

**Minutes of February 14, 2018  
FNA Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Ray Klahr, Andrew Michaelson, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

**Guests:** Ruth Olson and Dave Delvoye

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.** There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 10, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. Ray moved to approve the Minutes; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report.

**2018 Proposed Budget:** Jim reviewed the proposed 2018 FNA budget. The suggested budget reflects the overspending of CPP funds and the use of Phase II funds to cover the overage from 2017 and possibly 2018. There were questions about how the CPP funds and proposed budget were reflected (submitted budget versus actual) and Jim will work on changing the format to be more clear. Jim moved to approve the 2018 proposed FNA Budget; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. 21 day notice was given to affected parties that a Plan Modification of \$5,000 would be necessary to support the approved budget.

**Pershing Park Update:** In Diane's absence, Ruth reported:

- The basketball season is going strong with 8 fundamental teams and 9 teams of older kids in the citywide leagues
- Spring/summer registration begins February 28<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 30<sup>th</sup> for track, softball and baseball for ages 6 – 18
- Summer program registration also begins on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon – please check the website or browse the summer brochure which is due out early next week. Both Fuller and Kenwood Parks will be closed this summer for renovation and repairs, so Pershing is expecting a larger summer Rec Plus program
- The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and the Outdoor Movie will be Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> with a showing of "A Wrinkle in Time."

**Attorney General Report:** Ruth presented the 2017 annual report for the Attorney General. Jim moved to approve and submit the report; Andrew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Grants:** Four grant applications were received. Blaire and her committee have reviewed the grants and recommend the following awards:

- Lake Harriet Upper Campus Safety Patrols: \$500
- Lake Harriet Lower Campus STEAM/Engineering Program: \$1243
- Southwest High School Middle Grades Robotics: \$1095
- Southwest High School Wellness Program: \$1100

Blaire notes that all applications received at least partial funding. Mary moved to approve the grant recommendations; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Blaire will contact the recipients and highlight that recipients need to follow through with the evaluation component at the end and the presentation of results at the Annual Meeting in October.

**Placemaking:** Andrew and Brian met to begin discussing Fulton neighborhood placemaking options in lieu of the previous sign. The ideas they discussed include an electronic sign, more vinyl wraps on utility boxes and updating the logo. They will continue to explore ideas and pricing.

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

- The meet and greet with the new police chief is scheduled for 2/26 at 6 p.m. at Pershing Park.
- The next round of Welcome Kits will be distributed; Board members signed up to deliver to those blocks that do not have a Block Leader.
- MPRB is forming Community Advisory Councils (CAC) for both the Southwest Parks Master Plan and the Minnehaha Creek Master Plan. Fulton has been grouped with Lynnhurst and Armatage and is only being allowed one appointment to each committee. Blaire moved to submit a letter expressing concern that Fulton and Lynnhurst are not being given enough representation as the Creek runs through both neighborhoods; Andrew seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Jim has already formally applied for the Creek CAC.

**Committee Reports:**

- Safety: Fulton has had several Theft from Motor Vehicle reports again this month. Crime Watch continues to monitor the Burglary of Dwelling reports for southwest neighborhoods.
- Housing:
  - As requested, Ruth reported back about how other neighborhoods are spending their required housing funds given the current landscape for revolving loan programs. Many are investing with Propel Nonprofits (affordable housing developer) or are unsure what to.
  - FNA has approximately \$88K in program income that can be spent in any approved NRP strategy; an additional \$66K must be spent on housing related strategies. Jim asked if it was possible for FNA to receive the \$88K to invest in a CD while we explore our options.
  - A long discussion was held about how to support affordable housing in Fulton. Ruth will contact Propel Nonprofits to get more information about short term loans. Andrew reminded the Board that affordable housing can take many different forms and to consider incentives to duplex or rental owners, senior affordability, etc.
  - We will add some specific questions to the survey.

**New Business:** Sew What is leaving for a suburban location; a take-out taco place is taking the spot.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary