

Minutes of August 8, 2018
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Brian Arnold, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Steve Haslach, Ray Klahr and Jane Kohnen

Guests: Dave Delvoye, Chris Black and Ruth Olson

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

Minutes: Minutes from the July 11, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Brian reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. Brian has now been added as a signer to all accounts at North American Bank. He and Jim agreed to close out the three CD's and put all of the money into the Friends of Fulton account. Brian will now set up a savings account with an online bank, Ally, and will transfer \$100K. This Ally account will be linked to the Friends of Fulton account and funds can easily be transferred back and forth up to six transactions per month. Doing this allows a much higher interest rate and ready access to funds.

Pershing Park Update: Ruth reported in Diane's absence:

- They are gearing up for soccer; younger kids at Linden Hills and older kids at Pershing.
- Still waiting for the improvements/repairs to be made to the building.
- No date, yet, on when the new bike racks (from LHiNC) will be installed.

Steve Young has previously expressed interest in FNA installing a few bike racks on the concrete pad on the east end of the parking lot. Bid is about \$525; will discuss at Finance in September.

Ward 13 Report: Ruth reported in CM Palmisano's absence:

- CM Palmisano supports raising the age allowed to purchase tobacco products to 21.
- CM Palmisano opposed the amendment to change the City Charter to allow for more City Council control over the Minneapolis Police Department.

Southwest High School Update:

Jane and Ruth both attended the community forum on July 17 with the new principal at SWHS, Dr. Michael Favor. The forum was focused on improving relations between the school and the community. Dr. Favor seems open to working with the neighborhood and would like the school to be actively involved in service opportunities. To that end, Ruth contacted Dr. Favor afterwards and suggested a service project to repair the damage to the homes at the northwest and southeast corners of 47th & Upton. The football team has agreed to repair the fence at 4701 Xerxes as soon as possible (we can address the lawn damage at the other property in the future). Dr. Favor and the football coach stopped by the home but were unable to speak with the homeowner. FNA is supportive of this project and is open to providing funding for the supplies if the homeowner wants it. Ruth will contact the homeowner to ask permission to allow the service project to repair the fence and restore it to its original condition. If the homeowner agrees, a parent on the football team who is in the construction industry will assess the damage and give us a rough scope of work and budget.

Block Party Kits: Ray has gathered supplies for 2 Block Party kits that will be stored at Pershing Park and will be available for residents to check out. She will come up with a content list for both kits and Ruth will start advertising the new program in the newsletter and on our electronic communication tools.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- The School Wellness Group grant has been difficult to get started due to administrative changes and coordination with Southwest High School. The grantee, June Thiemann, has requested consideration to explore doing the program at Lake Harriet Upper Campus instead. FNA would prefer the program be done at the high school as it serves the older kids of the community. Blaire will encourage June to continue trying to work with the high school now that new leadership is in place – she needs to establish a commitment from the school and staff support. If she is not able to get the going by December, then we can ask her to reapply for the next round of grants and propose a modified approach.
- Funding of future grant programs was discussed. Ruth will put together a list of all grantees from the first three years of the program and send this to the Board. Further discussion can continue at the September Finance and FNA meetings.

Committee Reports:

Safety: Dave noted that the change in data reporting has still resulted in limited access to police reports. The most recent Safety report is only through July 14. Since that time, he has been able to get some information from public requests. There have been three garage burglaries, one theft from motor vehicle and one motor vehicle theft.

Community Engagement: The Festival Planning Committee will meet on Aug. 13. We were not able to get plans for a beer garden established and will try again next year. Ruth will post the volunteer sign up on social media and Blaire will send it to the Board.

Environment: The Environment Committee is interested in engaging in the discussion about improvements to Minnehaha Creek. Ruth will connect the committee chair to the Advisory Council for the Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan.

Zoning: The Zoning Committee met with CM Palmisano during their meeting on 8/6. They are disappointed that they were not consulted as part of the FNA response to 2040. Jane will invite them to attend the September FNA meeting to introduce themselves and explain to the Board how they represent zoning issues on behalf of FNA. Ruth will start sending the agenda to the committee chairs each month.

Old Business: We still need to address the placemaking opportunities for FNA and to remediate the site of the old sign at 50th & Washburn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary