

Minutes of December 12, 2018
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Ray Klahr and Jane Kohnen

Guests: Dave Delvoye and Ruth Olson

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. Katharine presided over the meeting in Steve's absence.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 14, 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. Ruth and Brian will work on a 2019 budget for presentation and discussion in January or February.

Pershing Park Update: no report

Ward 13 update: no report

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- FNA hasn't done a Happy Hour or Networking Event in over a year. Possible venues discussed:
 - Don Raul's (maybe in the summer when the patio is open)
 - Vinaigrette
 - Dunn Brothers
 - Tinto Kitchen
 - Sakana Sushi

Ruth will reach out to Sakana Sushi to see if they are willing to host this FNA event. Jane moved to approve a budget of up to \$500; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- Bike Station: The Board agreed to have the Fix It Station, air pump, pump stop and two signs installed; fixtures in purple. Ruth will work with Diane to see if MPRB could install the sign post.
- Grants: only one grant received so far. Southwest High School Boys Basketball Boosters are asking for funding to support a supervised study hall/academic tutoring during their season in order to keep academics strong. They are hoping to start the program right after the winter break in early January. This timing is hard for FNA because the submission deadline is Dec. 31 and choosing recipients typically doesn't happen until February. The Board agreed to consider this grant request early if it is the only application received. If other applications are received, we will follow the normal process and timeline in order to maintain the integrity of the process.
- January FNN: Content will be very light. Several ideas were discussed:
 - Highlight the FNA Board, the mission and work of the neighborhood association, the committees and start a rotating feature on individual Board members. Ruth will take this on and will schedule a time for a group photo
 - Keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow
 - Outreach to ask what neighbors want to hear about, what issues are important to them, etc. Ray will take this on.
 - Feature a neighborhood business, possible Queenie & Pearl (new at 50th & Xerxes). Katharine will take this on.
 - Updates from the parks and creek advisory councils.

Committee Reports:

Safety: The Safety Committee will revisit the idea of a security enhancement grant at their January meeting; they will review program guidelines for similar programs in Armatage, East Calhoun and Lynnhurst. Dave has been able to get access to the police reports for 11 days in October; he now has a contact in the records unit and is hoping to resolve the difficulty with reporting.

Zoning: There is a variance request for development within 40 feet of a steep slope. The Zoning committee was advised of the request and those who responded did not object. Jane will get re-involved with this committee.

New Business: Ray will be representing FNA with the multi-neighborhood group addressing milfoil harvesting on Lake Harriet. The group would like support of the neighborhood associations to continue the request for the harvest of at least 45% of the milfoil or more as appropriate. The current DNR permit limits harvesting to 45%, but they are open to a modification of the permit and increased harvesting levels. The Park Board has accessed GPS data to determine how much harvesting is actually being done. It appears that the machine was used approximately 129 hours over the summer of 2018, but it is unclear if this is enough time to reach the 45% level. The end goal continues to be harvesting more milfoil, possibly through increasing dedicated staffing hours, identifying volunteers to assist in the harvest, or using other methods to harvest milfoil. The Board would like more information from the DNR about what they recommend as best practices such as chemical treatments or other methods.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: *Ray Klahr*

Ray Klahr, Secretary