

**Minutes of January 10, 2018  
FNA Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Brian Arnold, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, Andrew Michaelson and Steve Young

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye, Diane Moe and two residents

Prior to the meeting, a development meeting was held regarding the proposed three story structure at 51st & Ewing; approximately 12 residents attended along with Ward 13 and project staff.

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.** There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reviewed the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports.

**Pershing Park Update:** Park Director Diane Moe reported:

- There are 19 basketball teams this year.
- Diane and Ruth will work on choosing a date/selection for the Ice Cream Social/Movie in the Park.
- A parent/child program has been added on Saturday mornings.

**Ward 13 Report:** Ruth reported that there is a Meet and Greet with Mayor Frey on 1/11 at 5:30 at the Bakken.

**47th & Xerxes:** Becca Hughes and Ryan Anderson of Public Works gave a presentation about pedestrian crossing upgrades to 47th & Xerxes. Safe Routes to School, a federally funded grant program, has chosen Southwest High School for its 2018 project. There are two components:

- **47th & Xerxes**
  - Add bump outs at all four corners; the buses will load/unload behind the bump outs
  - Add zebra striping crosswalks in all four directions
  - Install pedestrian activated overhead flashing lights facing north and south on Xerxes
  - Additional pedestrian crossing signs will be installed prior to the intersection in all four directions
  - Add ADA ramps
- **47th & Beard**
  - Add zebra striping crosswalks going in three directions
  - Add pedestrian crossing signs

47th & Xerxes does not qualify for either a traffic light or 4-way stop due to a variety of reasons, including not high enough traffic counts over an 8 hour period. Also, it is a difficult configuration with the curb extensions and stormwater catch basins at all four corners. Becca will talk with Metro Transit about benches and/or shelters. Then next steps are to continue gathering feedback from area residents and then refine the design. Once plans are finalized, construction is anticipated in summer, 2018.

**Grants:** Four grant applications were received. We are working on getting all of them entered online so the review committee (Blaire, Steve Y, Ray and Brian) can review. A budget of \$4067 has been set and recommendations will be presented at the Finance meeting on Feb. 7.

**Survey:** The survey team continues to try to find a date to meet to discuss and edit the survey.

**Coordinator's Update:** Ruth Olson reported:

- We have now received a settlement check for \$11,702.54 for our neighborhood sign. Discussion was held about replacing the sign, doing other place-making projects, or doing nothing. Andrew, Ray and Brian will work together to come up with some new ideas; Ruth will ask NCR for suggestions from neighborhoods successful with public art and neighborhood identity.
- A Noise Oversight Committee Listening Session will be held on 1/30 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Church.
- The meet and greet with the new police chief is scheduled for 2/26 at 6 p.m. at Pershing Park.
- Jim and Ruth will work on a proposed 2018 budget and present it to the Finance Committee and Board in February.

**Committee Reports:**

- Safety: December brought 15 theft from motor vehicle reports. Dave shared yearly crime stats for Fulton neighborhood. Crime Watch continues to monitor the Burglary of Dwelling reports for southwest neighborhoods; Kingfield seems to be the hardest hit, but very little investigation and no arrests have been noted.
- Streetscape: Steve Y. is meeting with Henn. County Commissioner Marion Greene on 1/18 to discuss pedestrian crossings at business nodes on 50th St.
- Housing: the housing funds from the prior program with GMHC have now been returned. The total of unused funds and program income is currently about \$150K. Ruth has asked the city to clarify how much of that must still be spent in housing related activities in order to meet the statutory minimum.
  - Consider adding a question to the survey about how to spend the housing funds
  - Ruth will find out how other neighborhoods are spending their required housing funds given the current landscape for revolving loan programs
  - Andrew will check with CPED about the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
  - Revisit this issue in February and re-establish the Housing Committee
- Zoning: The Zoning Committee will review the 51st & Ewing proposal and will respond when the variance and upzoning requests come through.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary