

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

**Board Members Present:** John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen, Tim Kresse, Jenny Monroe, Bart Phillips, Nikki Shultz, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Tim Schwarz, Dave Delvoye and Rich Nyquist

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from October 14, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve reviewed both the monthly and quarterly reports. A new Board Member orientation will be scheduled to better explain FNA finances for new members.

**Executive Officer Elections:** Jane Kohnen was nominated to be President. John moved to accept the nomination; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jane presided over the remainder of the meeting. Steve Young was nominated to be Vice-President. Steve H. moved to accept the nomination; Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jim Tincher was nominated to be Treasurer. John moved to accept the nomination; Steve Y. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Blaire was nominated to continue on as Secretary. John moved to accept the nomination; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Elections and Voter Services:** Tim Schwarz from the City Clerk's office presented a map of proposed precinct and boundary changes in Ward 13. The City is recommending these changes in order to decrease long lines at polling places. Ward 13 currently has 10 precincts and the new map calls for 12. Fulton residents will vote at Pershing Park, Lake Harriet United Methodist Church or Mt. Olivet Church. The City Council will consider the proposal for adoption in January 2016. FNA will put the proposed map out on social media and ask for any feedback. Once the new map is adopted, we will help with communication through our newsletter, social media and community gathering events.

**Lakes Calhoun and Harriet Community Advisory Council Update:** Rich Nyquist has been representing FNA on this CAC. He has attended several meetings and Open Houses. The charge of the committee is to create a 25 year long term improvement plan, although only \$3M in funding is available in the next few years. The CAC members have been gathering feedback and have identified three key concepts to inform the plan. They are Recreation, Ecology and Story Time. Some of the proposals in these plans call for moving the Calhoun Sailing School, the boat launch and the harvester to the northwest corner of Lake Calhoun in order to decrease congestion on the east side. Other proposals call for extending the Lake Harriet Trolley line, creating ecology and urban corridors and coordinating park land with a Light Rail Station. Other futuristic concepts include a land bridge over Lake Street between Lakes Calhoun and Isles and a barge in the northwest corner of Lake Calhoun (creating usable park space). Discussion was held about traffic flow on the Parkways for both recreational and traffic moving purposes. There will be one more Open House in January.

**Pershing Park Update:** Ruth reported for Temporary Pershing Park Director Kris Stevens:

- There should be a Permanent Park Director in place at Pershing by mid-December.
- Winter Youth Sports registration has begun on SWAC.info

**Shade Structures:** Steve presented bids for two different size shade structures to be installed at the Pershing Park Pool. The NRP Committee recommends approving two- 15'x15' structures; the Board agreed. Funding for the approx. \$22,500 project will be split equally between MPRB (using Comm. Bourn's discretionary funds) and FNA. FNA's contribution will be \$7,500 from CPP funds through a previously approved Priority Plan and the remainder from private Friends of Fulton funds. Blaire moved to approve up to \$12,500 toward the project using CPP and private funds; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Some discussion was held about appropriately storing the fabric shades and the use of Friends of Fulton funds beyond the shade structures.

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

- Ruth and Courtney Remes have begun reviewing the website for updates. Board Members are asked to also review the website and provide feedback on what is important and what is not.
- Ruth has been trying to recruit someone to take over the Distribution component of the Welcome Packets. In doing the recruitment, she has received several negative comments from FNA Block Contacts regarding the style and content of the Welcome Packets and the way we are welcoming new neighbors. Nikki volunteered to work with Ruth on evaluating the current system and making a recommendation for updates.

**Committee Reports:**

- Safety: There were five incidents in Fulton over the past month: 3 garage burglaries and 2 business burglaries. The committee will update the Safety Committee Charter.
- Community Engagement: Jenny is working on the next Networking Event scheduled for 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 16 at Gallery 360.
- Environment: There will be a meeting to reorganize the Environment Committee on 11/19. We would like to recruit additional members, create a Committee Charter and set priorities. Also, the Bees and Butterflies project is moving forward. The group is meeting on 11/15 to walk an area on Minnehaha Creek between Zenith and Upton to start identifying possible garden areas where native pollinator and Monarch plantings could be installed.
- Zoning: the ADU presentation on 11/9 went well; the presentation is available in electronic form.
- Arts: Blaire will have a proposal for the Utility Wrap Project at the December FNA meeting.

**New Business:** Jane asked that all committees either update or create a Charter.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary