

**Minutes of September 11, 2019**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Tim Brown, Dave Delvoye, CM Palmisano, Ruth Olson and approximately 40 neighbors

**Development Meeting called to order at 6:50. See addendum.**

**Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August 14, 2019 FNA meeting were reviewed. Blaire moved to approve the Minutes; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ruth reviewed the monthly Treasurer's Report. There has been a good deal of activity for security rebates and initial festival expenses. Dave Delvoye noted that we have almost spent all of the \$6K that was approved for the security rebates and he would like an additional \$4K; there is \$17K remaining in the safety strategy of our NRP contract. John moved to approve an additional \$4K toward the security rebate program; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Fulton Fall Festival:** The festival is this coming Saturday, September 14. Volunteers are still needed!

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

- Open Streets 50th is on Sept. 22; Blaire and Jane will volunteer. FNA will be giving out free popcorn and engaging people about the Ewing Ave parking lot and the security rebate program.
- Ewing Ave Parking Lot: Community meeting will be at 6:30 on Sept. 24 at Pershing Park.
- FNA Annual Meeting is on October 9. Elected officials and MPD will be invited to present updates; Blaire will invite grant recipients. There is only one Friend of Fulton Award nomination so far. Five seats will be open for election; Steve, Brian and Ray will run for re-election and there are a few interested additional candidates.
- The funding for the Fulton Small Grants and Open Streets support has been depleted. The Finance Committee recommends taking a one year break from these until long-term neighborhood funding can be determined. The Board agreed but will re-visit the issue in 2020.
- Ruth reported that there is a discrepancy in the NRP account; we appear to be about \$5K short in the account as compared to the NRP contract fund balance with the city. Ruth is investigating with the city and is trying to reach the previous bookkeeper. The issue appears to date back to pre-2007 when the account was initially set up. A forensic accountant can be brought in, if necessary. FNA wants to be open and transparent with its funding and the books.

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety:** Dave Delvoye reported there were only 3 crime reports in August; this is the best month Dave has ever seen. Unfortunately, September may not be as good. A neighbor has expressed interest in tracking bicycle thefts, but MPD does not track those specifically.

**Zoning:** The committee did not meet in September, but some residents showed up anyway to talk about the proposed France Ave developments. The variance request at 5141 Chowen will not proceed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary