

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

Board Members Present: Michelle Doerrler, Kristen Ingle, Steve Young, Ray Klahr, Blaine Miller-McFeeley and Jim Donnelly (in person) Nikki Neirmann (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff) Ernie Lewis and Dylan McMahon (residents) CM Palmisano

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m. There were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Sasha gave an update on Dennis's progress. The board gave the ok to upgrade our QuickBooks account.

Minutes from December 2023 meeting: Steve moved to approve. Jim seconded and it was approved unanimously.

A resident asked about where crosswalks are and should be and if we can get paint from the city to mark them. We said we would look into it.

CM Palmisano: A conversation took place about the status of developments in the neighborhood and how the 2040 plan being on hold affects them. The city has been exercising caution but hopes to start giving approval soon and get projects moving. 50th and France Business Association is trying to find pop ups for the vacant 50th and France Businesses. Trying to think of ways to help new small businesses. The Arezzo spot has been leased. A city sewer project will take place on 43rd and Upton in advance of the MTC E line. The intersection will be closed for about 10 weeks. The SW Area Flood Plain (46th-54th, France-York) is in the capital plan. Effective Law Enforcement for All has been chosen as the MPD Independent Evaluator.

A conversation took place about the Caucuses happening February 27 and the Presidential Primary on March 5.

After a short discussion, Kristen moved to change our fiscal year to a calendar year. Blaine seconded and it was approved unanimously.

A conversation took place about our insurance policies and the bids we had received. Blaine moved to go forward with a two million Liability Policy, an Accident Policy and Directors and Officers policy with NonProfits Insurance Alliance. Steve seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Andrea spoke to an attorney about what the guidelines were for providing childcare at our meetings. We will find out what other neighborhoods are doing and table the discussion for when Andrea is here.

Neighborhood Roots/Fulton Farmers market update: Michelle would like to give out the seed packets from our canceled event at the farmers market this summer. We let Mara know we can partner with them on the Partnership Grant and are waiting to hear back on that and the summer tabling schedule.

SW Neighborhood Collaborative Update: The kickoff happened and follow up documents have been distributed. Kristen, Jim and Sasha will meet to get a plan before the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Racial Equity Committee: The coat drive with Linden Hills was a success. We may do a different kind of drive with them next year.

The schedule is made for the Community Dinners this summer. Looking for board volunteer commitments. Talk to Kristen if you can help. We plan to use reusable dishes and silverware this summer.

Hoping to start Door Knocking Campaign with People's Canvas starting in late February as part of our Equity Plan. Cost is about \$4500.

Environmental Committee: Hoping to do an Environmental Justice Bus Tour in April or May with nearby Neighborhood Organizations. Total cost is about \$3600 for a whole bus. Waiting to hear what other neighborhoods are in and how many people will be attending.

Planning to do a Going Electric Panel with two or three panelists this spring.

Community Engagement: Earth Day event will be on Saturday, April 20. Thinking about doing a Pantry Garden Kick off or Garden Tool Swap for Neighborhood Day on May 11.

We will get the list of the rest of our summer events to Heather at Pershing.

Chris Black has moved and will not be working on the Festival Silent Auction. Nikki knows someone who may be able to do his role. Dylan offered to help Jane with gathering prizes for the silent auction and the chili cook off.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.