

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

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

**Guests:** Sasha Jensen (staff) Carolina Li (resident)

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

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

**Minutes from October 2024 Board meeting:** Jane moved to approve the October minutes and Kristen seconded. It was approved unanimously.

**Annual meeting debrief:** After a short discussion, some takeaways were that the space was expensive and not ideal for this meeting format, the party/celebration felt nice and we would like to keep that, we also want to keep the postcard to include the whole neighborhood. We will look at other restaurants for next year including Nico's Tacos.

**Fiduciary Responsibility policy:** Sasha will send the policy to all board members that were not elected/re-elected in October to sign.

**Election of 2025 Officers:** After a discussion, Steve moved to approve the slate of Ray for President, Jim for Vice President, Kristen for Secretary and Jane for Treasurer. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Federal 990 and State Attorney Generals report for 2023 tax year (October 2023-September 2024):** Jane moved to approve the reports. Ray seconded and it was approved unanimously. Sasha will let the preparer know.

**Coordinator Report:** The paperwork for next year's NNF/EEF grant from Minneapolis has been submitted. The budget portion will be completed when the contracting is processed in December.

Give to the Max Day is coming up on November 21. Will promote in social media and e news. We will also do a year end appeal and think of giving requests for other times of the year.

Applications are due 11/26 for the Public Works Community Engagement Pool. Sasha will submit an application on behalf of FNA.

**SW Collaborative Update:** Jim presented the options to continue in the SW Collaborative, complete the DEI conference, or stop now. After a discussion it was determined we no longer want to be a part of the SW Collaborative. We will work to complete our fiscal agent billing then FNA's work will be done.

**2025 Budget:** Jane presented the 2025 budget draft.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Community Engagement/Pershing Park:** Jim is leading the Waite House Toy Drive in December and Kristen is holding the second annual Caroling event on December 18.

A cookie exchange, luminary event, and Lunar New Year events were discussed as new events for the board to consider. The cookie exchange was taken out of consideration for this year, and we will do it at our Dec board meeting instead. Blake will send the board more information on the luminary event. Lunar New Year is a big event, and would be great for our diversity/equity work, but we want to make sure we have enough time to do it. Approval tabled to next meeting

**StreetScape/Traffic/Transportation/Business:** Steve spoke to the 50th and France Special Service StreetScape project. The SSD goes to Chowen Ave on the Minneapolis side of France. NRP funds could be used to cover the work. Tabled until the December meeting when Heidi Bing can join our meeting and present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.