

## **Notes from the Fulton Finance committee meeting of May 2, 2018**

### **Present**

Jane Kohnen, Jim Tincher, John Finlayson, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

### **Calendar**

Fulton Neighborhood News goes to the printer on 5/3 for delivery next weekend. The Fulton Farmers Market opens on 5/19; the Environment committee will staff a table there.

### **Safety**

There was a discussion about incidents at or near Southwest High School (SWHS) on the evening of 4/27 and the afternoon of 5/2. Ward 13 City Council Member Palmisano is working with police and school administration on the situation. There is limited information available about what happened, although there have been many comments posted on social media. The Finance committee debated a suggestion to invite the SWHS interim principal to the FNA Board meeting on 5/9 to answer questions from the community about the incidents and what's been happening at the school this year. There was disagreement about whether that was the best way to proceed. In the end, the committee recommended that FNA offer to co-sponsor with the Council Member a public meeting about the problems – perhaps at the school – but not until a new principal is appointed.

### **Other business**

Ruth submitted FNA's response to the City in regard to the proposed Neighborhoods 2020 Plan.

Regarding the Minneapolis 2040 Plan, at least one other southwest neighborhood has concerns about the proposal to rezone most of the city for multi-dwelling housing, specifically in regard to fourplexes. An initial question is whether each neighborhood association in southwest should develop its own response or whether they should collaborate on a single statement which might have more impact. The committee recommended that FNA Board members participate in the conversation about the draft plan on 5/23 at Southwest High School, which is presented by Council Member Palmisano, and then have a conversation with the Council Member at a Board meeting about the most effective way to respond.

Ruth is in the process of booking the Southwest High School band for the Fulton Fall Festival. She suggested paying volunteers from SWHS students groups to staff the inflatables at the festival, since it is very difficult to recruit volunteers for this task. It could be marketed as a fundraising opportunity to the student groups.

*Notes prepared by Dave Delvoye*