

Minutes of June 9, 2021
FNA Meeting held on Zoom

Board Members Present: Chris Black, Andrea Davila, Ray Klahr, Jane Kohnen, Jill Lock, Kirk Weber and Steve Young

Guests: Ruth Olson

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

Minutes: Minutes from the May 12, 2021 FNA meeting were reviewed. Jane moved to approve the Minutes; Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Chris reviewed the May Treasurer's report. Payments were made for security rebates, the newsletter, Welcome Kit supplies and regular monthly expenses.

Chris also reported that no further business support grant applications were received and he recommends closing out the program. Those businesses who really needed help have already applied, no one else seems interested. Should an application come in, we could still consider it after-the-fact. The outreach for the program was beneficial and helped cement our relationship with the business community in Fulton neighborhood. There were 3 grants for \$1K each that were paid out. The Finance Committee did not meet in June.

Ward 13 Update: No report was received.

Board Openings and Vice President Role: We still have two openings on the Board and Liz Williams' has stepped down, so that makes three openings. Please recruit! Ray is also doing outreach to fill the Vice President role.

Plan Modification: Notification of a proposed Plan Modification was given at the 4/12 FNA Board meeting. The Plan Modification of \$25K called for upgrades to Pershing Park (\$5K), racial equity community engagement (\$2.5K), continuation of the neighborhood newsletter (\$7.5K) and ongoing administrative support (\$10K). Steve moved to approve the proposed Plan Modification; Jill seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pershing Park Concerns:

The neighbors on the 4800 block of Chowen Ave S have continued to try to engage MPRB, Southwest High School and Lake Harriet United Methodist Church to address illegal activities at the basketball courts. They continue to see a range of serious issues.

- A part-time staff recreation supervisor is in the process of being hired.
- Neighbors attended a recent MPRB Commission meeting and spoke of their concerns.
- They have asked that the hoops be locked at 9 p.m.

It was discussed if FNA should provide a written statement focusing on reopening the recreation center and resuming programming at Pershing as well as 11 other sites throughout the city. Jill will draft the initial statement.

Coordinator's Update:

- Ruth has a meeting scheduled with Scott Erazmus (temporary Pershing Park Director) to discuss a few small/medium events this summer in conjunction with the Story Strolls and then will also ask about options for a scaled-back festival on 9/11.
- There will be a significant amount of work necessary to create new policies for the Neighborhoods 2020 program as well as an Equitable Engagement Plan. Ruth will work on the policies, Ray will lead the EEP work.
- FNA will consider asking CM Palmisano to support neighborhoods by advocating for a \$25K base per year by using the American Recovery Plan funds.

FNA Committees:

- Racial Equity: The committee has been gathering responses for the survey, been tabling at the Farmers Market (next up on 6/19), will sponsor three Story Strolls in July/August and is reaching out to other neighborhoods about collaboration.
- Jill has joined the Environmental Committee and the Board encourages her to consider other environmental work in addition to pollinators.
- Streetscape/Traffic/Transportation and Business (STTAB): Michael led a walk around the eastern half of the neighborhood and will schedule another one for the other half. He will write something up for the newsletter.
- Welcome Kit supply pick-up will be on 6/19.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Olson, Neighborhood Coordinator

Approved by FNA Board President: _____

Signed:

Andrea Davila

Andrea Davila, Secretary