

**Minutes of January 9, 2019**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Diane Moe, Jim Miller, Michelle & Bill Doerrler, Michael Haley, Dave Delvoe and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.** An addition was made to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 12, 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 February.

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

- Basketball is just getting underway; Pershing has 15 teams, but no gym.
- They are re-starting a preschool program; Rec+ has been moved to another park.
- They continue to get 25-30 teens per day coming into the park after school. Diane has hired a teen engagement staff person and they are working on programming and activities.
- Diane is working on setting the summer programming; Ruth will put this in the March FNN.

**Fulton Small Grants:** Blaire reported that five grants were received – three from SW High School, one from Lake Harriet Upper Campus and one from the Farmers Market. Blaire, Ray, Brian and Chris will review and make funding recommendations.

**Minnehaha Trail Master Plan Update:** Fulton resident and member of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) working on the master plan provided an update. Currently, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is working on three additional projects that will affect Minnehaha Creek: Arden Park redesign in Edina, flooding mitigation in Minneapolis and Halstead Bay in Minnetonka. The master plan for the Creek is coordinated by the Minneapolis Park Board and considers the section of the creek between Zenith Ave S and Minnehaha Falls. This area is regional park and improvements are funded by the Met Council. The CAC has gathered feedback and met three times to begin this process. Initial drawings and concept designs for the creek, along with designs for neighborhood parks, will be unveiled at a community workshop on 1/31 at 6 p.m. at Lynnhurst Park. There will be another creek-only workshop at Nokomis Park on 2/7. The next CAC meeting will be on 2/21 where they will evaluate feedback from the workshops and start refining the concepts. Funding for some improvements is available now, but the document will have a long term vision for additional improvements. FNA would like to see improvements made at the very western part of this stretch of the creek (Humboldt to Zenith) as it has not previously received funding and has been ignored. There are environmental issues that need to be addressed such as erosion, unstable pathways and degrading city infrastructure.

**Coordinator's Update:** Ruth Olson reported:

- Council Member Palmisano has offered to host another Ward 13 Summit for the Board and staff of the seven neighborhoods in Ward 13; she proposes bringing city staff to address next steps of 2040 and the Vision Zero initiative. Additionally, FNA would like to discuss future neighborhood funding and watershed management around the three city lakes and creek in the ward. They would also like some social time to meet other neighborhood volunteers.

- The 2018 Attorney General Report was reviewed. Katharine moved to approve and submit the report; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The parks workshop on 1/31 will include concept designs for both southwest neighborhood parks and the Minnehaha Creek Regional Trail.
- There will be a legislative town hall meeting with Sen. Dibble, Rep. Hornstein and Rep. Long on 1/26 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Church.
- MPRB will not allow FNA to install the bike Fix It Station at Pershing Park until the master plan process is complete; this will mean a late summer install.
- We continue to pay a monthly electric bill for the defunct neighborhood sign and an insurance payment is due. The Board would like to invest in other types of placemaking activities (bike racks, t-shirts, etc.). Blaire moved to disconnect the electricity, repair the site, drop the separate insurance policy and use the funds for other placemaking; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**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. It was suggested to also consider some sort of education piece or forum to present best practices, etc. Dave has been able to get access to the police reports from Oct. 16-Dec. 12. There have been mainly auto related incidents reported, especially in the business districts.

Jane moved to adjourn the meeting; Ray seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed: *Ray Klahr*

Ray Klahr, Secretary