Notes from the Fulton Finance committee meeting of December 4, 2019

Present

John Finlayson, Jane Kohnen, Ruth Olson, Dave Delvoye

Calendar

Ruth reported that there are three items of unfinished business on the agenda for the 12/11 FNA Board meeting: a decision about whether to invest remaining NRP funds into a particular housing program; a decision about resolving a discrepancy in FNA's NRP account; and election of Board officers. These items were delayed due to lack of a quorum at the November Board meeting.

There will be a holiday gathering after the 12/11 Board meeting at Red Cow.

Community Engagement committee

Ruth will arrange for a neighborhood happy hour gathering at Tinto in January and publicize it in the next issue of Fulton Neighborhood News.

Safety committee

The Safety committee will not meet in December. There was a discussion about a robbery of person incident from early November and about package thefts and ways to prevent them. Dave will contact the 5th Precinct for information for publication in Fulton Neighborhood News about the need for all residents to report crimes to the police and not just on social media.

Other business

Ruth and Jane attended the first of several new meetings in regard to the City's Neighborhoods 2020 plan. There was a huge focus on the City's "equity agenda" and what neighborhood organizations might do to support that project. This sets the stage for the second meeting next week, which Jane will attend.

The next Park Board meeting about the Minnehaha Parkway master plan is set for next week. Jane reported that the discussion about making changes regarding vehicle traffic on the parkway has already occurred and that the major changes appear to affect the area around Lynnhurst Park and Mount Olivet church. Fulton appears to be in good shape in regard to the plan, which calls for construction of pedestrian bridges over the creek at Zenith Ave and Forest Dale Road. Jane noted that there is minimal funding currently available for any improvements along the parkway or creek. There was a discussion about traffic and parking problems at and around Burroughs school during drop-off and pick-up times.

Notes prepared by Dave Delvoye