

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

Board Members Present: Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohlen and Jim Tincher

Guests: Diane Moe, Linea Palmisano, Ruth Olson and Dave Delvoye

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. A Ward 13 Update was added to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 14, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Survey: Ray reported that the survey is complete, mailed out and now received in homes; there have been 89 online responses thus far. Ruth will send out reminders on electronic media and to Block Leaders on 3/20 and 3/27. The survey will close on 4/3. Once all surveys are in, Jim will have his intern enter in the responses of any paper surveys received, then the planning group will get together to look at the results and plan a gathering.

Pershing Park Update: Diane Moe reported:

- Basketball (16 teams) is wrapping up.
- Spring/summer sports registration as well as summer programming registration has begun
- Both Fuller and Kenwood Parks will be closed this summer for renovation and repairs, so Pershing is expecting a larger summer Rec Plus program.
- There are two separate Community Advisory Councils (CACs) forming with MPRB for the Minnehaha Creek and Southwest Area Parks Master Plans.
- The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th and the Outdoor Movie will be Saturday, August 25th with a showing of "A Wrinkle in Time."

Plan Modification: As notified at the 2/14/18 FNA meeting, a Plan Modification was proposed. The modification calls for moving funds from Phase II Housing (\$4K) and Pershing Park Youth Projects (\$1K) to Phase II Staff support and implementation. John moved to approve the Plan Modification; Steve H. seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Annual Report: Ruth presented a draft of the 2017 Annual Report to the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations Department. Katharine moved to approve and submit the report; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ward 13 Update: Councilmember Linea Palmisano reported:

- The 2040 Comprehensive Plan will be released next week. The Comp Plan guides development for a 40 year time frame. The Plan anticipates significant growth, based on estimates of the Met Council, etc.
- There will be a 100 day comment period for residents followed by a 100 day comment period for nearby municipalities.
- One of the main issues the city is grappling with is how to grow a city when the average people per dwelling unit is decreasing (fewer people living in each dwelling unit as compared to previous plans.)

- One proposal to deal with increasing density and lack of affordable housing is to allow four-plexes on ANY residential lot in the city (not just on transit corridors and in commercial areas.)
- Once the Comp Plan is approved, a significant re-zoning process will happen to fit the vision of the plan.
- There is a proposal to discontinue all current Small Area Plans. It is unclear if the existing plans are being incorporated into the master document or if they will just be eliminated. It is also unclear if future Small Area Plans will be allowed as needed.
- Question: Who is the driver of the four-plex proposal? Is it a policy for increasing density or is it for developers? Will the developers be asking for TIF funding, which will reduce the tax base?
- Concern: Will the four-plexes have to follow current housing size regulations and will there be enough parking?
- Idea: The City needs to look at current commercial zoning and look for ways to upzone parcels and create mixed use opportunities.
- The city data shows that there is a 2-2 ½ % vacancy rate and more housing is needed, but details of how to address this will be important; beware of unintended consequences.
- There were many questions about how the proposed four-plexes would be implemented:
 - Will they be on corners or in the middle of the block?
 - Will they be required to be homesteaded?
 - Should they only be on commercial corridors?
 - Should the city focus on under-utilized lots? (there are a lot of single-family homes on lots that are zoned for duplexes.)
- Concern: The Comp Plan should reflect and maintain the demographic diversity of neighborhoods (age, race, income, etc.)

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Initial response to the outreach for members for the two Park CACs has been limited; Jane may apply. The deadline for applications has been extended to 3/21.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap has been released- this is a proposal for changes to the ways neighborhoods associations and NCR operate as well as three possible funding models. Ruth will forward this to the Board along with a summary.
- Ruth's contract was reviewed and renewed for another year at a rate of \$40/hour for 10-11 hours per week.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: Fulton has had six crime reports in the last month, including one Robbery of Person report.
- Housing: Ruth is still trying to reach someone at Propel to discuss the idea of a low-interest loan for affordable housing development.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary