

**Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6:30 pm**  
**FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet**

**Board Members Present:** Ray Klahr, Sophie Su, Steve Young, Blake Ward, Jane Kohnen, Krisen Ingle, Melanie Heu-Kanow (in person) Blaine Miller Mc-Feely (online)

**Guests:** Sasha Jensen (staff) Ward 13 CM Linea Palmisano, residents Rick Hellweg and Richard Lareu, one additional resident online

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jane presented the Treasurer's Report. The CD has been renewed for 6 more months.

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

**A conversation with Ward 13 CM Linea Palmisano:** CM Palmisano explained how special assessments work, then spoke about the West Fulton Improvement Project plans. The city must follow the same storm water runoff regulations that any business or resident would. There will be a meeting on the special assessment at Pershing Rec Center on Tuesday, June 15. A resident asked about the legality of assessments for road repaving and why the funding cannot come from property taxes. There was a conversation about communication from the city not being better, including the rain gardens and how many would be put where. CM Palmisano said the rain garden funding does not come from the special assessment from the city budget.

The Developer of 50th and Beard sold the property to a daycare that was already operating in that building during the lawsuit a neighbor had against the developer.

The Mayor is working on the draft budget to present in August, and the council is working on presenting the Mayor the "Council Budget Priorities". We would need to raise the property tax levy by 11% just to maintain current services without any new spending. CM Palmisano's priority is to cut spending, reduce our budget, and limit the increase to the levy.

**Fulton Small Grant update:** All organizations have accepted their grants. We are waiting for them to be scheduled. The applicant who offered podcasts said they would do it for free. The board supports this so Sasha will reach out to them.

**Vision for West 50th Street:** Steve shared a vision for West 50th Street written in 2015 with Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association, SW Business Association and 50th and France Business Association. It shows the vision for parking, public transportation bikes, and pedestrians. Kristen asked if it could be revised to align with the city's climate change and equity goals. We will add the vision to the onboarding slides.

**Fulton Friendship Crew:** Sophie talked about this group tabling at the Community Dinners this summer. Asking for cash and Give MN donations. The committee will talk about merch, log design and

a budget request next month.

**50th and Xerxes Streetscape Improvement:** Sasha met with a rep of a business owner who would like to put something on the rust colored area of the sidewalk by the UPS Store. Ideas were a bench, planter, trash or recycling bins, or a free little library. We will add this to the business node conversation and Sasha will ask the building owner to keep us posted.

**Bulletin Boards for Pershing Park:** After a discussion, Sophie moved to approve the purchase of two glass doored bulletin boards that were requested as part of the small grant program for up to \$3150. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Sasha will let Heather know and find the appropriate funding line in our NRP funds to cover this purchase. It was noted we would also like a plaque saying they were purchased by FNA.

**Environmental Committee Update:** After a discussion, it was determined that Kristen will start to work on an educational zero waste even for the fall. She will also send the updated letter on closing the HERC to the Board for them to determine if they would like to sign on support as a neighborhood.

The plants for the pantry garden finally came in. We may need more plants or supplies but we will do an e vote when we know what the need is.

**Community Engagement Committee Update:** The first Community Dinner of the season is next Wednesday. We will be doing a pollinator plant giveaway along with other activities planned by the park.

The next Fall Festival planning meeting is July 14. John said his son can do the inputting for the silent auction.

Jane has a call into Habitat for Humanity on the home near her to see how we can help. It will be a re-do not a tear down.

Sophie will check on the block party kits and if we want to loan them out this summer and purchase the items she bought to use with them.

**Zoning Committee update:** Jane has a zoning request for a home on York Ave she will send to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.