

Minutes of June 12, 2019
FNA Meeting

Board Members Present: Chris Black, Blaire Hartley, Mary Jordan, Jane Kohnen and Steve Young

Guests: Diane Moe, Brad Johnson, Kate Barr, Jamie Long, Linea Palmisano and Ruth Olson

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 8, 2019 FNA meeting were reviewed. No vote to approve as quorum of Board members were not present.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. The three previous small bank errors in all three accounts have been corrected; very little activity in May.

Propel Nonprofits: Kate Barr of Propel presented information about the organization and how they could partner with FNA to use housing funds. Propel is a nonprofit institution with the mission to impact the effectiveness of nonprofits with guidance, expertise and capital. They work with nonprofits in many different sectors, including affordable housing development. About ten years ago, a neighborhood association approached them and helped develop a system for neighborhoods, as well as other funders, to pool their resources and loan money to Propel who then loans it to affordable housing developers. They have multiple projects going at any given time and commit that any funding received would be used in Minneapolis. Their loan investment at most times for affordable housing initiatives is \$4M and they try to maintain a \$1M loan pool. Should FNA want to invest their housing funds with Propel, Propel will take on the risk of default and guarantee that funds will be repaid. Loans made to Propel would be paid back in 3-5 years with 1.5% interest and no fees. The program is well established and they have worked with 11 neighborhood associations over the past years. The neighborhood loans have ranged from \$35K-280K; there is no minimum.

A question was posed if Propel could influence that affordable housing be developed in SW Mpls. Unfortunately, they cannot guarantee that and the financial formula does not work in our favor with the land acquisition costs in southwest. The only way to guarantee that is to work with a developer directly instead of Propel; this is a possibility through established affordable housing developers such as Community of Lakes Land Trust, Aeon, Beacon Interfaith, etc.

Pershing Park Update: Diane Moe reported:

- The park is running a lot of fun preschool activities this summer.
- Super Summer Program at Southwest High School starts next week.
- Fall sports sign-up begins in July.
- The Southwest Parks Master Plans now have a Preferred Design Concept for each park. The plan for Pershing Park has abandoned the inclusion of a premiere, fenced baseball diamond; this diamond would have severely impacted the park's ability to host other youth programs such as soccer and baseball for younger children. The plan for Linden Hills Park has left space for a possible future gymnasium. Additional Community Advisory Council (CAC) meetings have been held and there has been a great deal of debate about the need and placement of different types of fields through the southwest parks. Pickleball courts are also highly sought after and the Pershing plan does not include those.
- The Minnehaha Creek Master Plan is also presenting proposed master plans; the western terminus of the creek is at 54th & Zenith Ave S. Ruth will invite either Mike Jischke or CM Palmisano's appointee to the July FNA meeting.

Ward 13 Update: CM Palmisano reported:

- There has been a rash of burglaries (mainly garage) in Fulton including 8 incidents in one night around 50th & Xerxes. Police have increased patrols, but deterring crimes of opportunity is the most effective response. MPD has found that the motion activated video doorbells and garage/alley cameras are helping.
- There was a significant incident at 52nd and Zenith. A stolen vehicle somehow crashed and was wrapped around a tree. Neighbors immediately were able to work together to get the car upright and began administering first aid until responders could arrive. Drug paraphernalia was found in the car and toxicology reports are pending. Other items were able to be returned to the rightful owner of the car.
- The Edina Art Fair brought some challenges this year with an abortion protest; Edina and Minneapolis police had some difficulty coordinating management of the protest. There were some traffic issues (Chris noted especially on 51st and 49th/Market Streets), and a conflict with Open Streets Lyndale. Better construction signage is needed and MTC needs better advance direction.
- A left turn lane will be added on southbound Xerxes to turn onto eastbound 50th St. This will result in parking changes for 60-80 feet in the northerly direction.

Rep. Jamie Long: Rep Jamie Long presented an overview of the 2019 MN Legislative Session:

- The session is over and a budget deal was reached.
 - 2% increase to the school funding formula
 - \$90M to help close the Special Education funding gap
 - Health care tax permanently assed at 1.8%
 - Nothing for transportation and no new funding
- Policy changes:
 - License assisted living facilities
 - Wage theft bill and enforcement
 - Cash assistance increase of \$100 to low income families (first increase in 34 years)
- Jamie authored/co-authored 3 bills
 - Census funding
 - Resumed the state's commitment to the closed Mpls pension fund
 - Funding for commercial and mulit-family energy efficiency

A clean energy bill and gun violence prevention legislation did not pass. Concerns about the IRRRB were expressed. The metro area is a "net giver" to outstate Minnesota.

Merchandising: Erin Black has been helping Craig Brown with logo and design work. The hope is to purchase some stock and set up online purchasing after that. FNA still needs to see the final design, slogan and set a budget.

Updating Financial Policies: A policy change has been proposed to allow payment of requests for programming expenses that have been approved by the Committee Chair; the Treasurer will reconcile afterwards. Due to no quorum of members present, this will be sent out for an e-mail vote.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- Happy Hour at Tinto on 6/19 is sold out; Board also to attend.
- Ice Cream Social on 7/18; Board will volunteer to scoop.
- FNA will not sponsor its own neighborhood garage sale this summer.
- Ruth has requested that FNA consider purchasing a commercial grade, logo and branded 10x10 pop-up tent for use at FNA events. A tent with printing on all four valances and peaks is \$943, on sale through the end of June. Weights will also need to be purchased (\$61) for a total of just over \$1,000. Those present supported the idea. Due to no quorum of members present, this will be sent out for an e-mail vote.

Committee Reports:

Community Engagement: The committee met to start planning the festival. Beer service has been discussed and decided against due to the financial commitment. Ray and Chris are taking over the Silent Auction and have some great new ideas.

Safety: Ten rebates for our new security rebate program have been approved in just the first month.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary

June 14 Addendum: Blaire motioned via e-mail to approve the proposed changes to the FNA Financial Policy and to also approve purchase of a commercial grade tent; motion passed by e-mail vote.