

Minutes of December 11, 2024, 7pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

Board Members Present: Jane Kohnen, Ray Klahr, Krsiten Ingle, Jim Donnelly, Sophie Su (in person) Melanie Hei-Kanow, Jill Lock (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff), Carolina Li (resident), Heidi Bing (50th and France Special Service District) State Rep Jamie Long

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

Residential Lead Pipes in Minneapolis: Caro presented information she found about the lead pipe testing and replacement program in Minneapolis. She has requested a test and will try to find more information. FNA will help support this program by communicating the program as well as possibly considering a program to fund filters.

A conversation with State Rep Jamie Long: We are looking at a tied house this year so it will be a different session than the past two years and leadership is still being figured out. He is hoping to still make gains in early childhood education and infrastructure including the Nicollet Ave Bridge. The board asked questions about open enrollment laws, charter school regulations, and public school funding as well as slave labor in prisons.

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the Treasurer's report.

Minutes from November 2024 Board meeting: Sophie moved to approve the November minutes. Jim seconded and it was approved unanimously.

50th and France Special Service district StreetScape Improvements: Heidi Bing presented a plan for new trash cans, pole planters to replace the ones on the sidewalks, and snowflake decorations for the Minneapolis side of 50th and France for a total of \$44,610.47. They are asking for the FNA board to fund this with our Streetscape funds within our NRP funds. After a short discussion a vote on this was tabled to the next meeting.

2025 Event Discussion:

Lunar New Year Event: The date has been approved with Heather and Pershing, and Caro and Sophie are starting to work on details. Jim moved to approve this project using \$400 of the Equity Committee's budget. Jane seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

Mental Health Workshop: Melaine is still willing to lead this project and we would invite other neighborhoods. Date is TBD.

Happy Hour/Social event: Considering a budget of \$500. Location and date is still TBD. Once we know that we can formally approve.

Coordinator Contract: The board went into Executive Session to discuss Sasha's 2025 Coordinator contract.

2025 Fiscal Budget Approval: Jane went over the draft 2025 budget. Kristen moved to approve it. Jim seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

A conversation took place about investing in a money market at Vanguard or Fidelity. A vote on this was tabled to the next meeting.

Kristen will do an e vote for a donation to the toy drive and local schools.

A brief conversation took place about future visioning for a large NRP plan MOD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.