Notes from the Fulton NRP meeting of Sept. 2, 2015

Present

John Finlayson, Jim Tincher and Ruth Olson

Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the 8/5/15 meeting.

Calendar

There aren't any guests or big issues for the FNA Meeting next week. Annual Meeting planning, Friends of Fulton and Board Elections will be discussed.

The FNN is set to be delivered this weekend; most of the issue is dedicated to the Fall Festival.

As of yet, we have no nominations for Friends of Fulton; a few possibilities were discussed.

50th Street Streetscape

Steve Young has prepared a final draft of the vision statement for 50th Street. This will be presented to the FNA Board on Sept. 9 and adoption will be requested. Fulton, Lynnhurst and NEHBA/SWBA will all sign off on the document.

Community Engagement

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Sept. 12. It is a big struggle (more than usual) to find volunteers this year; over 75% of spots still open. There are several competing events on the same day. This is affecting volunteers and may affect attendance.

Safety committee

No report.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd donation

The group is trying to develop a plan and look for community partners. The Bee Squad at the U of M is too busy to offer assistance.

Grant program

Ruth and Bart will meet to tweak the guidelines. A timeline has been set that will offer more time to thoroughly review the applications and make selections. Applications will be available on Oct. 1 and the deadline for submissions will be Dec. 31.

Shade Structures

Steve and Ruth met with Park staff to review size and placement of structures. We are awaiting an updated bid as the preferred size will be larger than originally bid. It is hoped to have a new bid by the 9/9 meeting.

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee has endorsed the Pollinator Friendly Resolution by the City Council and has requested that the neighborhood be notified via e-news and FNN. The whole Board will review and vote on adoption of the resolution on 9/9. The committee has also continued to struggle to work with the Park Board to plant additional boulevard trees. They will look at a tree planting program beyond just the boulevards and will work with an outside vendor.