

Minutes of October 10, 2018
FNA Annual Meeting

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

Guests: Ruth Olson, Sen. Scott Dibble, Rep. Frank Hornstein and approximately 100 other neighbors

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. Jane welcomed the crowd and noted that the FNA Annual Meeting would be followed by a 2040 meeting with CM Palmisano.

FNA Accomplishments for the Year: Jane reviewed some of the major accomplishments of FNA over the past year including the Fulton Fall Festival and Silent Auction, Pershing Park Ice Cream Social, Open Streets on 50th, small grants, community forum with MPD Chief Medaria Arradondo, a neighborhood-wide survey, Minnehaha Creek and SW Parks Advisory Councils, SWHS fence repair, Pollinator Protection Project, Block Party Kits, Welcome Kits, 2040 input and ongoing communications.

Fulton Small Grants: The fourth year of the Fulton Small Grants has concluded. Blaire Hartley has taken over leadership of the grant program and oversaw grants to the Southwest First Technology Challenge, Lake Harriet Lower School Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program and to the Lake Harriet Upper Campus Safety Patrol. Guidelines for the 2019 program will be on the website.

State of Minnesota Update: State Senator Scott Dibble and State Representative Frank Hornstein discussed:

- A new funding biennium is beginning and a \$40B budget will need to be set
- The 2018 tax bill
- A bonding bill (for roads and bridges, but not transit)
- A pension bill
- Education funding
- Several things did not pass or were not brought to the floor for a vote: net neutrality, gun violence prevention, elections security and mental health

Friends of Fulton Awards: Awards were presented to Nikki Nethercot-Niermann, Jack Harness & Kathy Palmer, Sue & Jim Tincher and the Southwest High School Football team.

Board Elections: The slate of candidates for the Fulton Board of Directors was presented. Each candidate gave a brief introduction. There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion to approve the slate of candidates by a vote of acclamation was carried by unanimous vote. The following people have been voted in for a two-year term expiring in October, 2020: Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson and Jane Kohnen. There is still one open position on the Board that will be filled by appointment when a candidate is identified. Recognition was also made of retiring Board Member Steve Haslach.

MPD Update: Inspector Kathy Waite reported:

- Theft from Motor Vehicle continues to be a city-wide problem. The incidents seem to be focused on business nodes. Insp. Waite advised that everyone take valuables inside with them or place them in the trunk BEFORE you arrive at your location.
- Fulton neighborhood still has several blocks that are not organized with a Block Leader.
- Fulton neighborhood hosts a safety meeting with Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Waisanen monthly.
- Outdoor lighting is important.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting was immediately followed by a community discussion with Council Member Linea Palmisano regarding the second draft of the 2040 plan.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Blaire Hartley, Secretary