

**Minutes of February 13, 2019**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Adam Arvidson, Mike Jischke, Jim Miller, Carolina Li, Brad Johnson, Libby Jensen, Barry Vornbrock, Ernie Lewis, Dave Delvoye and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the January 9, 2019 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 also reviewed the proposed 2019 FNA Operating Budget and answered questions. A Plan Modification will be required to fully fund the strategies outlined in the budget; the Board was given notice that this Plan Modification would be presented for approval at the 3/14 FNA meeting. A motion to approve the budget was passed unanimously. The budget includes funding for a TV and wall mount for the new teen room at Pershing Park. Ruth will work with Diane to get this purchased and will ask that she consider a small insurance or service plan.

**Pershing Park Update:** Ruth reported in Diane's absence:

- Basketball is going well; tournament play begins the first week of March.
- Spring sports registration and summer program registration begins Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Pershing has new programs including preschool gymnastics, computer classes, RevSports activities and more. Check out the park board website for more information and to register.
- We have hosted Southwest HS Robotics team during the recent school closings and have enjoyed that. 20 young women in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade make up the team; they had state championships last weekend.
- Be sure to take a look at the Southwest Master Plan and send your comments in. There is a push to have a gym at either Linden Hills or Pershing and while this master plan is for the outdoors; they would pencil in a space for it should the community want it.
- Our teen program is going strong; we appreciate your consideration of a TV for the teen room.

**Southwest Parks and Minnehaha Trail Master Plans Update:** Adam Arvidson (MPRB) and Mike Jischke: There are two master planning projects from MPRB going on concurrently. Both projects have launched their initial design concepts and are accepting community feedback. Then a single concept will be presented reflecting the feedback.

1. **Minnehaha Trail** is a regional park and improvements are funded by Met Council. Since this is a large area, the plan has been broken down into several focus areas; Segment 1 is centered around the Morgan Ave tennis courts and is most applicable to Fulton neighborhood. They initially overlooked the area to the west of the courts, but have now generated additional drawings incorporating the segment to the Edina border. They have focused on:
  - a. **Stormwater runoff and water quality:** there are over 100 stormwater flumes along the creek. Although some are more visually apparent, others are less obtrusive but handle much more water. MPRB is generating general best practice guidance for these areas.
  - b. **Connectivity:** they are recommending adding paved trails between Lynnhurst Community Center to Morgan Ave, but then support natural surface trails to the west. These are usually packed dirt, but will be purposeful to address erosion and would be maintained by MPRB. There will also be a recommendation for two small bridges as this will allow a total connected thread. Penn Ave is a trouble spot for ped and bike

crossings. They will recommend modifications to the bridge to include an overlook and stairs down to the natural trail; this will not be ADA accessible, but the bridge/overlook will be.

2. **Pershing Park** is a neighborhood park and improvements are funded by MPRB. Pershing, along with Armatage, Linden Hills and Lynnhurst will need to work as a unit to organize sports and split out the amenities. Pershing is projected to have a premiere baseball diamond and then there will be smaller diamonds at other nearby parks. There are two design concepts and residents are encouraged to comment on the best parts of both plans- not an either/or. Both plans call for a wading pool, playground, and separated tennis/pickleball courts. There would be a large stormwater storage system underneath the new diamond that would slowly release stormwater into the system and could also irrigate the field. Plan A has an all wheel park that could include an ice skating loop in the winter; Plan B has a bike training course (hills, etc.) with no ice loop. General discussion centered around timelines, pools and a gym.

The comment period for both projects is open through 3/31.

**Fulton Small Grants:** Blaire, Ray and Chris have reviewed the five grant applications and recommend funding four of them:

1. Lake Harriet Upper Campus (\$1250) to bring in an author to discuss race and equity.
2. Southwest High School Environmental Learning (\$600) for an oriole feeding project.
3. SWHS Jazz Band (\$500) for an outside artist engagement.
4. SWHS Boys Basketball Team (\$1750) for a pilot program for tutoring/structured learning to bridge the end of the school day to practice times. This will be implemented in the 2019/2020 season.
5. The committee has not recommended funding for the Fulton Farmers Market because their application does not fall within the allowable use of funds.

John moved to approve and implement the recommended grants; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- The 2018 CPP Annual Report was reviewed. Mary moved to approve and submit; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Ruth is having difficulty getting the electric service removed from the sign. She will follow-up with Xcel to get the meter removed.
- The Ward 13 Summit will be on 2/27 at The Bakken.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 Framework has been released. This will be discussed at the Ward Summit and then FNA will need to submit a response.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Safety:** The Safety Committee will revisit the idea of a security enhancement grant at their February meeting. The trend continues for Theft from Motor Vehicles, especially in the business districts.

Blaire moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed: *s/Ray Klahr*

Ray Klahr, Secretary