

**Minutes of May 8, 2019**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Jeff Washburne, Greg Putnam, Jim Miller, 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 April 10, 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. There was a small bank error in all three accounts and it will be rectified. Ray moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**City of Lakes Community Land Trust:** Jeff Washburne of CLCLT presented information about the organization and how they could partner with FNA to use housing funds. CLCLT works to bridge the funding gap to home ownership for low-income buyers with an average income of \$25-40K per year. Currently, CLCLT has assisted with the purchase of 280 properties in Minneapolis. CLCLT assists the buyer with funding to obtain a mortgage and rehab the property. In return, CLCLT owns the land and shares in any appreciation when the property is sold. The property remains in the land trust and is sold to another low-income buyer. CLCLT has also purchased land and built small homes and has recently started the Project Sustained Legacy Program. This program allows owners of properties that have fallen into foreclosure to deed their home to CLCLT who then pays off the mortgage and allows the owner to stay in the home until they are ready to leave. At that time, CLCLT takes possession and sells it to another low-income buyer. All of these programs produce affordable housing units in the city.

Jeff indicated that he has worked with neighborhood groups in the development of new construction and in re-purchasing land trust homes. In Fulton's case, re-purchase of a home is probably the most appropriate partnership/investment option. This would require a minimum \$50K (and ideally \$100K) investment. This could be a short term loan (approximately 6 months) which allows for the re-purchase, rehab and re-sale of a land trust property. Jeff agreed to send opportunities like this that become available to the FNA Board to consider.

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

- Spring sports have begun.
- Summer programming will start soon.

**Ward 13 Update:** No report.

**Security Rebate Program:** Dave Delvoye presented a draft security rebate program for Fulton residents. The program would allow a rebate of up to \$100 per address per calendar year for a variety of exterior security improvements (lighting, cameras, locks, etc.) The program will be available to owners and renters of properties in Fulton. A photo will be required to verify that the work has been completed. Jane moved to approve the program (with a slight change to allow up to 45 days for reimbursement) and allocate up to \$6K of safety NRP funds; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth will begin promoting the program on all digital platforms and will highlight it in the next FNN. We will also ask our Crime Prevention Specialist to send the program out to all Block Leaders.

Dave also reported on a violent incident on 4/10 near 53rd & Chownen that involved multiple handguns and a car crash.

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

- The proposed Neighborhoods 2020 Framework did not pass out of committee, but the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department is trying to move it forward anyway through the Committee of the Whole.
- The developer of Ewing Place would like to invite the FNA Board to an open house to see the project underway. Ruth will forward e-mail addresses of those Board Members who agreed.
- Katharine contacted Coalition regarding a proposed Fulton Happy Hour, but they were not interested in hosting such an event or partnering with the neighborhood. Ruth will contact Tinto Kitchen to schedule a Happy Hour for a Tuesday or Wednesday in June.
- A new modern, casual Indian cuisine restaurant will open in the old Pig & Fiddle space.
- Chris Black and Ray Klahr have agreed to manage the Silent Auction for the Fall Festival. Katharine will provide back-up assistance.
- The Neighborhoods Community Engagement Commission election will take place on June 20. Board members are to let Ruth know if they would be interested in being Fulton's delegate.
- Lynnhurst neighborhood will not change the date of the annual garage sales from 9/14. As this is a conflict with the Fulton Fall Festival, Fulton will not participate this year but may consider an alternative date.

**Committee Reports:**

Environment: The Environment Committee will start tabling at the Farmers Market on May 25.

Housing: Propel will speak with the FNA Board about potential investment of housing funds in June.

Zoning: There is a variance request at 4857 Washburn Ave S for a large remodeling project. The variance is needed to allow for the addition of a dormer on the north side of the house to match an existing dormer on the south side. Jane moved to not oppose the variance request; Katharine seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ruth will send a letter to the city.

**New Business:**

- Greg Putnam attended a recent MPRB meeting and supported a ban on the use of Round Up or similar products on park lands.
- Carolina has begun writing a human interest column for the newsletter; please send ideas and referrals for good subjects to her.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary