

**Minutes of October 12, 2016**  
**FNA Annual Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Linea Palmisano, Scott Dibble, Mike Derus, Inspt. Kathy Waite, CPS Jennifer Waisanen and approximately 40 other neighbors

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September 14, 2016 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:** Ruth presented the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

**FNA Accomplishments for the Year:** Jane reviewed some of the major accomplishments of FNA over the past year including installation of the shade structures, utility box wraps, updated committee charters, restart of the Environment Committee, pollinator protection and stormwater management projects, Fulton Small Grants, New Neighbor Program, networking events and the Fulton Fall Festival and Silent Auction. Upcoming activities will include the planning process for Minnehaha Creek Trail Upgrades and the District 6 School Board Forum.

**Board Elections:** The slate of candidates for the Fulton Board of Directors was presented. There were no further nominations from the floor. Each candidate gave a brief introduction. Blaire moved to approve the slate of candidates by a vote of acclamation; Bart seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The following people have been voted in for a two-year term expiring in October, 2018: Mike Derus, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Jane Kohnen and Jim Tincher. Recognition was also made of retiring Board Member Jenny Monroe.

**Ward 13 Update:** Council Member Linea Palmisano presented an update on ward/City activities:

- Early Voting began on Sept. 23. Minneapolis is leading the country in early voting. Three additional precincts have been added in Ward 13. The Minneapolis School Board referendum as well as a ballot question regarding state legislator pay will be on the ballot; several charter amendments will not be on the ballot.
- Fall street sweeping begins on Sept. 18.

**State of Minnesota Update:** State Senator Scott Dibble reported:

- Senator Dibble clarified that the constitutional amendment on the ballot calls for an independent advisory Board to set salaries for legislators. Right now the legislators do this on their own, although pay has not been increased in a couple of decades.
- The legislature has just finished the second year in a two-year funding cycle. Due to an impasse, several funding and bonding bills were not passed. Some areas that did receive funding were early childhood education, Homeless Youth Act, mental health services, equity, teacher loan forgiveness, prison reform and support programming, and student support services.
- Policy initiatives included e-waste recycling, patent trolling and establishing a Presidential Primary.
- Upcoming goals for the next session are transportation, pollinator protection, electric vehicles, eliminating gun registration loopholes and restoration of voting rights to felons.
- Question about SWLRT: the funding is still in process and capital funds are in place, but no other transit will be funded unless a bill is passed.
- Question about sales tax: adding a small sales tax would allow for the growth of the transit system (\$.0025 would raise \$1M).

**Friends of Fulton Awards:** Awards were presented to Erin Black, John Dillery, Joan Hargrave, Steve Lyster, Jeff Passey, Jason Walker and the Fulton Block Contacts.

**Fulton Small Grants:** The second year of the Fulton Small Grants has concluded. Two grantees presented their work:

- Fulton Fit for Life is a program created for high school kids to lead and serve younger youth in the neighborhood. It focuses on healthy lifestyles and encourages outreach to the community.
- Normandale Healing and Wholeness presented an 8-week course to seniors to manage their fear of falling and balance. More than 20 people participated and are now better equipped to live healthy and active lifestyles. Normandale will provide course feedback and is looking at additional programming.
- The other two organizations not present were 50th & France Business Association which used the funds for Open Streets on 50th and Mrs. Hansen's 7th grade class for attendance at a play and interactive displays.

**5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite:** Inspt. Waite is new to the 5th Precinct and is in charge of all staff, officers, etc. She has a long history of police work throughout the City.

- There are no real leads for the garage and house burglaries in the area. She encourages residents to keep records of serial numbers of all equipment, bikes and electronics and they sometimes can be recovered. She also suggests that neighbors keep their eyes open and watch for something that is out of place.
- Door-to-door solicitors have to be licensed and there is no obligation to open the door for them; let your presence be known (don't pretend to not be home) as most burglars will knock first and only enter when they think someone is not home.

Blaire moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary