

**Minutes of April 10, 2019**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Brad Johnson, Dave Delvoye and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the March 13, 2019 FNA meeting were reviewed. Katharine 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 a transfer between accounts due to an ongoing city error.

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

- The TV in the youth room is great and the kids are now able to use that room rather than the lounge.
- Summer sports registration is going well. There are a few less baseball/softball teams, but track is popular.
- The new preschool dance programs are well attended; adult yoga is also offered.
- Diane is working on new summer programming and they will be partnering with Southwest High School Community Ed.
- The Ice Cream Social is July 18; Movies in the Park will be August 3.

**Ward 13 Update:** No report. Ward 13 has been in the press a lot with the start of the Noor trial.

**Merchandising:** Chris' wife, Erin, will help put together the graphics for any merchandising. Craig has been researching and thinks our best option for production is a "print on demand" company. We will provide them with the graphics for a t-shirt, hat, etc. and people will order whatever they want directly from the vendor. This will be more expensive than a large batch printing, but is the most effective in terms of storage, managing stock, etc. We could also print small batches for specific events like the Ice Cream Social or Festival. The Board has gone through the list of 100+ slogan suggestions that were submitted. There are about half a dozen that have garnered the most support from the Board; Craig will refine that further until one is chosen.

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

- FNA submitted comment for the proposed Neighborhoods 2020 Framework. There is a large group of neighborhoods actively pursuing a delay or re-write of the Framework and are coordinating with Council Members. Ruth will monitor and participate, as needed.
- The city has started engagement for the 10 year Transportation Action Plan. Ruth attended a community forum on 4/9; it was well organized by topic area. CM Palmisano has indicated that she will hold a Ward Forum on May 2 for further resident input; Ruth will clarify further details. This plan is important as it outlines how we will maneuver around the city by multiple modalities as well as other topics such as freight, street design, etc. Residents have expressed concern about the possibility of bike lanes on 50th St. The bike lane proposal is a holdover from the previous 10-year transportation plan from the City of Minneapolis. The lanes now appear to be recommended for 49th St.
- On May 1, Lake Harriet Community School, with the assistance of a Fulton Small Grant, is hosting a community presentation from author Maggie Hagerman about raising white kids in a racially divided world. All residents in the community are welcome to join.

- Fulton has partnered for several years with Lynnhurst for a large community garage sale. Lynnhurst organizes the sale and has chosen Sept. 14 this year. This is the same day as the Fulton Fall Festival and Ruth has asked that they consider the 21st so it is not a conflict. The general consensus of the Board is to not have the events on the same day. The board would prefer that the two events happen over different weekends, but think that it is possible to incorporate the two if Lynnhurst does not change weekends. We will revisit this topic in the near future.
- Chris Black has been looking for a spot to host a neighborhood Happy Hour. Arezzo is too small. He contacted Coalition and they have a reservable space for a cost of \$250. Katharine will call the manager to see if they would be open to some sort of arrangement given it is a community event. The basement room at Tinto Kitchen, just across the street in Lynnhurst, is another possibility.
- The next round of Welcome Kits will be delivered by Block Contacts and Board volunteers.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: The crime trend this past winter has been for thefts from motor vehicles in the commercial districts. Now that the weather is a little nicer and it is staying light longer, there has been more of a variety of incidents such as garage burglaries. The Safety Committee will be presenting a proposal for a safety and security rebate program at the next FNA Finance and Board meetings.

Housing: Ruth has invited both Propel and City of Lakes Community Land Trust to speak with the FNA Board about potential investment of housing funds.

Zoning: There is an upzoning variance request at 5043 Ewing Ave S. The Zoning Committee has reviewed the request and recommends that FNA declare “no opposition”. Blaire moved that FNA not oppose the variance request and send a letter to the city reflecting that stance; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 7 yay and 2 abstentions.

**Old Business:** Steve has been in contact with CM Palmisano regarding the possibility of affordable housing being developed on the site of the current Ewing Avenue Parking lot; she is trying to get more information and Steve strongly advocated for a vigorous community outreach process.

On France Avenue, both General Sports and Gather are closing.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary