

Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Wednesday, April 6, 2025, 6:00pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

Board Members Present: Ray Klahr, Sophie Su, Steve Young, John Bender, Blake Ward, Jane Kohnen, Jill Lock (in person) Jim Donnelly (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff) Robyn Hansen (resident) Linnea Palmisao (Ward 13 City Council Member) Alison Bell, Andrew Boyle, Lisa Goddard, Lisa Brewer (City Engineering Staff-online) Craig Vaughn (Transportation Collaborative-online)

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m.

West Fulton Improvement Project: City engineers and communications staff talked about the West Fulton Improvement/street reconstruction project. Concerns were brought up about engagement, parking, flooding, traffic diverters and other traffic calming. Some work on 53rd and York will start this year as well as residential lead pipe replacement. Sasha will distribute the deck to the board and they can send her questions to pass on to the engineers. The board and residents are encouraged to attend the open house at Pershing Park on April 22.

A conversation with Ward 13 Council Member Palmisano: The lawsuit a resident had against the developer of 5009 Beard has been settled in favor of the developer, but CM Palmisano is not sure if plans for the building have changed. A discussion took place about current road construction projects and an upcoming safety walk on Upton Ave.

Treasurer's Report: Jane moved to renew our CD for \$100,000 for 6 months at North American Bank when it is due in May. Ray seconded and it was approved unanimously.

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

Financial Proposal Rubric: After a discussion, it was determined the Plan MOD Task Force will test the rubric on old projects and make recommendations. Tentative end date for funding survey is May 15.

Business Node Sub Committee: Ray gave an update that they are waiting to hear what the needs at 50th and Penn are and they would like to hold an info session at Vinegrette to learn more about what the needs are at the 50th and Xerxes node, but thinking about things like social media support and a winter shopping event. They will get more details and a budget to the board.

Renter Survey Presentation: Ray spoke briefly about the renter outreach work and said she will get the information to the board.

League of Women Voters: After a discussion, Ray moved to approve up to \$300 to co-sponsor a Ward 13 City Council Candidate Forum through the LWV if Ward 13 is a contested race. Steve seconded and it was approved unanimously. LWV is holding Mayor and Park Board forums as well. They do not need sponsors but the FNA can promote and submit questions.

Earth Day April 19: The event is coming along but we still need volunteers. Blake and Ray agreed to take the first shift from 9-11am and John will take the second shift 10:30am-12:30pm. Sasha will see if we can find one more volunteer for the second shift.

Community Dinners: Kristen is getting ready to put the volunteer and sponsor sign up online for the summer.

Fulton Fall Festival: Planning will begin in late May. We will get board member interest at the next meeting.

Ice Cream Social Play-Little Mermaid: The past two years, Pershing Park has paid for the play with a grant that is no longer available. After a discussion, Ray moved to pay for half of the play at \$700. Blake seconded and it was approved unanimously. Sasha will let Heather know.

Communications: We are looking for someone to help with social media. Sophie has a neighbor she will ask.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.