

Minutes of March 13, 2024, 7pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

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

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff) Ernie Lewis and Sophie Su (residents) Heather Susag (Pershing Park Director) Julie Martinez and Micheal Mechtenberg (Metro Transit) Christopher Strom, SWHW Boys's Tennis Booster President, along with at least 8 other members of the Southwest High School boys tennis team, parents and boy's tennis coach.

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m. There was a request to move the tennis courts up in the agenda and add painting crosswalks.

Treasurer's Report: Jane gave the Treasurer's report. Jane also moved to approve the 2023 990 and Attorney General Report as well as the short year 2023 990 and Attorney General Report to get us set up for our new calendar fiscal year. Krsiten seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Minutes from February 2024 meeting: Michelle moved to approve the February minutes. Jane seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Julie Martinez and Michael Mechtenberg Metro Transit: Julie and Michael from Metro Transit presented the plan for "Better Bus Route" for route 4 that goes through Fulton. A short discussion took place.

Several members for the Southwest High School boys tennis team along with parents, the boy's coach and booster president came to speak on the Pershing Tennis Courts. They are used for SWHS Practice and matches with teams from other schools. They feel they are not safe for use. There is a schedule for when they are to be repaired and re-surfaced and it was last done in 2007. This was done with the group Support our Courts and USTA involvement. Heather joined the meeting to hear about the courts and offered suggestions on ways she could reach out through the parks department. Boys tennis is starting in a few weeks and girls in August. The tennis team did not feel there were any short term fixes that could be done. After the group left the FNA board decided to write a letter of support to redo the courts. Jim volunteered to write the letter.

A draft of the Political Candidate Policy was presented. A discussion took place clarifying about meetings and events. Nikki will make some edits and send it to the board for an e vote. After approval Sasha will send to the candidates that have sent requests to the board to attend a meeting.

It is time to post the application for the FNA Small Grants. The applications are due on April 15. Jim, Jane and Michelle offered to be on the committee to determine grant awards. Their suggestions will be approved at the May board meeting. Since several board members are missing tonight, Sasha will send a note to the board to see if anyone else wants to be on the evaluation committee.

The board had a conversation about moving the board meeting due to Eid al-Fitr falling on our next meeting date. They decided to keep the date as scheduled.

Per resident request, we have asked the Ward 13 office if we can work to paint crosswalks and how we can find out where they are. We hope to have an answer soon.

Neighborhood Roots/Fulton Farmers market update: A conversation took place about the push to get customers to the Fulton Farmers market this year. Flyers, signs at the park, and using block leaders to promote were all ideas

SW Neighborhood Collaborative Update: We are reviewing the questions for a survey done via focus groups. Sasha will also look into getting out of our fiscal agent agreement if we were to decide to get out.

Committee Reports:

Racial Equity Committee:

Ray will send out the People's Caucus door knocking contract out for an e-vote.

We are waiting to see if Tangletown is going to participate in the Environmental Bus tour before deciding if they will move forward with it.

Environmental Committee: Electrify Everything educational panel taking place at Pershing on 3/27.

Community Engagement: Earth Day event will be on Saturday, April 20. We decided to not do a Neighborhood Day event this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.