

**Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 6:30pm**  
**FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet**

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

**Guests:** Sasha Jensen (staff)

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

**Treasurer's Report:** February was a slow month for transactions. The 990 has been submitted for the short year and change of our fiscal year to calendar year.

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

**Short Term Plan MOD:** Now that the notice has been posted and the waiting period has ended, Steve moved to approve the \$25,000 NRP plan MOD Jim seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Coordinated Neighborhood Funding Campaign around Neighborhood Day, May 3:** Sasha spoke about the work she is doing with other neighborhoods around a fundraising campaign for Neighborhood Day.

**Financial Proposal Rubric:** Ray introduced the rubric. Community Engagement and making sure we are equitable was discussed as well as how we score and evaluate projects coming in one at a time. We will bring this back to the board meeting in April after everyone has had time to give it some thought.

The neighborhood survey on funding was also discussed and a draft of the revised survey will be sent to the board for feedback next week.

**Community Action Form:** Ray presented the form we can start using for new event proposals moving forward.

**50th and France Special Service District Streetscape Improvements:** Ray summarized the discussions we have had so far. The board decided to line item vote for the proposal. Ray moved to purchase the snowflake decorations. Jane seconded and the motion failed. Ray moved to purchase the planters. Jim seconded and the motion failed. Ray moved to purchase the recycling cans at the cost of \$11,285. Sophie seconded and the motion passed. Ray moved to purchase the trash cans for \$11,285. Jane seconded and the motion failed. The board would also like to allocate \$11,285 to support each of the other business nodes in Fulton (50th and Xerxes and 50th and Penn). There was a discussion if we could use the recycling cans to promote FNA. Sasha will let Heidi from the SSD know of our decision.

After a discussion, Ray moved to have Ray, Kristen and Blaine part of a work group for giving funding to the other business nodes. They will also serve as the subcommittee for 50th and Penn support. Caro

seconded and it was approved unanimously.

**Lunar New Year Debrief:** A discussion took place about the Lunar New Year event. It was a success, had a great turnout and we gained a lot of new volunteers. A Fulton Mahjong group started from this event. It was a lot of work and the group discussed if it was something they wanted to do annually. Are there other cultural events we can do and what is the board capacity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.