

**Minutes of September 12, 2018**  
**FNA Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen and Steve Young

**Guests:** FNA Zoning Committee, Chris Black, Sally Guillet, Matt Perry, Molly Broder, Amanda Niskode-Dosett, Diane Moe, John Freude 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 August 8, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. The activity from the Fulton Fall Festival will be in the next report.

**Ward 13 Report:** John Freude, Ward 13 Sr. Policy Aide, reported:

- The second draft of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan is expected by the end of September. Ward 13 staff is working on quantitatively and qualitatively analyzing the 1K+ comments received by their office; they are asking for the same analysis of the 10K+ comments received city-wide. Comments made by June 22 are now publicly available; further comments will be released with the second draft. When the second draft is released, Ward 13 has asked for both a red-lined version of the original draft as well as a three page summary of changes. A hearing at the Planning Commission is expected on 10/29 along with a special adjourned- City Council hearing on November 13. Final consideration and vote by City Council will be December 7.
- The Early Vote Center opens on 9/21; further centers will be added closer to the 11/6 general election.
- There will be 3 Ballot questions for the general election:
  1. Increase the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) general levy
  2. Create a new MPS Technology levy
  3. Charter Amendment to remove the "7 acre contiguous property rule" for full liquor licenses
- The next Palmisano Presents will be on 9/24 for the proposed 2019 city budget.

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

- Fall soccer is going strong with lots of interest in older teams.
- The start of the school year has brought a lot of unwanted behavior at Pershing Park. Diane has been engaging SWHS staff and they have been receptive to her concerns and have had a strong presence at the park during lunch hours and after school.

**FNA Zoning Committee (Chris Strom, Ryan Allen and Mike Fuerstein):** The Zoning Committee is an advisory board that responds to variances in Fulton neighborhood as well as discusses and advises FNA on larger zoning policy issues such as the Moratorium. The Committee would have liked to be consulted in FNA's response to the proposed Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The committee agrees that the roll-out of the 2040 proposal was ineffective and the associated website was clunky and difficult to navigate. However, they disagree with FNA's choice to "strongly oppose" the plan. The Zoning Committee carefully reviewed the plan and supports concepts such as increased density and equity in housing proposals. They would have liked to participate in thoughtful discussion

and not have FNA issue a “wholesale” down vote. The Board agreed that they should have included the Zoning Committee in discussions and need to establish a better communication system in the future; their input as well as their commitment is valued. Ruth will proactively schedule a meeting with the Board and the Zoning Committee to review the second draft together and discuss a coordinated response.

**Milfoil on Lake Harriet:** Sally Guillet, Lynnhurst resident, presented her concerns about the increased milfoil on Lake Harriet; she hopes to involve all four neighborhood associations (Fulton, Lynnhurst, Linden Hills and East Harriet) in a coordinated response. Milfoil is an invasive species and its presence on Lake Harriet has drastically increased over the past several years. The DNR issues permits for harvesting milfoil up to 50%; MPRB has a permit to harvest up to 45%, although it is not clear how much they actually harvest. Since Lake Harriet is a recreational use lake (swimming, boating, etc.), MPRB could request a variance to harvest even more than 50% but they have not done so. Sally questions whether harvesting is the most effective method of removal, but it is what is available right now. Jane suggested a joint committee of the four neighborhoods, along with concerned neighbors, to better understand the problem and engage the appropriate authorities. This could start with a presentation from the DNR about milfoil, its history, best practices, etc. Ray and Katharine will represent FNA on a committee.

**Biennial Board Survey:** Karen Moe, Deputy Director of Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) reported that NCR started surveying the make-up of the city’s appointed/elected Boards and Commissions in 2009 and added neighborhood associations in 2014. This is one measure they are using to determine how well these boards are reflecting the overall demographics of the city (age, race, gender, gender identity, renter, etc.). The Board completed the survey and Ruth will forward a link to an electronic survey to those members who were absent.

#### **Southwest High School Update:**

- Amanda Niskode-Dossett, neighbor at 48th & Chowen, requested \$300 to fund an outreach effort to improve relationships with the SWHS students who are walking and driving through this crucial intersection of the neighborhood and park every day. She and her neighbors would like to support three events, such as handing out donut balls in the morning, to make a personal connection with the students and engage them to invest in their community. They will report back to FNA on the effectiveness of their efforts. Katharine moved to approve \$300 for this outreach effort; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- We now have an estimate of approximately \$200 to support a Service Learning Project to repair the fence at 47th & Xerxes. It was suggested that the school prepare some sort of communication to use with the student body to show the results of this project; Ruth can help with this. It was also suggested to get some extra fence pickets for the homeowner. Katharine motioned to approve up to \$250 to support the Service Learning Project and fence repair; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Charter Amendment/Ballot Initiative:** Molly Broder and Matt Perry of Southwest Business Association reported that City Question #1 on the general election ballot on 11/6 will be a Charter Amendment to remove the “7 acre contiguous property rule” from City Charter. This will affect full liquor licensing in the city and bring it under city ordinance rather than having to go to the State Legislature to request an exemption in order to apply for a full liquor license. There have already been 25 exemptions granted at the state level, 5 just this year; taking out this requirement and bringing it under city control would allow all restaurants to compete on a level field. Some may choose to apply for a full license while others will continue with just beer and wine or without any alcohol service at all. Restaurants will still have to apply for the license and go through the full vetting and engagement process with the city. Craig moved for FNA to adopt the following resolution: “Fulton Neighborhood Association resolves to support the

Charter amendment to remove the 7 acre contiguous property rule to allow restaurants to apply for a full liquor license"; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- The Fulton Fall Festival on Sept. 8 went well and the weather was beautiful. Attendance and ticket sales were down. The planning group will discuss further.
- The Fulton/Lynnhurst Garage Sales are on 9/15; maps online and at each park building.
- Open Streets on 50th is Sept. 23. FNA will have a table with a face painter and the Southwest FTC Robotics team will demonstrate its new competition field. We will also have some simple carnival games and will utilize the new Block Party Kits as promotion of the program. Amanda Niskode-Dossett and Andy Clayton will both volunteer to help.
- The FNA Annual Meeting will be on October 10. There are two Friends of Fulton nominations and Ruth/Jane will write up an additional one. We will ask Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein to provide legislative updates and present our awards. Blaire may be able to present a summary of our 2018 Small Grant recipients. There are six spots open for election to the FNA Board; four current Board Members will run for re-election and there will be two open seats. Jane will follow-up with two residents who have expressed interest in joining the Board.
- The Block Party Kits are now available and there have already been three requests to use them.
- The Board discussed the continuation of the Small Grants Program and agreed to continue the program for 2019. A pool funding amount will be determined in November; in the meantime Ruth will update paperwork and begin promoting for submissions.
- The Board will address the possibility of funding more bicycle hoops in November.
- Nice Ride Dockless Bikes are coming soon.

**Committee Reports:**

Community Engagement: The Festival Planning Committee will meet on Sept. 17 to review the event.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Blaire Hartley, Secretary