

**Minutes of January 13, 2021**  
**FNA Meeting held on Zoom**

**Board Members Present:** Chris Black, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, Jill Lock, Michael Wagner, Kirk Weber and Liz Williams

**Guests:** Ruth Olson, Brenda Everitt, Nina Langenfeld and CM Linea Palmisano

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.** There were no revisions or additions to the agenda. Introductions were held.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Dec. 9, 2020 FNA meeting were reviewed. Michael moved to approve the Minutes; Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris reviewed the December Treasurer's report. Over 40 Distance Learning Rebates have been paid out.

**Bylaws:** A proposed revision to the FNA Bylaws was reviewed. The change will allow a minimum of five and a maximum of 12 Board members. Jane moved to approve the updated bylaws; Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Appointments to FNA Board:** There are two openings on the FNA Board. Jane moved to appoint Jill Lock and Liz Williams to the open Board seats; Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**2021 Proposed FNA Budget:** Chris reviewed a line by line proposed 2021 FNA Budget for all funding sources: Friends of Fulton, NRP, CPP, EEP and CPP Priorities. The budget was drafted with the hope of returning to some normal activity in the second half of the year, but also with the understanding that any activity will likely have much lower participation rates. In the past, additional Utility Box Wraps have been discussed. Without a leader for this project right now, funding was put on hold but can be reviewed in the future. Jane moved to approve the proposed 2021 FNA Budget; Jill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Ward 13 Update:** Council Member Palmisano discussed:

- The Charter Commission is working on a proposed Government Structure charter amendment. Greg Abbott, Fulton resident, is a member of the commission.
- 4724 York Ave S: a variance for height and floor-to-area ratio has been denied at the Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as the Business, Inspections, Housing and Zoning Committee. This decision has been appealed to the full City Council, which will consider and vote on 1/15/21. The homeowners are unable to get a Certificate of Occupancy without the variance. The house has already been built but is out of compliance. There is a dispute with the builder as to when problems were first noted; city staff is trying to work to remediate the property into compliance, but this will be difficult.
- There are new zoning code changes reflecting the 2040 plan. These call for an increase in floor-to-area ratio, but setbacks and height limits remain the same. This affects 1-3 unit structures.
- The insurrection at the U.S. Capitol has caused uncertainty and safety concerns locally. The city has not received any credible threats. Many jurisdictions are working together to protect St.

Paul and the State Capitol. Two City of Minneapolis employees are under investigation in relation to the Washington, D.C. incident.

- COVID-19 rates are on the rise in Minneapolis. As of January 13, there are 30,181 cases in Minneapolis and 350 deaths. The total number of cases increased by 3.2% over the previous week. Hospitalizations increased by 1.1% and ICU admissions increased by less than 1%. Over the past two weeks, there have been about 125 new cases per day on average. This is an increase from the previous week where we saw less than 100 cases per day on average and is likely driven by holiday gatherings and travel.
- An investigation is underway for the 12/30/2020 shooting of Dolal Idd by Minneapolis Police.
- 5th Precinct Inspector Amelia Huffman has been promoted. The precinct will now be led by Inspector Katie Blackwell. Bob Kroll is retiring from MPD; Sherral Schmidt will assume police union leadership.

#### **Coordinator's Update:**

- A local Boy Scout troop delivers the Fulton newsletter at a discount in conjunction with the Southwest Journal. With the closing of the Journal, it was agreed to increase their rate to \$400 per issue.
- Small Grants: 2 applications received thus far, at least one more expected.
- Distance Learning Rebates: we have received over 40 rebate applications so far; deadline is Jan.31. It was agreed to maintain the deadline, but consider any additional applications on as needed basis. Kirk suggests that future programs encourage purchasing at the local level, not from large corporations.
- Jane will deliver Welcome Kits to those addresses without a designated Block Leader.

**FNA Committees:** Discussion was held again about how to reimagine and revitalize the existing FNA committees. Community Engagement is a good "umbrella" for all resident engagement. Streetscape could take on any transportation, infrastructure, business, bike/ped, etc. and become a larger committee. Crime and safety related issues will be distributed to other areas; rebates will go to Finance. Finance, Zoning, Equity and Environment will remain standalone committees. Each committee will be asked to update their Charter to reflect any changes.

#### **No Old or New Business.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

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

Signed:

*Andrea Davila*

Andrea Davila, Secretary

