

**Minutes of January 8, 2020**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Dave Delvoye, Michael Wagner and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.** There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 11 meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris will be taking over Treasurer duties from Brian and a transfer meeting is scheduled for next week. Ruth reviewed the monthly and quarterly Treasurer's Reports. All accounts have now been made whole and balanced accordingly.

**New Board Member:** Michael Wagner has expressed interest in joining the FNA Board. He and his family have lived at 52 & York for eight years and in other Minneapolis neighborhoods for about seven years prior to that. He previously served on the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council and was their President for one year. While at WCNC, they did a lot of work around the Southwest Light Rail plan. Michael's interests for neighborhood work include 2040, city planning/transit, parks/creek and neighborhood culture. Jane moved to appoint Michael to the FNA Board; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Ward 13 Report:** Councilmember Linea Palmisano reported:

- The city has now passed its \$1.7B budget. The process went well this year with no last minutes surprises.
  - The final budget differs from the original proposed in terms of police department funding. The mayor removed his request for 14 new officers. The funding for those officers is being retained by MPD and will be used for training and hiring new officers directly from the academy.
  - CM Palmisano was unsuccessful in changing to a biennial rather than annual budget. That change would take unanimous approval of all 13 council members or be put on the ballot. One councilmember would not agree as he feels it is important to be on the ballot for a general vote. CM Palmisano is uncertain if she will choose to do that right now, especially with the high stakes 2020 election and other possible ballot initiatives.
- The Charter Commission will be redistricting the city after the 2020 census.
- The 2040 implementation and roll out has been slowly starting. Some neighborhoods have requested in-person meetings with city planning to better understand how this will happen. Thus far, they have been unwilling to do this based on the number of neighborhood organizations. They are planning to send out a postcard.
  - In 2019, 2040 implementation included the triplex ordinance and inclusionary zoning.
  - In 2020, 2040 implementation is expected to address changes to required parking and revision to the density bonus in the Built Form Guidance.
  - CM Palmisano would like to also consider changes to the zoning code in the site plan review process to better consider things like aging in place, environmental concerns, etc.
- CM Palmisano does not have much impact on the Minnehaha Creek Regional Trail and proposed changes to the parkway. It appears a proposal to close off the road at certain points has been tabled. The next meeting is 1/21 at 6 p.m. at Nokomis Community Center. Mike Jischke, Fulton's

rep on the advisory council, will come to the February FNA meeting with an update and gather feedback.

- Previously FNA had asked about a ward-wide self-defense class; she will follow-up with MPD.

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

- Basketball is in progress and they are working on summer programming.
- The Southwest Parks Master Plan is being put into final draft for comment and approval by the Park Board. The Premiere Diamond ended up being placed at Armatage. FNA would still like to install the Fix It Station and air pump on the eastern edge of the parking lot, but this has been held up until the Master Plan is approved.

**NRP Housing Funds:** Ruth has now finally gotten in depth details about the status of our housing funds and several options of how to spend/contract them and still reach the required 70% level. The Finance Committee will review in February and then present a recommendation to the Board.

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

- The next FNA Happy Hour will be at Tinto Kitchen on 1/30. Notice went out in the e-news and FNN to be delivered this weekend. Then Ruth will post on social media. Three or four Board members are requested to attend.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 and implementation guidelines review process has begun. Jane and Ruth will continue to attend.
- We received notice that Nice Ride is considering a station somewhere at Pershing Park. The Board supports this and is pleased they are now expanding to the outer edges of the city. Pershing Park would be a great spot due to the location near Southwest High School, Lake Harriet, 50th Street and 50th & France. 47th St. provides direct access to Lake Harriet and would be a nice corridor back and forth. Chris would like to ask for one or two electric assisted bikes for longer rides (e.g. downtown).
- One of the 2019 grant recipients who was going to implement their program this winter no longer needs the funds. There is \$2,013 in remaining grant funds plus \$2,500 for 2020 that will not be needed due to discontinuation of the program. The Finance Committee will consider how to use these funds.
- In February, Chris and Ruth will present a 2020 budget outlook. This will fit nicely with the discussion about housing funds and remaining grant funds. A Plan Modification will be required to fund 2020 initiatives and 21 day notice was given to affected parties for a vote in February.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: Dave has not received any formal crime statistics for late December or January. It appears there have been six Theft from Motor Vehicle reports and two Burglary of Dwelling (house or garage) reports. The security rebate program has been extremely popular. From May 8 to Dec. 31, there was nearly \$9,500 in rebates processed or pending.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ray Klahr, Secretary