

Minutes of August 14, 2024, 7pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

Board Members Present: Jane Kohnen, Kristen Ingle, Jim Donnelly, Steve Young, Ray Klahr, Sophie Su, Blaine Miller-McFeely (in person) Michelle Doerrler, Caro Lina (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff) Ernie Lewis and Melanie Heu (residents) Ward 13 Council Member Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the Treasurer's report. Kristen asked about how some of the costs were labeled and Jane said she would look into it.

Minutes from the July 2024 Board Meeting: Steve moved to approve the July minutes. Blaine seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Update from CM Palmisano: MTC E-Line BRT work continues to take place on France Ave. 47th Street should be completed in September, 50th in October and 54th TBD. She has been in contact with small businesses affected and her office tries to help when they can. The city cannot offer them grants but they can offer them 2% small business loans. A question was asked if they would need to reroute the city buses that serve SWHS.

Traffic calming installation for 48th and Chowen has begun. There will be bump outs on 48th and four speed bumps on Chowen Ave

The West Fulton Improvement FloodPlain Project is working on communication and outreach. FNA will help share the survey.

The FAA is working on a project to develop satellite based departure and landing procedures. They are looking for public input. The city believes we need to spread the noise out as much as possible and consider people on the ground as routes are designed.

Social Media/Communications Policy: After a discussion Jim moved to approve the second draft of the Social Media/Communications Policy. Steve seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

League of Women Voters School Board Forum: There will not be a cost to the sponsoring neighborhoods for the forum. Location and date are still TBD.

Pizza Oven: Ray will make a post to try and sell the pizza oven. Looking to sell for about half a new one.

Annual Meeting Location and Planning: A discussion took place about if now that we have changed our fiscal year, we should still have our annual meeting in October. We will keep it the same this year, second Wednesday October 9. Jane will check with Tono about hosting it, and Ray will work on a postcard to send to the neighborhood and let the board members know their terms. Sophie offered to help with set up.

Helping Local Businesses during construction: After a discussion we developed a plan to encourage residents to visit local businesses and share on social media. If they are interested, board members can purchase a gift card to be donated to the silent auction.

Stroller Drive with Tangletown: Ray will volunteer to pick up the strollers and Sasha will let Andrea at Tangletown know and communicate to the neighborhood.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Plan MOD: Jane will talk to Dennis and get a plan for the 2025 budget.

Racial Equity: The Environmental Bus Tour is set for 9/28. A site to register and pay is coming

Ray gave an update on the People's Canvass Door knocking Project. The work was low quality but if we use their data with other data we gathered we have enough to do our equity plan. We will not pay the second half of the invoice.

Community Engagement/Pershing Park: Community Dinners are done for the year. All were sponsored and we had a lot of new volunteers and attendees.

The Ice Cream Social was a success. We handed out over 460 bowls of ice cream. Having bowls instead of cones worked great. There were a lot of activities there and it was a great partnership with the park.

Chili cookoff next week. Looking for board members to make food and volunteer.

Silent Auction Items are coming in for the Fall Festival. We have a meeting to go over Auctira with the new volunteer. Sasha will help distribute flyers and start a volunteer sign up.

Communications: Ray will make a QR Code for E news sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.