

Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Wednesday, May 15, 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, Jim Donnelly, Caro Lina, Krisen Ingle, Melanie Heu-Kanow, Jill Lock

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff) Zach (resident)

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

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the Treasurer's Report. A new city policy is starting where we need to submit receipts to the city for reimbursement on anything over \$500.

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

Neighborhood Funding Survey: After a discussion, it was decided to extend the neighborhood funding survey until June 30. We will promote it in the newsletter, yard signs, and community dinners.

Technology at Pershing Park: Sasha will check with Heather about Park IT's assessment of the internet as well as the availability of a TV cart to use for meetings. A conversation took place about getting some boosters to help us as well as others using the internet at the park.

50th and Xerxes and 50th and Penn Business Node sub group: Ray presented budget and guidelines to help determine support. Sasha presented examples of Parking Feather Signs to be used at 50th and Xerxes during construction. Jance moved to approve \$600 to purchase the flags. Caro seconded and it was approved unanimously. FNA will help to promote the parking spots.

FNA Small Grants: Jane presented the grant recommendations from the small grant committee. After a discussion, Jane moved to approve grants for Good Trouble, Rose Lani group, Pink Giraffe, ASL for Minneapolis Public School Community Play, Trust Inc and the SWHS Newspaper for a total of \$4650. Sophie seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Sasha will let all applicants know and work to arrange payment.

Habitat For Humanity House in Fulton: Jane has a Habitat for Humanity home going up near her and asked if FNA would be interested in working on it. The group said yes so Jane will look into it.

West Fulton Improvement Project: Steve wants to make sure everyone in the neighborhood knows what is involved in the West Fulton Neighborhood Improvement Project. Sasha will reach out to the team at the city and see how we can help communicate it.

Community Dinners: Kristen is still looking for two more sponsors of \$150 each and more volunteers for set up. We had a conversation about volunteering and the timing of the dinners on nights when there are board meetings when we may need more outside help with cleaning up. Kristen asked for a \$500 buffer to her budget due to rising food costs. Sophie moved to approve the additional \$500. Melanie second it and it was approved unanimously. After a discussion it was decided tabling by other

organizations is not allowed at Community Dinners.

Volunteer Recruitment Program: Sophie presented her volunteer/donor and FNA awareness program and her sample Fulton Bingo Card. A conversation took place about having a volunteer coordinator to manage the program and ways to make sure the program is sustainable. Sophie, Kristen, Meianie and Blake all said they would be a part of a work group to look at engagement; using our time, talent and treasures.

Fall Festival Planning: Steve, Ray, Jim, Sophie, Krsten and Blake said they wanted to be a part of the Festival Planning Committee. Sasha will set up the first meeting.

Bystander Training: Kristen talked about a bystander training other neighborhoods including Tangletown are taking part in. She requested \$100 from the board to be a part of the training. Jim moved to approve \$100 for this. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.