



Fulton Neighborhood Association: Who are We and What Do We Do?



Pictured from left to right: Front row: Steve Young, President; Katharine Brown, Vice President and Ray Klahr, Secretary. Back row: Jane Kohnen, Mary Jordan, Craig Brown, Chris Black and Blaire Hartley. Not pictured: Brian Arnold and John Finlayson

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The Fulton Neighborhood's boundaries are 47th Street to 54th Street and France Avenue to Penn Avenue.

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Fulton Finance is a committee of FNA that implements neighborhood improvement projects. Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park.

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All FNA meetings and events are accessible. Requests for accommodations are welcome. Please make requests at least ten days in advance.

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Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) was officially incorporated as an organization in 1990 in response to zoning issues at 50th & France. Many residents may recognize the association by the events we put on (Fulton Fall Festival, Summer Ice Cream Social, etc.) or by the newsletter you are reading, but there is a lot more to a neighborhood organization that goes on behind the scenes.

There are 70 recognized neighborhood associations in the city of Minneapolis, each an autonomous nonprofit organization with a volunteer board of directors elected by residents (and sometimes other stakeholders). Some organizations represent one distinct neighborhood, while others represent a larger geographic area with memberships ranging from 600 residents to over 20,000. Neighborhood associations are currently funded through the Community Participation Program of the City of Minneapolis; some are volunteer-run, some have one part-time staff person (as Fulton does) and others have several full-time staff people.

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What's on your Mind?

Each quarter we print the Fulton Neighborhood Newsletter to highlight neighborhood happenings and important information. Do you have topics you want to see in the newsletter? Are there issues that you are passionate about? Ideas on what you want to see from your neighborhood association? Let us know! Contact us at info@fultonneighborhood.org or call us at 612-922-3106 with your ideas and you may see your topic in the next newsletter.



Sign up now for our monthly e-newsletter to stay informed about neighborhood and city happenings. Visit fultonneighborhood.org and fill in the form on the left side of the page.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Meet the FNA Board: Steve Young, FNA President



Steve has lived in Minneapolis since 1998 and started serving on the FNA Board the following year after purchasing a commercial property in Fulton. He works in real estate for Arbor Commercial Group, a company that redevelops older commercial buildings, primarily in Minneapolis. Steve also handles land acquisitions for Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota, a St. Paul-based nonprofit that works to acquire, protect and enhance critical land for the public's use and benefit.

For FNA, Steve works on improving the facilities at Pershing Park, community engagement events such as the Fulton Festival, and enhancing the streetscape environment. Steve says "It's great to be a part of Fulton because it has a little bit of everything – Lake Harriet, Minnehaha Creek, great neighborhood schools, restaurants and local shops, farmers market, etc."

Whose Line is it Anyway?

FNA is considering producing a line of neighborhood branded merchandise like hats, t-shirts, water bottles, etc., and we need a catchy phrase to identify the essence of Fulton neighborhood. We're thinking something like "Fun in Fulton" or "Fulton Neighborhood Fan" (both cringe-worthy, but you get the drift). Do you have a great idea for a short phrase that captures the spirit of the neighborhood? Please send any ideas to info@fultonneighborhood.org or call us at 612-922-4106 – the chosen entry will receive a gift card to a local Fulton restaurant!



Pershing Park News: Go! Gymnastics

Wed. mornings
Ages 2-5
\$55-65

Pershing Park is offering a new and exciting opportunity to expose your preschooler to the world of gymnastics. Children (with parent participation) will learn the basic skills and terms. We will introduce floor skills such as forward rolls, cartwheels, handstands, walking on beams and hanging from bars. This is a great class to introduce your child to gymnastics and expend some energy. Please call 612-370-4928 or register at the center.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South

Southwest Service Area Master Plan Parks Presentation at FNA on February 13

Following November's Design Week, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation project team has been working to refine initial concepts for the neighborhood parks in southwest Minneapolis. The concepts will be available for people to comment on starting Jan. 31 at Lynnhurst Community Center from 6-8 p.m.; this will be the first of four concepts workshops. The concepts will also be posted to the project page along with an online survey as another way to provide input. A member of the SW Service Area Master Plan project team will also be at the FNA board meeting on Feb. 13 to gather additional feedback and answer questions. To find out more about the project, visit the project page: www.minneapolisparcs.org/sw.



