

Notes from the Fulton Finance committee meeting of September 7, 2016

Present

John Finlayson, Jane Kohnen, Jim Tincher, John Dillery, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

Administrative items

Fulton Neighborhood News, with publicity about the Fulton Festival, was recently delivered to residents. The Neighborhood & Community Relations department will be distributing a survey to all neighborhood organization Board members.

Community Engagement committee

FNA will pay teens to help staff the festival if enough volunteers do not sign up to help. Ruth suggested that the Board have a discussion about the future of the festival and its value to the neighborhood. It's becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers who want to get involved.

FNA will again host a booth featuring games and artistic activities for kids at the Open Streets on 50th event on 9/25. FNA will also recruit volunteers and raffle off some of the new FNA logo mugs. There was a discussion about whether FNA should formally partner with Edina on the event in the future. Issues include the cost (\$20,000) and timing (right after the festival) of the event. There was a question about how much FNA could afford to contribute. This event is not part of the Minneapolis Open Streets program, which will host an informational meeting soon and accept applications in October for participation in that program in 2017.

Funding request form

The committee approved a "funding request form" to be used by all FNA committees.

Environment committee

John Dillery, the chair of the Environment committee, reported that the Pollinator Protection project at the farmers market had been a success. The committee's new focus for the fall will be water: protection, quality, conservation. This will include distributing educational material at the market and Fulton Festival. Due to the short timeline, the Finance committee approved spending \$38 for signage for these events. The Finance committee rejected a request for reimbursement of \$6.66 for copying expenses related to the Water Protection project because that violated the expense request guidelines set earlier this summer. \$35 for printing costs for the rest of this year were approved. The Environment committee must submit a budget to the Finance committee for approval before starting any further projects.

Other business

- Few nominations from neighbors have been received so far for the annual Friends of Fulton awards.
- FNA must submit a funding plan for the next three years to the Community Participation Program by 11/18. FNA's three-year allocation has risen from \$81,000 to \$88,000.
- There is \$5,919 left over in FNA's 2016 grant program. The committee suggested that the funds could be used for the 2017 grant program. The City received a complaint from a resident regarding one of this year's grant projects; Ruth will look into the matter.