

**Minutes of December 11, 2020**  
**FNA Meeting held on Zoom**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Black, Craig Brown, Katharine Brown, Andrea Davila, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, Michael Wagner and Steve Young

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Jill Lock and Liz Williams

**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 Nov. 11 FNA meeting were reviewed. Katharine moved to approve the Minutes; Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris reviewed the November Treasurer's report; it was a quiet month. A CD was closed out and we received two reimbursement payments from the city. Chris and Ruth will work on an annual budget once final funding is known from the city. A long term loan of \$8K was made from Friends of Fulton to CPP in order to cover the distance learning rebates.

**Grants and Rebates:**

- **Grants:** Notice for the 2021 Fulton Small Grants went out in the newsletter and on social media. There are a couple of organizations who are considering applying. Chris will lead the review team and Kirk and Andrea will help.
- **Distance Learning Rebates:** Michael will lead the review effort and has approved 40 rebates for a total of just under \$9K after only three weeks. These have been processed through the bank. Ruth will send an email to all recipients encouraging them to engage in the neighborhood through a committee, volunteering, attending a meeting, the Silent Auction, etc.

**Plan Modification:** Previous notice was given to affected parties on Nov. 11 of the intent to modify FNA's NRP Plan. Michael moved to modify the plan and to contract the remaining \$2,500 of Priority reserves for use for further community engagement activities, such as newsletter or staffing; Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Open Board Seat:** There is one open Board seat on FNA. Three people have expressed interest in the seat. All three sent intros/bios ahead of time and they were circulated to the Board. Two candidates, Jill Lock and Liz Williams were present and introduced themselves and talked about the ways they could contribute to FNA. A larger discussion was held about a right-sized Board for FNA and an appropriate minimum and maximum number of Board members. The general consensus was that the current maximum of 11 Board members should be reviewed and consideration given to increasing the maximum to 12 or 13. Ruth will investigate the language of the bylaws and the existing Board will discuss any potential change. Appointment to fill the vacancy was continued to the January 13 FNA meeting.

**Coordinator's Update:**

- The final city budget will be voted on this evening; then we will know funding levels for 2021.
- The 990 and Attorney General Charity Report Form were reviewed.
  - Katharine moved to approve the 990 for submission; Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ray will sign.

- Steve moved to approve the AG Report for submission; Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ray and Chris will be the electronic signatures.
- Pershing Park will remain closed indefinitely. The maintenance person has now been reassigned to Linden Hills and there is no on-site staff at all. Ruth will coordinate how to pick up our mail. Snow removal will be handled by general MPRB maintenance staff. All Board members were asked to keep an eye on things and report if maintenance was not being done. We will reconvene in March with nearby neighbors and MPRB to work out a supervision plan for next year.
- The next FNN will go out in January and content is thin. Suggestions:
  - History of Fulton neighborhood, including demographics and COVID-19 impact
  - Board member bio (Michael)
  - Voting participation
  - Reminder of grants/rebates
  - Equity resources
  - Call to action for neighbors to join an Equity Committee
  - Children’s activity page

**FNA Committees:** Discussion was held about how to reimagine and revitalize the existing FNA committees. It was agreed to add an Equity Committee (Ray) and to remove the Arts and Housing committees. Other committees will potentially be combined based on a common, broader purpose, such as Transportation, which could include streetscape, how we get around Fulton, Business, etc. Also consider how to better engage people in the community by describing the committee’s work in its new name. The ongoing committees to be reworked are: Equity, Safety, Community Engagement, Finance, Environment, Streetscape/Traffic and Zoning.

**No Old or New Business.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32p.m.; motion by Michael, second by Craig.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed: *Andrea Davila*

Andrea Davila, Secretary