

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

**Board Members Present:** Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, John Finlayson, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, Carolina Li and Steve Young

**Guests:** Brad Johnson, Diane Moe, CM Linea Palmisano, Zac Farber, Dave Delvoye and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.** Chris would like to add Happy Hours to the agenda and offered to help arrange the next one.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 13, 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. It was a quiet month with expected expenses and two annual insurance premiums.

**Appointment of New FNA Board Member:** Carolina Li has expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the FNA Board. She was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and came to the United States about 15 years ago. She works in the non-profit sector and has already submitted content to the FNN and will continue to do so. Jane moved to appoint Carolina to the FNA Board; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- Steve Young was featured in the Star Trib and Southwest Journal Skijoring with his dog!
- Diane thanked FNA for their donation of a TV and wall mount for the youth room at Pershing Park. She continues to have 25-35 students from Southwest High School come to the park every day after school.
- Spring and summer sports registrations have already begun.
- Diane has hired some new staff and there will be lots of new programming this spring/summer.

**Ward 13 Update:** Council Member Linea Palmisano reported:

- Zac Farber, new editor of the Southwest Journal, was introduced.
  - Many roads and intersections are flooded with melting snow and rain. City crews have cleared 650 out of 55,000+ storm drains and would appreciate help from residents to do more.
  - Winter parking restrictions are still in effect.
  - The Public Works pilot program for sidewalk inspections has been difficult to assess due to the amount of snow we've had this year. A lot of citations have been issued, but 96% of properties are in compliance.
  - The Ward 13 Summit was well attended and informative. In regards to Neighborhoods 2020, CM Palmisano supports the work the neighborhood associations do and stands for more funding in the future. She likes the equity representation portion of the 2020 Framework. FNA noted that a minimum base allocation will be important for smaller neighborhoods and that term limits are really not necessary and will cause us to lose a sense of history and institutional knowledge. FNA as well as individual Board Members will provide comment.
  - The city has not done a good job over the past 18 months being an active partner in the airport noise issue. CM Palmisano has committed to a three-prong approach:
    - She will be the new city appointment on the Noise Oversight Committee
    - She will be the city representative on the long term plan for the airport
    - She is running for Secretary of the national Noise Oversight Board.
- Reps Ilhan Omar and Dean Phillips will join the Quiet Skies Caucus. Also, the new noise contour map has added two blocks in Lynnhurst neighborhood.

- The City's Community Planning and Economic Development department is looking at all possible spots in southwest Minneapolis for the addition of affordable housing units. Along with a couple of spots along Lake Street and 58th & Lyndale, the Ewing Municipal lot is being considered. The planning unit is just now setting goals for the new program and any recommendations would have several layers of notice and public comment opportunities.
- CM Palmisano is chair of the Budget Committee and is supporting a change to the City Charter to have a Biennial Budget, rather than annual. All council members have to agree (13-0) or else it will need to be put out to public vote/approval at the next election. CM Palmisano would like to have better oversight of the entire budget, not just the new spending each year that gets so much focus.
- CM Palmisano is also chair of the Public Safety Committee and continues to monitor the staffing levels of the police department, the use of body cameras and police training; she would like to see a larger training component covering mindfulness and wellness. This would require a cultural shift in the department and an increased investment from the city.
- Jane expressed concern about the addition of bike lanes on 50th St.

**Neighborhoods 2020 Framework:** A subcommittee of Katharine, Jane, Ray, Carolina and Ruth will meet to draft a response for FNA. This will be submitted to the Board for comment and then an e-mail vote will be taken; responses are due by March 31.

**Plan Modification:** A Plan Modification, moving funds among different strategies, is necessary to support the approved budget. Notice of this Plan Modification was given on Feb. 13. Jane moved to approve the Plan Modification (see attached); Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Merchandising:** Craig presented the list of submitted slogans and some examples of possible graphics. He would like to start with a sticker, hats and t-shirts. Each Board Member will choose their top 10 slogans by next meeting with the goal for product roll out being the Ice Cream Social on July 18.

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

- Ruth's contract was reviewed and approved for another year.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: Crime reports in Fulton have been slow for the past 3 weeks. There was a recent article in the Star Tribune about police response times, especially around the edges of the city.

Housing: Ruth is trying to contact both Propel and City of Lakes Community Land Trust again for potential investment of housing funds.

Zoning: There will be a request for an upzoning of a property in the 5000 block of Ewing Ave S.

**New Business:** Don Raul's will be applying for a full liquor license.

Ray moved to adjourn the meeting; Craig seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary