

**Minutes of Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6:30pm**  
**FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet**

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

**Guests:** Sasha Jensen (staff)

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The 2024 year end financials just came in today and are shared in the board folder.

**Minutes from December 2024 Board meeting:** Sophie moved to approve the December board minutes. Jane seconded and they were approved unanimously.

**50th and France Special Service District Streetscape Improvements:** The vote was tabled until the next meeting. Sasha will reach out to Heidi about the timing of the project.

**Lunar News Year update and additional budget request:** Sophie has a photographer and wants close up of faces. We do not currently have a media policy. Is posting notices around the building that photos will be taken enough? Sasha will check with Pershing Director Heather and seek legal advice. Sophie gave an update on all activities for the event. A face painter and photo booth has been added. The food demos were not taken into consideration in the initial budget, and the current budget of \$400 has already been spent and the committee would like another \$400 added to their budget. Jim moved to add \$400 to the Lunar New Year budget coming from the food and beverage line of our organizational budget. Jane seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**Investing Friends of Fulton Money:** After a discussion, Blaine moved to authorize Jane to invest \$100,000 from the Friends of Fulton Bank Account into a money market that has the best return. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Plan MOD next steps:** Jane will ask Dennis if he has any suggestions on how to move the \$25,00 for a short term plan MOD. For ideas on a longer term we can have a poster at the Lunar New Year event that residents could share ideas about how they would like FNA Funds spent. Other ideas to get feedback were to do an online survey or host a town hall meeting. Sasha, Kristen, Jim, Jane and Ray all said they would like to be part of a plan MOD committee to work on the larger plan MOD. Jane said she would plan a meeting for the group.

**New Board Meeting Time:** Due to park rec centers citywide closing at 8pm, we need to change our meeting time. Jane moved to start meetings at 6:30pm and end at 8pm. Jill seconded it was approved unanimously. After a conversation it was determined that on meetings when we had speakers we would start their portion at 6pm. Sasha will let Heather know.

**Community Engagement:** Kristen would like to organize a bike ride to the SW Farmers market when it opens.

Jim gave the update that the December Toy Drive with Linden Hills met its goal to help 350 families and 100 kids.

After a short discussion the board decided to have the Fulton Fall Festival on the second Saturday in September, September 13. Sasha will let Heather know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.