Sue Frankowski

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from April 13, 2016 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth reviewed the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

New Board Member: John moved to appoint Mary Jordan to the Fulton Board of Directors; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Pershing Park Report: No report. Ruth will reach out to Diane and ask for a monthly report either in person or written.

Shade Structures: The footings for the shade structures will be poured starting on 5/12. The concrete path extension around the pole on the west side of the pool will be more expensive than anticipated and will not be able to be covered within our contingency budget. MPRB Commissioner Brad Bourn has agreed to cover the overage up to \$3,500.

Minneapolis Election Services: Tim Schwarz from the City of Minneapolis Election Services Division presented a map of the new precinct boundaries affecting Fulton neighborhood. Due to long lines throughout the city, especially in Ward 13, additional precincts have been added and lines redrawn. There are three new precincts in Ward 13 and now Fulton is split into four precincts. The goal is to have no more than 2,000 registered voters per precinct. FNA will help spread the word through its newsletter and social media.

Red Cow Liquor License Change: The Red Cow has filed for a license upgrade to serve a full menu of liquor. A public hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on 5/17. FNA does not comment on business license issues because we frequently do not have all the pertinent information. However, discussion was held and several comments were made:

- Neighbor Sue Frankowski urged all individual residents and Board Members to submit their personal comments on the request.
- The Public Hearing is at a time and place not conducive to in-person feedback; this is very disappointing that the process did not allow a more open and transparent exchange. Neither Council Member Palmisano nor her staff responded to Sue's request for a neighborhood-based hearing.
- Concern was expressed about the precedent that is being set with the increased number of full liquor licenses being requested and granted.
- Sue urges that the neighborhood be forward thinking about molding the future of the business district.
- Concern was expressed that a liquor license stays with the property; it is not granted to the actual business/owner, but to the property address. A new business owner would automatically inherit the full liquor license.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- FNA is requested to send an Elector to the upcoming Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission elections; our district representative is up for re-election. Ruth will forward the request to the whole Board.

- The draft guidelines for the 2017-2019 CPP Program have been released. FNA can review these at the Finance Committee and June FNA Board meeting; this will allow time for any feedback by the June 20 deadline.

Committee Reports:

- **Safety:** There have been an increase in the variety and number of crimes the past month; incidents are based on opportunity. Ruth mentioned that Lynnhurst neighborhood is organizing a Property Protection Forum that all Ward 13 neighborhoods will be invited to attend. Concern was expressed about Southwest High School kids littering and loitering at the park and nearby properties; Blaire will contact the Resource Officer at the school to request his assistance.
- **Environment:**
 - John Dillery has been elected Chair of the Environment Committee. John F. moved to appoint John D as the committee chair; Bart seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - The committee presented an estimated funding proposal to the FNA Finance Committee on 5/4. The formal proposal later submitted called for more funding than anticipated and additional signs. FNA supports the goal of pollinator protection and feels positively toward funding efforts but have some concerns with the way it is currently proposed. The Board would like to see fewer signs ordered and that the Pledge be educational in nature, not a signed document. Furthermore, the Farmers Market needs to approve the structure of the program and that it is not in competition with one of their vendors and we'd also like to see use of local experts at the Market. Jenny is agreeable to using Bees and Butterflies money to fund this since the other group is stalled; however, we need to be sure to get back to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd with how we are spending their donation. Ruth will write up an outline of the Board's concerns and Blaire/Jane can communicate directly with the committee.
- **Zoning**
 - Chris Strom has been elected Chair of the Zoning Committee. Steve H. moved to appoint Chris as the committee chair; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - Chris presented the updated Zoning Charter. Language has been updated and a conflict of interest statement added. John moved to approve the updated Charter; Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: Greg Putnam inquired about the status of the Met Council sewer rehab project; this is now complete.

New Business: Southwest High School will start a week later than other Minneapolis schools due to final construction needs. A gift will be sent to Nikki Shultz and family and Blaire will send condolences to Steve Young and family on behalf of FNA.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary