

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

**Board Members Present:** Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Steve Haslach, Mary Jordan, Ray Klahr, Jim Tincher and Steve Young

**Guests:** Diane Moe, CM Palmisano, Jeff Washburne, Madeline Hudek and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.** There were no revisions or additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 9, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. Ray moved to approve the Minutes; Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. The Neighborhood Forests invoice has been temporarily paid out of the Friends of Fulton account and will need to be reimbursed from the Environmental CD.

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

- The Ice Cream Social is on 7/10.
- Movie Night is on 8/25 (A Wrinkle in Time).
- Linden Hills Neighborhood Council is installing 6 new bike loops that will replace the existing bike rack by the wading pool. Diane will ask Planning about additional loops on the east end of the parking lot and the cost of a Fix It Station.

**Survey:** Ray has been evaluating the survey results. She will put a one-page summary in the next Fulton Newsletter and a longer report on the website. Some of the results that stand out are that neighbors want more social events, educational speakers, utility wraps and band concerts. FNA will work on creating a Block Party Kit (flyers, activities, sporting goods, etc.) for neighbors to check out.

**Southwest Service Area Master Plan (SWSAMP):** Madeline Hudek of MPRB introduced the planning process. The SWSAMP covers 41 park properties in southwest Minneapolis, but not any of the regional parks (Chain of Lakes, etc.) as those have their own master plans. The timeline calls for a "summer of engagement", with a draft plan expected by spring/early summer 2019. Following that will be a 45 day comment period, a second draft and then approval by MPRB. There is a general online survey available right now and the next meeting is on June 18. Ruth will provide Madeline with a list of dates for possible in-person engagement in Fulton neighborhood.

**City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCL):** Jeff Washburne presented information about the services of CLCLT. They have provided 365 home ownership opportunities to low income residents over the past 16 years. This is primarily in the acquisition and rehab of single-family homes, 50 of which have been re-sold to another low-income owner. The owner owns the home; the land trust owns the land. When an owner sells, they keep 100% of the equity built in the home and 25% of the appreciation. CLCLT has also started with neighborhood groups who provide construction loans to develop a property. The loan is them paid back quickly. They have also helped distressed homeowners (tax forfeiture, bankruptcy) pay off debt and stay in their homes as long as they can in exchange for the deed to their home. Jeff will send further information about the construction loans and deed programs.

In the past, Fulton provided funds to help with the purchase and rehab of a home in the neighborhood, which was then brought under the umbrella of the land trust. There has been some trouble with this home and Jeff urges FNA to involve CLCLT immediately and to call the police. FNA expressed interest in

future collaborations, but the reality is that it is very difficult given the property values in Fulton. CM Palmisano noted that there may be some opportunities to develop affordable housing at the municipal lot at Ewing as well as a couple of locations in West Calhoun.

**Ward 13 Update:** Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- There was a recent Property Values presentation by the City Assessor. There were lots of valuation appeals this year, most of which ended up in a reduction of assessed value.
- General discussion about the 2040 draft Comp Plan was held. Concern was expressed about the affordability for anyone (private or for-profit) to be able to purchase a property and develop a 4-plex **and** the likelihood that they would not be affordable housing. CM Palmisano concurred and noted that the hope is the overall prices will decrease with relaxed zoning codes, but that does not help the affordability issue. A question was also posed about how the Critical Parking Zones will overlay with the proposed zoning. CM Palmisano reminded that feedback is due by July 22 and that the most flexibility with the plan will be before the second draft is released at the end of September. FNA will help promote other community meetings.
- CM Palmisano is working on changing the service model by which data requests are processed.
- There is a reception at Southwest High School on June 20 for the outgoing interim principal and the incoming permanent principal, Dr. Favor. It is unclear how much public comment will be allowed at this meeting. Both CM Palmisano and FNA are looking for a more in-depth engagement opportunity for the community with Dr. Favor.
- There were two bicycle accidents related to the Edina Art Fair. City staff is gathering more information.

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

- The 47th & Xerxes pedestrian crossing upgrades will start in July; no improvements will be made at 47th & Beard.
- Volunteers are needed for the Ice Cream Social on 7/10.
- Jim will be moving and leaving the Board. Craig Brown will fill the Board seat; someone will need to fill the role of Treasurer. Katharine suggested that Brian might be interested; Ruth will contact him.

**Committee Reports:** No reports.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary