

## **Notes from the Fulton Finance committee meeting of December 6, 2017**

### **Present**

Jim Tincher, John Finlayson, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

### **Calendar**

Nothing to report for December.

### **Community Engagement committee**

Jim reported that the group working on the neighborhood survey had a productive meeting recently, discussing tracking methods and the focus of the survey. The plan is to mail the survey to residents in January to correspond with delivery of the next Fulton Neighborhood News which will contain publicity about the survey.

### **Safety committee**

Dave presented information about the proposed southwest neighborhoods court watch. The program would focus on tracking the cases of those arrested and charged for burglary of dwelling in the nine 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct neighborhoods south of 36<sup>th</sup> St. The numbers for November show that 31 incidents were reported in these neighborhoods: none resulted in an arrest at the time of the incident; 12 are under active investigation; and the rest of the cases are closed due to lack of evidence, witnesses, and information about possible suspect(s). By March it should be determined whether enough offenders are being charged to make the program worthwhile.

### **Minneapolis 2040**

The City is updating its comprehensive plan and is soliciting input from community members. Ruth will attend an open house and report back to the Board.

### **Other business**

Public Works staff will attend FNA's Board meeting on 1/10 to present information about a proposal to address concerns about unsafe conditions for pedestrians crossing Xerxes Ave at 47<sup>th</sup> St. SWHS students use the bus stops there and many neighborhood residents use that route to access Lake Harriet.

Art Shanty Projects is holding its event on Lake Harriet this winter and has contacted FNA about sponsorship opportunities. For a donation (starting at \$250 and going up to \$20,000), FNA would receive a certain level of publicity in relation to the event. The committee recommended that FNA not participate in this project.

A community member contacted Ruth in regard to the grant program and suggested that FNA develop a vision and program to support seniors in the neighborhood. There was a discussion about what this might entail. The committee suggested that FNA would not have the capacity to organize, implement, and staff a large-scale social service program.

No applications have been received yet for FNA's 2018 grant program. The deadline is 12/31. Ruth suggested contacting Linden Hills Neighborhood Council for information about how their successful grant program works; it does not rely on funding from the City and subsequently has less stringent guidelines about how the money can be spent.

Ruth reported that she submitted a claim to Fed Ex's insurer for the Fulton Neighborhood sign at 50<sup>th</sup> & Washburn which was accidentally destroyed by a Fed Ex driver. There was a discussion about how this situation could be handled.

There was a brief discussion regarding Ruth's coordinator contract with FNA. The committee recommended that the Board approve payment of a small number of hours worked in 2017 in excess of the maximum allowed under the contract.