

Minutes of Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 6:30pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

Board Members Present: Ray Klahr, Sophie Su, Melanie Hei-Kanow, Blake Ward, Steve Young (in person) Krsiten Ingle and Blaine Miller-McFeeley (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff), Linea Palmiano (CM Ward 13) John Bender and Carolina Li (residents)

Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m.

A conversation with Ward 13 City Council Member Palmisano: Today CM Palmisano held a Ward Forum on what work Minneapolis is doing on Public Health..

The proposed boulevard ordinance was discussed. It would allow for more prompt processing when work needs to be done on boulevards. Boulevard plantings would be free in green zones but there would be a permit fee in other areas of the city.

New development updates: At 49th and France they are building the Velwood Apartments which will take about 18 months. France will need to be closed at times and they will send notices to affected properties.. The storefronts at 50th and France are still empty but the 50th and France Business Assoc would like to reopen with pop ups. The planning application for high end condos on those sites has expired but the owner does not want pop ups. For the property at 50th and Beard, a resident has a lawsuit against the city and nothing can happen until that is resolved.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report is on the share drive. There were not many transactions in January.

Minutes from January 2025 Board meeting: Sophie moved to approve the January board minutes. Steve seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Short Term Plan MOD: Sasha presented the proposed Plan MOD for \$25,000 to cover our budget for the year. Melanie moved to approve it, Sophie seconded and it was approved unanimously. Ray and Sasha will work on the 28 day notice.

Long Term Plan MOD ideas and next steps: Ray talked about the engagement survey she and Krsiten created in time for the Lunar New Year event. We will get it in the mailed newsletter as well as lawn signs around the neighborhood. After a discussion about the survey, it was decided we will revise it for the mailed newsletter and future use. Melanie asked about how long we have to make decision on a larger plan MOD and the feeling was we should try to get our funds under contract within the next year

50th and France Special Service District Streetscape Improvements: A discussion took place about funding the 50 and France StreetScape project. Some board members want to move the money set aside for streetscape to other buckets and want to learn more about neighborhood priorities before spending. A question was asked if there was other funding for this project. Steve said the only other funding is the individual property and business owners. Kristen suggested we delay the vote until

March so we can get any other questions answered. It was determined we will discuss one more time at the March 12 board meeting then do an e vote following that meeting so the planters etc could still be installed this spring if it was approved.

NCR Annual Report: This will be approved via email

FNA Small Grants: Committee and details will be worked on over email

Insurance Policies Renewal: Kristen moved to approve the proposed D&O, Liability and Accident Policies for the year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Open Board Seats: Carolina Li spoke to why she is interested in rejoining the board in one of the open board seats. Ray moved to have Caro join the board. Melainie seconded and it was approved unanimously. John Bender introduced himself to the board. Blake moved to add John to the board. Caro seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.