

Minutes of November 11, 2020
FNA Meeting held on Zoom

Board Members Present: Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, Andrea Davila, Jane Kohnen, Kirk Weber and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson, CM Linea Palmisano, Dante DeSeranno and Dennis Kenny

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. Introductions were held.

Minutes: Minutes from the Sept. 9 regular FNA meeting and the Oct. 14 FNA Annual Meeting were reviewed. Jane moved to approve the Minutes; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Chris reviewed the Sept. and Oct. Treasurer's reports. Income for the Silent Auction is now reflected. We are nearing the end of our CPP funds; with the uncertainty of the status of future funding, some expenses will need to be paid from NRP. Ruth noted that it appears that our existing CPP Plan will be extended to June 30, 2021 while the applications for the new program are completed. Funding will be half of the usual yearly amount.

Pershing Park: Neighbors near Pershing Park have again expressed frustration with the youth behavior at the basketball court. Efforts to curtail the behavior have not worked. FNA agreed that we need to re-engage the Park Board. It's possible the winter weather will naturally take care of the gatherings, but the concern is re-emerging behavior in the spring. Suggestions:

- Host a community dialogue, with the kids, neighbors, FNA and Park Board and be sure to provide food. Hire a trained facilitator to lead the discussion. However, we still need to figure out who the kids are and who their parents are. This would need to be done several times as there is a constant flux of which kids are there and which are not.
- Speak one-on-one with the kids and ask for their cooperation to be a better neighbor.
- Ask the Park Board to put a fence around the court that will be locked after hours.

Executive Board Elections: The roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were reviewed. A slate of candidates was agreed upon: President: Ray Klahr; Vice President: Katharine Brown; Treasurer: Chris Black; and Secretary: Andrea Davila. Jane moved to approve the slate of candidates; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

- The Planning Commission held a hearing on Nov. 9 regarding the zoning code changes necessary to comply with the 2040 Plan. There was a lot of discussion around relaxing some of the requirements in the plan to allow for the stated goals of more and more diverse housing. There was also a lot of feedback from residents who don't want further changes in Interior 1, 2 or 3 and want the city to stick with the approved limits of the plan. There were some changes made (e.g. large lot classification) and the Planning Department is preparing a summary. CM Palmsino will get back to us when the changes are clarified.
- There has been an increase in violent crime across the city and a huge increase in shots fired reports, especially in north and southeast Minneapolis. MPD is very short staffed right now and

they are having difficulty meeting the minimum staffing requirements. The Council is considering a contract to the end of the year with both Metro Transit and Hennepin County for additional officers to help with 911 calls. This would require using the city's contingency fund. A pre-vote passed 7-6 and the full Council will vote on 11/13. Public safety is important and people need to feel safe.

- Pershing Park: CM Palmisano continues to look for a solution to the behavior issues. A fence was discussed. The Park Police would have to come lock it every night. With the encampments now cleared, they should be able to do that as well as respond more promptly to 911 calls. Other discussion centered around taking the hoops down and following up with MPRB about their actions. It is up to the Park Board to implement a solution.
- Budget: The Council is considering the Mayor's proposed 2021 budget. There will be 3 public hearings (11/16, 12/2 and 12/9). The Council will make changes and final approval is expected on 12/9.
- The CPP guidelines have passed through committee but the funding level is yet to be determined. Both Council Members Palmisano and Gordan support a higher minimum funding allocation in order to maintain a network of neighborhood associations, but it is unclear if other council members agree. NCR will be presenting at the Budget Committee meeting on 11/12.

Plan Modification: There is \$2,500 set aside in CPP reserve funds to be used for either grants or further engagement. 21-day notice was given to affected parties that FNA will vote on modifying their CPP/NRP plan to contract those funds. A vote will take place at the December FNA meeting.

Small Grants and Distance Learning Rebates: An announcement about the 2021 cycle of small grants and the new Distance Learning Rebates is in the newsletter, which will be received in homes 11/14-15. Ruth will then follow-up with social media promotions.

Coordinator's Update:

- Once we have a clearer understanding of our future funding, Chris and Ruth will prepare a 2021 budget.
- Ruth noted that Ray has been doing racial equity work in the newsletter and with a Fulton Racial Equity Book Club. Given the focus of future funding will be equity work with under-represented groups, it would be good to think about an Equity Committee to help guide that work.
- Ruth will set up an FNA Google Drive to keep all meeting materials and important information.

FNA Committees: With the departure of John Finlayson and Dave Delvoye, both the Safety Committee and the Finance Committee are without leaders. Furthermore, the Arts/Grants and Zoning Committees also still need leaders. We will revisit this issue in December and will focus on recruiting committee membership.

No Old or New Business.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board President: _____

Signed: Andrea Davila
Andrea Davila, Secretary