

**Minutes of October 11, 2017**  
**FNA Annual Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Brian Arnold, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Jane Kohnen, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, CM Linea Palmisano, Comm. Marion Greene and approximately 20 other neighbors

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September 13, 2017 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports; most activity was due to the festival.

**FNA Accomplishments for the Year:** Jane reviewed some of the major accomplishments of FNA over the past year including the Fulton Fall Festival and Silent Auction, Pershing Park Ice Cream Social, Open Streets on 50th, sponsorship of a policing forum, small grants, two Networking Events, Minnehaha Creekwalk, redesigned website, ongoing communications, assessment of parking issues and consideration of senior programming. Upcoming activities will include a neighborhood-wide survey and co-sponsorship of a community forum to meet new Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo.

**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. Ernie Lewis moved to approve the slate of candidates by a vote of acclamation. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The following people have been voted in for a two-year term expiring in October, 2019: Brian Arnold, Blaire Hartley, Mary Jordan, Ray Klahr and Steve Young. Recognition was also made of retiring Board Member Kimberly Rubel.

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

- The city is working on a city-wide Zero-waste Policy aimed at decreasing waste going into landfills or the incinerator and increasing recycling and composting behaviors.
- The two year reconstruction project on 54th St is complete.
- Fall street sweeping begins on Oct 17 and will last four weeks.
- The Audit Department has been reviewing the use of body cameras in the Minneapolis Police Department. Results show that there has been about a 30% increase in video captured, but this is far from the amount of expected compliance with the policy. Question: Is the City Attorney using the body camera footage as evidence in court for prosecution of misdemeanors/gross misdemeanors? CM Palmisano noted that she knows it has been used to defend against allegations of excessive force by a police officer, but is unsure how much it has been used for prosecution purposes.
- The municipal election is on Nov. 7; offices up for election are Mayor, City Council, Board and Estimation and Taxation and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board.
- Question: Who is responsible for hiring upper level staff within Public Works? For the recent hire of a new Public Works Director, the mayor led the selection process and her choice was confirmed by the City Council.

**Hennepin County Update:** Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene reported:

- The general role of Hennepin County is to be a safety net for residents in Health and Human Services and Hennepin County Medical Center, as well as roads, bridges, libraries, etc.
- Commissioner Greene is specifically working on Financial Inclusion programming and Immigration policy.
- The county is researching a body camera program and policy for the Hennepin County Sheriff Department.

- The county is also considering two separate petitions, as recommended by the Minneapolis Park Board, to rename Lake Calhoun either Bde Maka Ska or Lake Maka Ska. A separate petition to rename the lake Lake Wellstone has also been received, but is not currently under consideration.
- Question: How do residents know which roads are owned by the county versus the city and where do they go with issues about specific intersections.
  - 51st & Xerxes: Hennepin County. Concern was expressed about the number of cars that run the stop sign, especially given there are three schools within a two block radius. Zebra crosswalk markings have been installed. Nearby residents have requested orange flags to highlight the signs but have been turned down. At 43rd & Xerxes they not only have flags, but also a stand-alone pylon that can be moved into the street at high traffic times.
  - 47th & Xerxes: City of Minneapolis. Ongoing concern expressed for safe crossings of high school students getting off the city buses and walking west and neighborhood residents crossing the street and walking east toward Lake Harriet. Several years ago a possible solution was identified, but Southwest High School did not support the proposal.

**Friends of Fulton Awards:** Awards were presented to Mindy Barry, Craig and Val Rittler and June Theimann.

**Fulton Small Grants:** The third year of the Fulton Small Grants has concluded. Bart Phillips has moved away from the neighborhood; Blaire Hartley will take over leadership of the grant program. A video presentation from the Southwest High School Orchestra was viewed. The orchestra went on a tour of local elementary and middle schools to build awareness of orchestra programming and options available to younger students. Other grants were awarded to establish a new Cub Scout Pack and a Venturing Crew group.

**Old Business:**

- Steve Young reported that the 2018 Fulton Fall Festival was a huge success. The event had a net profit of approximately \$6,500, with about half of that amount coming from the Silent Auction. Profits will go toward future neighborhood improvements. Past improvements include the shade structures and sprinkler system at Pershing Park, a demonstration rain garden and utility box wraps.
- The Upton Ave bridge over Minnehaha Creek has reopened.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary