

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

**Board Members Present:** Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Blaire Hartley, Mary Jordan, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohlen and Steve Young

**Guests:** Diane Moe, Dave Delvoye, Hector Ruiz, Barbara Ellis, Gustavo Romero, Brad Johnson and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.** Mary Jordan will have a Silent Auction update.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 10, 2018 FNA meeting were reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the Minutes; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report.

**Executive Committee Elections:**

President: Steve Young; Vice President: Katharine Brown; Treasurer: Brian Arnold; Secretary: Ray Klahr. John moved to approve the slate of candidates; Blaire seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- There have been 20-25 teens (9th and 10th graders) hanging out at the park from 3-6 p.m. Diane has hired a teen engagement staff person and they have started doing more formal activities and programming.
- SWHS staff has been present a lot and has had to help manage some fighting and other behaviors. The school has been respectful and responsive to Diane's concerns.
- Pershing will lose its Rec+ program at the end of the year.
- Winter sports registrations have begun.
- Election Day was very busy with a high voter turnout.

**Don Raul Liquor License:** Restaurant owner, Hector Ruiz, along with two other staff members presented plans for a new restaurant at 50th & Xerxes in the old Sew What building. Hector is a long-time restaurateur in Minneapolis with several other successful locations. Don Raul's has already applied for and been approved for a wine/strong beer liquor license. The restaurant will have 36 interior seats and 32 on the patio with three designated parking spaces. Given the square footage of the building, the city does not require any off street parking. They will serve small plates with a "no boundaries" menu concept which may change daily. Their license says they can be open from 9 a.m until 11 p.m. on weekdays and until midnight on weekends. However, Hector anticipates that he will be closed by 10 p.m. most days based on when the last customers leave. He does not anticipate pursuing a full liquor license right now and will only do so if patrons request it and it can be a financially sound decision.

**Program Funding:**

- Bike Hoops/Fix It Station: The Board discussed the idea of bike hoops and/or a Fix It repair station on the concrete pad at the east end of the parking lot at Pershing Park. It was agreed to do both. Ruth will get updated quotes and ask for color samples. Blaire moved to approve \$1,800 for the project; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Funds from the Safety strategy in NRP Phase I will be used.
- 2019 Small Grants Program: Once the 2019 funding is secured, there will be approximately \$5,200 available for grants, Open Streets and Senior Programming. A variety of funding levels

were discussed. Ray moved to allocate \$4,200 for grants in 2019 and \$1,000 for Open Streets and/or senior programming; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. If additional funds are needed for senior programming, they will need to be identified from other strategies. Blaire and Ray will review the grant submissions again.

**2040 Update:** The FNA Board and Zoning Committee had another joint meeting to discuss the proposed 2040 plan and any amendments we might be able to propose to CM Palmisano. A couple of possible amendments were discussed, but no consensus was reached. Both public hearings have been held; final City Council vote will be on Dec. 7.

**Southwest High School Update:**

- Amanda Niskode-Dossett and her neighbors at 48th & Chowen have held two of their three proposed student engagement activities to get to know the kids walking through the neighborhood better. They passed out donuts on two separate mornings, introduced themselves, asked the student's name and welcomed them. There will be a third event in the spring. It is the neighbors hope to get the students invested in the community by meeting the people who actually live there and are impacted by their actions.
- There are 7 welcome kits that need to be delivered to addresses on blocks that do not have a block leader; Board members will deliver those.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: The Safety Committee will discuss the possibility of a rebate and/or grant program to install exterior lighting, security cameras, etc. Dave is still having difficulty getting up to date police reports; nothing has been posted in the past 5 weeks. Dave will track the progress of a burglary with arrest incident from 9/24. An overdose on 9/3 has also been reported.

Community Engagement: Mary Jordan is stepping down from coordinating the Silent Auction. Katharine Brown will help out with large donations but would like to focus on the new Bingo activity at the festival. The donation solicitation process is really well organized and Mary will help transition to a new leader; there is also a lot of consistent volunteers for "day of" help. Chris Black will consider and Ruth will put a note in the March FNN.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Ray Klahr, Secretary