

Minutes of February 12, 2020
FNA Meeting

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

Guests: Dave Delvoye, Diane Moe, Betsy Sylvester, Karen Moe, Katie Lauer, Rich Nyquist and Ruth Olson

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. An addition to the agenda was made for a schools update.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 8 meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Chris is getting up to speed with Treasurer duties and has gotten his name onto all banking accounts. January spending was as expected; insurance payments were made.

Minnehaha Creek Master Plan: Rich Nyquist presented a final update on the Minnehaha Creek Master Plan; he has been representing the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). All segments of the plan were approved at the 12th and final meeting on Feb. 10. Rich noted a concern about rising water levels in homes and on park land near Lake Hiawatha, Lake Nokomis and Minnehaha Creek. Residents have requested more studies before the plan is approved and that the Flood Plain regulations are met. MCWD has responded that it has extensively studied the best management practices (BMPs) and understands how to manage the dams and flow. 2019 saw a record year of rain and that water is not only in the Creek, but also in the soil and water tables. They are confident that they can restrain the creek within its current capacity.

- Segment 1 (western Minneapolis boundary to Humboldt) will have separated bike and pedestrian paths with new ped bridges at Zenith and Russell. The ped trails will feature natural surface materials. There will be a canoe launch east of Penn Ave and the Morgan tennis courts will be re-done with an added picnic shelter. There was discussion about another ped bridge at Morgan or Logan; a final decision on which option will be made with stormwater BMPs in mind in the future. The spillways at York and Washburn will be brought up to BMP codes. Xerxes will have an enhanced (signage) intersection.
- There are other changes being recommended to the other segments of the plan including reclaiming a road that is on park land and traffic configuration changes at Portland and Lynnhurst.
- Prioritization of implementation:
 - Address intersection safety improvements - esp. Portland/Minnehaha Parkway
 - Address existing stormwater runoff problems
 - New (separated) pedestrian and bicycle trails incl. bridges

The final plan will be created and sent out for public comment this spring.

Pershing Park Report: Diane Moe reported:

- Preschool programming has been popular.
- Winter sports are wrapping up; spring sign-ups will begin 2/26.
- The SW Parks Plan will be released on 2/14.
- There is a potential conflict for the Showmobile for the Fulton Fall Festival on Sept. 12.

Census and Elections: Karen Moe of the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and Katie Lauer of Election Services presented information on the 2020 Census and elections.

Census: The 2020 Census is a count of all people living in the United States on April 1, 2020. The results of the census are used to draw boundaries (federal, state and local) and distribute \$8B in federal funds (this translates to \$2,800 per person per year). Minnesota is historically good at counting its residents; however, Minneapolis may be undercounted by an estimate of 96,000 people. The most undercounted groups are: children under the age of 5, renters, the homeless, people of color, LGBTQ, college students, those on fixed or little incomes and snowbirds. The census may be completed online, by phone or in person (with a census worker). A small amount of paper forms will be sent to areas where internet coverage is limited. Results will be available by Dec. 31, 2020.

Neighborhood organizations can help by communicating the importance of taking the census, talking about it at our events, hosting an event and direct 1:1 communication with neighbors. Neighborhoods can form Complete Count Committees. FNA will check with The Waters to make sure they are counted.

Elections: Minnesota will no longer hold a presidential nominating caucus, but will instead have a primary on Mar. 3. At the time of voting, you will be asked to choose the party ballot you wish to complete. The political parties will be able to get the list of voters (with limited identifying information) of who took which ballot. The state primary will be on August 8 and the general election is in November.

Comprehensive District Design: Michael reported:

Minneapolis Public Schools is in the midst of a district redesign; a final vote is expected in April. The changes to southwest will be minimal based on five proposed models. The most consequential changes would be the removal of the magnet programs at Armatage, Windom and Barton to be moved to centralized locations, re-drawing of boundaries, and discontinuation of the K-8 model. Fulton residents north of 52nd St. would go to K-2 and 3-5 at LH Lower and Upper and then funnel into Anthony Middle School. Those students south of 52nd St. would go to Armatage and Anthony.

2020 Budget: Chris reviewed the proposed 2020 FNA Budget and highlighted proposed spending on utility wraps, security rebates and a texting management system and a hold on spending for grants of Open Streets for the time being. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the proposed budget. John moved to approve the FNA 2020 Budget; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NRP Housing Funds: FNA has \$100,058.54 of Phase II Housing funds; the Finance Committee has reviewed an array of options for using those funds. The committee recommends a loan of \$85K to Propel Nonprofits for use in developing affordable housing in Minneapolis with the remaining \$15,058.54 to be used for administrative purposes. Jane moved to approve and contract the funds as recommended by the Finance Committee; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This action means that FNA has spent more than 70% of its Phase II funds on housing strategies.

Plan Modification: Previous notice was given to the FNA Board on Jan. 8 of a proposed Plan Modification; additional notice was placed on the FNA website. John moved to approve the proposed Plan Modification of \$15, 058.54 (see attached); Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Coordinator's Update: Ruth Olson reported:

- John moved to approve and submit the 990; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Ray moved to approve and submit the 2019 Attorney General Report; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 process continues.
- Fulton will join a consortium of Ward 13 neighborhood leaders.

Committee Reports:

Streetscape: Steve reported that Councilmember Palmisano has requested bids for a traffic engineering study of the parking patterns of the Ewing Ave Municipal Parking Lot. The bids came in at \$40K and she has asked the 50th & France Business Association to pay for the study; the association will meet next week.

Safety: Dave reported on several incidents at Athleta. In addition, there were 3 garage burglaries, 5 Theft from Motor Vehicles and 1 Motor Vehicle Theft.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board: _____

Signed: _____

Ray Klahr, Secretary