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54th & Penn Pedestrian Safety



Pedestrian safety at 54th & Penn is a big concern to area residents; this intersection is home to the convergence of three neighborhoods: Armatage, Fulton and Lynnhurst.

At the Armatage Neighborhood Association meeting on Dec. 18, a public forum was held with representatives of the community, the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and Minneapolis Public Works. The MPD has committed to some increased enforcement of motorists speeding around the commercial node and engagement with Vision Zero, the program aimed at eliminating fatalities and severe injuries on Minneapolis Streets.

Other ideas were voiced at the meeting; some may be possible, but others may not:

- Turn up business node street lights
- Reduce speed limit to 20mph on Penn in the business node
- Radar speed signs
- Gateway signage to bring awareness of a business district
- Flashing 4-way stop at 54th & Penn and/or at nearby intersections
- Speed bumps/humps
- Crosswalk and/or flashing crosswalk between Book Club & Red Wagon
- Eliminating left turns out of Book Club and Red Wagon parking lots

Neighborhood Roots Winter Farmers Markets

NEIGHBORHOOD ROOTS

Where community and food are cultivated

Do you love the Fulton Farmers Market? Do you miss the friendly faces of your farmers? Are you committed to supporting local food in the New Year? You don't have to wait for summer to roll around. Join us at the Neighborhood Roots Winter Markets this month. Neighborhood Roots is a small nonprofit that brings you Fulton, Nokomis and Kingfield Farmers Markets, as well as a series of indoor winter markets. The indoor markets take place on Sundays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and March 23 at Bachman's on Lyndale. Stock up on stored vegetables, pickles, jams, meat, eggs, cheese, wool, crafts and more while enjoying live music and perhaps a mimosa or two. Want to do more to support your makers and farmers? Sign up to volunteer or become a "Friend of the Farmer" by making a recurring donation to Neighborhood Roots. It takes a village to make the markets happen; Fulton Farmers Market would not exist without supporters like you giving a few hours or a few dollars a month. Visit our website (www.neighborhoodroots.org) to become a volunteer, donor or vendor in 2019!

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Neighborhood associations work on many issues in many different ways:

Engage residents and other stakeholders through door-knocking, community meetings, focus groups, committee and task force meetings, surveys, newsletters (print and electronic) and online (websites and social media.)

Organize and mobilize:

- respond to local issues such as housing, environmental, safety, transit and infrastructure and other livability issues
- organize community activities such as community gardens, block clubs, neighborhood festivals and events, youth and senior programming and candidate forums
- do neighborhood planning through strategic plans; small-area plans; and commercial corridor, park and redevelopment planning
- respond to development issues such as development proposals, zoning variances and conditional-use permits, road construction, commercial development and environmental issues

Deal with complex community issues and conflicts such as historic preservation and neighborhood character, proposed developments, changing populations and demographics, emergencies, volunteer activities, resource direction and lots and lots of paperwork (grants, reports, news, legal filings, financial activities, annual city reporting and other recordkeeping).

FNA operates and carries out these tasks primarily through a group of committees with the assistance of a part-time staff person. Are you interested in working with other neighborhood volunteers to keep Fulton neighborhood great? Please consider learning more and joining one of our committees:

- * **Community Engagement** (plan events and outreach)
- * **Zoning** (respond to variance requests and city-wide issues)
- * **Environment** (direct programming such as pollinator protection, etc.)
- * **Safety** (monitor, report and respond to crime and safety issues)
- * **Streetscape** (corridor and beautification planning)
- * **Arts and Grants** (public art planning and Fulton Small Grants)
- * **Housing** (loan and energy improvement programs)
- * **Finance** (budgeting and program funding)

We have one opening on the Fulton Board of Directors – please contact us at info@fultonneighborhood.org if you are interested in joining the board. Please see page two of this newsletter for a short biography of an FNA board member.

Fulton Neighborhood Turns Out the Vote



In the 2018 midterm elections, Minnesota led the nation with voter turnout. In Minneapolis, 76 percent of registered voters went to the polls, an estimated 67 percent of all eligible voters. In Fulton neighborhood specifically, which is split between four precincts, 88 percent of registered voters, or 5576 people, exercised their right to vote. Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis have been working to increase the ease and clarity of early and absentee voting and that had an impact in voters who used these different methods: 28 percent of Fulton neighborhood voted early and 248 people were able to register either at the polls or by the absentee process. Those are all a lot of numbers to say that Fulton neighborhood turned out in force to participate in our democracy and let their voices be heard with their votes.

