

FNA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 7pm

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Board members present:

Ray Klahr (President), Chris Black (Treasurer), Andrea Davila, Jane Kohnen, Jill Lock, Dylan McMahon, Nikki Nethercot-Niermann, Carolina Rose, Stephanie Tom, Steve Young

Staff present:

Andrew Degerstrom, Coordinator

Guests present:

Linea Palmisano, Minneapolis City Council, Ward 13
Heather Susag, Pershing Park Director
Other Fulton Neighbors

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 12, 2022 FNA meeting were reviewed. Jane moved to approve the minutes, Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Linea Palmisano:

- CM Palmisano's most recent newsletter details how the CM is operating as Council Vice President.
- CM Palmisano gave an update on the response to the police killing of Amir Locke.
- There was a significant amount of back-and-forth between CM Palmisano and people in attendance regarding the public confusion over no-knock warrants, the City's response to the police killing of Amir Locke, and police accountability more broadly.

Heather Susag:

- Heather Susag, the new director at Pershing Park, introduced herself to the Board. Heather shared what she has been up to since starting her new role at Pershing, her vision for Pershing as it opens back up to the public, and her hopes for ongoing and future partnerships with FNA.
- Heather asked which date she should make sure the park is reserved for the Fulton Fall Festival. The Board said September 10.

- Heather put out an ask for donations of used cooking equipment to use as part of the cooking classes that the park does.

Treasurer's Report: Chris reviewed the January Treasurer's report. Chris also recommended that FNA consolidate its checking accounts to a single checking account, as QuickBooks has the ability to segregate City funds from FNA's own funds without the need for separate checking accounts. Nikki moved to consolidate FNA's checking accounts (close CPP and NRP accounts, keep Friends of Fulton account), Andrea seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fulton Small Grants 2022: Jane reported that the application deadline for the 2022 Fulton Small Grants Program will be April 15, and award notices will be given on May 2. After brief discussion it was decided to change the eligibility requirements so that organizations that have received a Fulton Small Grant in the previous two years may still apply, but that new applicants will be prioritized during the evaluation process.

President's Update, Ray Klahr: Ray will send an email update on FNA's Equitable Engagement Plan rollout.

Committee Updates: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Degerstrom, Neighborhood Coordinator

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