

Notes from the Fulton Finance committee meeting of November 7, 2018

Present

Jane Kohnen, John Finlayson, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

Calendar

The public hearing regarding the wine and beer license application by Don Raul, 4953 Xerxes Ave, will take place on 11/13 at City Hall. City Council Member Palmisano has agreed to take comments from neighbors about the application at the FNA Board meeting on 11/14 and then share them with Licensing staff. Hector Ruiz, the owner of the restaurant, will attend the Board meeting to answer questions. Brad Bourn, president of the Minneapolis Park & Rec Board, will also be at the meeting.

Safety

Ruth suggested that the Safety committee consider using some of its NRP Phase 1 funds for a program to provide residents with motion detector lights and / or surveillance cameras, which were recently recommended by 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite as effective ways to deter the kind of property crimes which are prevalent in the neighborhood. It's unclear how such a program would work. The Finance committee referred the suggestion to the Safety committee.

Other business

Board members met with Zoning committee volunteers on 11/5 to discuss the Minneapolis 2040 Plan. No recommendations for action came out of the meeting.

There was a discussion about rain gardens. Metro Blooms has an annual program to help neighborhoods promote rain gardens, and applications for projects in 2019 are due by mid-November.

Ruth presented information about funding for FNA's 2019 Priority Plan through the City's Community Participation Program. As it stands, \$2,500 will be available for Open Streets, the grant program, and senior programming. There are also funds left over from 2017 – 2018 available: \$741.56 of unused grant money and \$2,000 of unused senior programming money. The committee discussed how to proceed. Ruth said that FNA had already decided to donate \$1,000 per year to Open Streets in addition to spending a couple of hundred dollars to provide face painting for kids at the event. The committee came up with three options to present to the Board:

- 1) Use all of the 2019 funds (\$2,500) plus the unused grant funds (\$741.56) for the 2019 grant program. That would leave \$2,000 available for Open Streets and / or senior programming.
- 2) Use all of the 2019 funds (\$2,500) plus the unused grant funds (\$741.56) plus \$1,000 from the unused senior programming funds for the 2019 grant program. That would leave \$1,000 available for Open Streets and / or senior programming.
- 3) Use all of the 2019 funds (\$2,500) plus the unused grant funds (\$741.56) plus all of the unused senior programming funds (\$2,000) for the 2019 grant program. That would leave no money available for Open Streets or senior programming.

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