

**Minutes of March 11, 2020**  
**FNA Meeting**

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

**Guests:** Dave Delvoe, Emma Pachuta, Melissa Whitler, Brad Johnson, CM Palmisano and Ruth Olson

**Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.** There were no agenda revisions or additions.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 12 meeting were reviewed. John moved to approve the Minutes; Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris reviewed the Treasurer's report.

**Minneapolis Parks For All:** Emma Pachuta of Minneapolis Parks, presented the Parks for All comprehensive plan. The plan will set policy direction for the park board and all of the smaller master plans reside within this umbrella plan. The primary season of engagement was last summer, but they are still taking feedback. FNA will use its communication tools to promote any further interaction.

**Pershing Park Report:** No report.

**Ward 13 Report:** Council Member Linea Palmisano (CMP) reported:

- The council is getting daily updates on the COVID-19 virus and are working on contingency plans.
- The Presidential Primary was well run and there were no problems in the precincts serving Fulton neighborhood.
- CMP has recently spoken with Dan Schaeffer, the proposed developer of two parcels on France.
  - Mr. Schaeffer has acquired the two properties just north of the Pinehurst building. Although no land use applications have been filed, his plan is to build a multi-use commercial and residential building.
  - 51/France: Mr. Schaeffer is considering the feedback from neighbors and how to adjust the project- e.g. two separate buildings, assisted living, etc.
  - 53/France: Mr. Schaeffer has now acquired the property to the south of the first property; he is currently living in the first property.
- CMP supports the federal grant application for more police officers in the Traffic Enforcement Unit. This would be free federal funds for one year with a commitment from the city to keep them on for another two years. There is opposition on the council who feels that additional police are not warranted.
- The Vision Zero recommendations will be announced on 3/12 recommending a speed limit of 20 mph on residential streets and 25 mph on arterial streets. 760 traffic lights in the city will need to be reprogrammed and 1,500 signs replaced.
- Call 311 for temporary pothole repair; the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan addresses longer terms repairs.
- CMP is looking at how to fund a traffic study for the Ewing Ave lot.
- CMP is hosting a Ward Forum on 3/24 focusing on the future of neighborhoods. Her hope is to help people understand the new plans and how to react to them. The current proposal does not support a minimum funding level that is acceptable to her, but she is in the minority on this issue on the council.
- Discussion about the housing "envelope" and common sense use of space.

**Comprehensive District Design:** Michael reported:

Minneapolis Public Schools is in the final stages of preparing a Comprehensive District Design proposal; it is expected to be released on 3/24 and voted on by the school board in mid-April. It is difficult to track the progress of the proposal as it changes frequently and boundaries are constantly being adjusted to try to equitably populate schools. Michael proposed a letter from FNA asking the school board to respect neighborhood boundaries and to not cut parts of existing neighborhoods apart. Jane moved to approve and send the proposed letter with one small modification from Steve; John seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Organics Recycling:** Ray announced that she and Ruth applied for a grant from Hennepin County to increase use of organics recycling in Fulton neighborhood. We were awarded a \$10K grant. It will be used for event outreach, workshops, a compost event, a tour of a compost facility and home set-up items. Katharine moved to designate Steve and Ray (Rachel) as designated signers on official documents and contracts and that only one signature is required; Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Ward 13 Consortium:** Several neighborhoods in Ward 13 are working together to better leverage two-way communication with Ward 13.

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

- The CPP Annual Report was presented. John moved to approve and submit the report; Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines are now available and reflect a significant cut in funding. FNA will focus on engaging residents to attend CMP's Ward Forum and then use our communication tools to highlight the budget and the types of programs and events that would be lost.
- The Board reviewed and renewed Ruth's contract for another year at a rate of \$45/hr.

**Committee Reports:**

Safety: Dave reported only one crime report in the past month.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

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

Ray Klahr, Secretary