

Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors
Minutes of Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 6:30 pm
FNA Meeting held in Pershing Park Rec Center and google meet

Board Members Present: Sophie Su, Ian Harrison, Kristen Simmons-Ingle, John Bender, Mike Youngblood, Jane Kohnen, Melaine Kanow, Blaine Miller-Mc Feeley, Tawnya Artisst-Anderson and Jill Lock (in person), Blake Ward, and Seth Salenger (online)

Guests: Sasha Jensen (staff)

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

Minutes from the November 2025 Board meeting: Melanie moved to approve the November meeting minutes, Ian seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Fulton Farmer's Market signs at 50th and Xerxes: After a discussion about the signs, it was determined that Sasha will get estimates on taking them down before we determine next steps.

2026 Fulton Fall Festival Date: After a discussion, Kristen moved to hold the Fulton Fall Festival on its traditional second Saturday of September, which will be on September 12, 2026. Ian seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Board Retreat: A discussion took place about the upcoming board retreat. The proposed budget was lowered to spend \$20 per person on lunch bringing the lunch budget to \$300 and total budget for the event \$520. Tawnya, Kristen, Blake, Seth, Sasha, Melanie, and Sophie volunteered to help plan the retreat.

Neighborhood Resilience: Rapid Response: Kristen shared what other neighborhoods and organizations are doing in Minneapolis with ICE being deployed to Minnesota. After a discussion, Blaine moved to authorize the Racial Equity Committee to develop information and resources to share with our residents in our communication channels. The committee will bring other ideas to the board as they arise. Krsiten seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Small Grants date: After a discussion, Sophie moved to open the Fulton Small Grants Application on March 2 and have it be open for one month.

Monetary Support for Community Needs: After a discussion about where we have donated funds in the past, and where current needs may be, Kristen moved to donate \$300 to the Waite House Toy Drive FNA is currently supporting, and \$500 in gift cards to social workers at Anthony Middle School and Southwest High School, \$1000 total, to give to students that may be in need of warm weather clothing and other support this time of year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Blaine requested that we share our gifts on social media as a way to encourage others to donate.

Extended Hours at the park for FNA meetings: After a discussion Melanie moved to ask the park to stay open one extra hour, until 9pm to accommodate our board meetings. We would pay them \$20 per meeting for the extra hours of staff time, for the 11 meetings in 2026. Jane seconded and it was approved unanimously. Sasha will let the park know. Ian requested that we find a way to have

stronger internet.

2026 FNA Budget: The board would like to wait until the February board meeting to approve our 2026 budget so we can work on it at our retreat. Jane moved that until we have an approved budget, to keep spending aligned with our 2025 budget and approve any additional items individually as they come up. Mike seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Treasures report: Seth presented the Treasurer's report. He asked people to let him know what data people would like to see as he worked on the presentation format for our meetings and the FNA website.

Program Updates and Key Initiatives completed last month and in progress: Sophie went over the list quickly and will send a more detailed summary to the board.

Coordinator Report: Sasha presented a verbal coordinator report.

FNA Coordinator Contract Renewal: After a closed door discussion, the board asked Sasha to extend her current contract to February so they could have time to discuss and research further.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Minutes Submitted by Sasha Jensen, FNA Coordinator.