

Minutes of April 11, 2018
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Brian Arnold, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Jane Kohnen, Andrew Michaelson, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

Guests: Diane Moe, Ben Jordan, Ruth Olson and Dave Delvoye

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 14, 2018 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 Treasurer's Report.

Pershing Park Update: Diane Moe reported:

- Baseball, softball and track are gearing up for the season, but can't begin until the snow is gone.
- Both Fuller and Kenwood Parks will be closed this summer for renovation.
- Linden Hills Neighborhood Council has approached Diane about putting new bike racks at Pershing Park. Diane will follow-up with MPRB Planning; FNA requests that they be blue in case we put additional racks around the neighborhood.

Survey: Jim reported in Ray's absence that there are approximately 350 survey responses online and/or hard copy; Jim will have his intern enter in the responses of the paper surveys received. After a very brief review of the results, Jim acknowledged that 30 percent of the survey respondents don't know about FNA, but nearly 70 percent read the newsletter we publish and a similarly high percentage know their Block Leader. The two most popular suggestions for improvements are more restaurants and more environmental programming. The survey group will study the results and report back to the Board next month with a plan for further actions.

Placemaking: Andrew and Brian are working on ideas for branding and neighborhood identity; they are considering a new sign and are still researching vendors. Additional branded bike racks could also be a possibility.

Draft 2040 Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan: The Fulton Zoning Committee has been reviewing the proposed Comp Plan and met with Councilmember Linea Palmisano last week.

- CM Palmisano will hold a community wide event on 5/23; time and place are TBD.
- The Plan has many different focus areas, including zoning.
- Increased density and increased transit options are main themes of the Plan.
- The Built Form Map calls for housing on Transit Corridors (France, Xerxes, Penn and 50th St) to be up to four stories with directly adjacent properties (around the corridor, across the alley, etc.) to be up to three stories.
- There is also a proposal to rezone all R1, single-family, residential parcels to R4 to allow buildings up to four housing units.
- Any existing Small Area Plans will be reviewed/modified and no new Plans will be accepted.
- Concerns expressed about the four-plex proposal:
 - What size will be allowed?
 - Need sufficient street parking
 - Will this decrease homeownership rates?

- What affect will they have on property value and future taxes?
- Are there stated density goals for each neighborhood?
- Don't want to change the feel of individual neighborhoods
- The Zoning Committee discussed that a duplex is probably all that could be built on the small lots in Fulton.

Neighborhoods 2020: Jane was able to attend the public listening session for the Neighborhoods 2020 proposal on 3/29. This document outlines the ending of TIF funded neighborhoods, the value of neighborhood associations and possible future scenarios for the structure of ongoing associations. The “ground up” structure of neighborhoods in Minneapolis is unique and provides a lot of civic engagement. John noted some of the basic value neighborhood associations provide is a communication conduit to and from the city, issue driven engagement and community-based engagement (events, communications, etc.) Jane, Jim and John will meet and prepare a letter providing feedback on the proposal.

Coordinator’s Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The Ward 13 Summit is on 4/18, 7 p.m. at Armatage Park.
- First quarter Welcome Kits will be delivered; two done by Board volunteers.
- The Fulton/Lynnhurst/Armatage appointment to the Park Community Advisory Council (CAC) is Paul Ragozzino and Mike Jishke to the Creek CAC.

Committee Reports:

- Safety: There were a wide variety of incidents the past month.
- Streetscape: A neighbor has expressed interest in helping build/install a bench for northbound bus traffic at 47th & Xerxes in conjunction with the pedestrian crossings being installed this summer. Ruth will follow-up with Public Works for further information about the size of the apron and MTC coordination.
- Zoning: The committee is monitoring the 2040 Plan proposal and also reviewed the variance requests for Ewing Place.

New Business: There appears to be a lot of concern from residents about the aggressive rise in property values for 2019 taxation.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary