

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

**Board Members Present:** Chris Black, John Finlayson, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, and Steve Young

**Guests:** Dave Delvoye, Jenn Wagner 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 September, October and November 13 meetings 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. We continue to have a lot of requests for the security rebate program.

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

- The park is busy with getting basketball started for their nine teams in the citywide leagues and expects eight fundamental teams.

**Ward 13 Report:** No report; Ruth will follow-up for the promised written report. John noted that there has been some change in signage at 50th & Xerxes and at least two parking spots have been reinstated.

**Executive Board Elections:** President: Steve Young, Vice President: Katharine Brown, Treasurer: Chris Black and Secretary: Ray Klahr. John moved to approve the slate of officers; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**NRP Housing Funds:** Ruth noted that the \$ amounts from the city in terms of required housing expenditures has changed and requested that this issue be tabled until a clearer understanding of current status is understood.

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

- After much research, it appears that the FNA NRP account is short \$5095.89 due to an inaccurate distribution when the NRP and Friends of Fulton accounts were originally split in 2007. John moved to transfer \$5095.89 from the Friends of Fulton account to the NRP account to make it whole; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Ruth will schedule the next FNA Happy Hour at Tinto Kitchen on 1/29 or 1/30 and then advertise it in the next neighborhood newsletter.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 and implementation guidelines review process has begun. Jane and Ruth will continue to attend as able.
- A new order of mugs for the welcome kit program has been received. They are the same size and shape, but darker in color.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: Dave Delvoye noted that there was an armed robbery of person on Abbott Ave S. In addition, there were two theft from motor vehicle, 1 burglary of business and 1 burglary of dwelling report. At the November Safety meeting, there was some confusion about space and two meetings were held simultaneously. There was a great deal of discussion about the armed robbery and some residents might like to start a walking patrol, but they also realize the crime stats don't really support that in Fulton.

Package thefts have picked up with the holidays, but it appears a lot of people aren't reporting them. Dave will work with our Crime Prevention Specialist to put together an article for the next newsletter about reporting all activity, lighting, locking doors, etc. There was concern about the number of street lights that are out; Dave recommends reporting them to 311 and Chris noted that he had success by contacting Xcel directly. Lastly, the group was interested in some sort of a self-defense class. Dave does not think Fulton can get enough traction on its own, but a Ward 13-wide opportunity might be successful. Ruth will contact CM Palmisano's office.

**New Business:** Fulton neighbor Jenn Wagner reported that the Minneapolis Public Schools has released the results of its Comprehensive Design study and made proposals for many changes. Some of the most significant proposed changes for Fulton neighborhood address the overcrowding at Lake Harriet Upper and Lower campuses. The plan proposes changing Armatage School back into a community school and then sending any child south of 52nd St. to Armatage and Anthony Middle School. It is unclear if the lower campus would remain K-3 or if they would reconfigure the grades between the upper and lower campuses. Ruth will find links to the studies/proposals and send those to the Board and will also follow up with Ira Jourdain, our school board member.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

Ray Klahr, Secretary