

Minutes of September 9, 2015
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Jeremy Abbs, Julie Backer, Eric Eickhof, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Jane Kohnen, Jenny Monroe, Bart Phillips, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, Kris Stevens, Matt Perry Joan Hargrave and John Dillery

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pollinator Resolution was moved to second on the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from August 12, 2015 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Pollinator Friendly Resolution: Neighbor Joan Hargrave stated that the Minneapolis City Council passed a Pollinator Friendly Resolution on Aug. 21 and the FNA Environment Committee endorsed it a few days later. She noted that Fulton Neighborhood Association has not, yet, communicated that information and a link to the resolution on their website, e-news, social media and newsletter. She feels that it is the neighborhood's responsibility, as a public service, to announce this. Jim explained that the committee asked us to communicate that they had endorsed the policy. However, a committee cannot endorse a policy on its own; it needs to be brought to the Board for full Board approval if we are going to endorse a specific action. FNA has demonstrated that it supports pollinator friendly practices by using its grant money to develop a bee and butterfly habitat support program. Joan requested that the resolution and endorsement be immediately posted on the website, Facebook and in the next e-news. She also requested that part of the grant funds be spent on a mailer educating residents about the resolution and best practices. The Board disagreed with that use of the grant funds. Blaire moved to pass the resolution and provide the summary and a link to the full resolution on the website, Facebook and e-news and to put a reminder in the May 2016 FNN; Bart seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The July and August monthly reports and the quarterly Treasurer's Reports were presented and reviewed by Steve. There will be a lot of financial activity in September due to the festival.

Pershing Park Update: Temporary Pershing Park Director Kris Stevens reported:

- SWAC has 20 soccer teams this fall.
- The grill FNA purchased for the park has arrived.
- The Lakes Martial Arts program will be starting back up soon.
- Participation in Rec+ is down; Kris can give Ruth info and she will post on FNA's electronic media.

Shade Structures: Steve and Ruth met with Colleen O'Dell. They looked at a couple of different options for placement, size, orientation, etc. of the structures to maximize the shade opportunities. Colleen is waiting for re-bids.

Fulton Small Grants: Three of the four 2015 grantees have completed their grant activities; Bart is working with The Jefferson Project to complete their work. It was noted that they are on a school schedule, not calendar year like FNA. Bart will ask the grantees for a 3-5 minute presentation of their work at the Annual Meeting. For the 2016 program, the timeline for selection will be extended and it will be noted that a prior recipient is not allowed to apply again for three years.

Fulton Fall Festival: The festival is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 12. We are still in desperate need of volunteers and will have to offer to pay some high school kids if we can't find volunteers. Sheila Sager reported that the Silent Auction is going well; she has lots of donations valued at nearly \$8,000.

Annual Meeting Planning: The FNA Annual Meeting is on Wed., Oct 14. Both Eric and Jeremy are moving out of the neighborhood and will need replacements on the Board. Jim will contact the other Board members whose terms are finished to see if they would like to continue on. Three possible nominees for Friends of Fulton awards were discussed. Ruth will invite Sen. Scott Dibble, Rep. Frank Hornstein and Comm. Marion Greene to give legislative updates and present the Friends of Fulton Awards.

50th St. Vision Statement: Steve presented the draft 50th St. Vision Statement. Neighbors from Fulton and Lynnhurst, as well as the business associations, have been working on this for 18 months. The document sets future expectations for the corridor when there are any chances for change. We'd like to broadcast our vision for what we'd like to see in the future. This stretch of 50th street is owned by the county, but parts of it are maintained by the city. The County has plans to rebuild 50th St. at some point in the future, but there are no funds designated at this time. The draft is being presented to both neighborhood boards for review and approval. Southwest Business Association is also distributing it to their business members for review and their Board will then consider a vote to approve. It was noted that 50th & France Business Association should also be included as a signer on the document. Blaire moved to approve the Vision Statement with the understanding that we can modify it based on feedback from other parties; Julie seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Open Streets on 50th is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 1-5 p.m. FNA will have a booth and Ruth is planning for face painting, an art activity, active games, a magic show and ballooning. A raffle for an adult prize will also be held. Board volunteers are needed to greet and engage people at the event.
- The Lynnhurst/Fulton garage sales are on Sat., Sept. 19.
- Broders' has notified us of an outdoor event they are planning for the patio/parking lot at Terzo on Oct. 4.

Committee Reports:

- Environment: Mary Nolte has resigned as committee chair. Jim would like to help the committee figure out a way to spend the plant sale proceeds (approx. \$28K). The Park Board just isn't interested in planting boulevard trees, so we need to figure out a different program.
- Housing: All FNA funds have been used in the new Housing program; pooled funds will be available on 10/27.
- Zoning: the committee will consider a variance. BLEND awards are on 9/28.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary