



Fulton Neighborhood Association

Board Presentation

Wed June 10, 2026





Agenda Overview

- 01 CM Linea Palmisano's Update | 20 min
- 02 Board Decisions (3) - Sophie | 15 min
- 03 Voting Rights & Civic Engagement - Kristen | 10 min
- 04 Treasurer's Report - Seth | 10 min
- 05 Program Updates & Key Initiatives - Team | 40 min
- 06 Upcoming Items - Sophie | 5 min
- 07 Discussion: Fulton Fall Festival Planning | 30 min
- 08 Discussion: SWHS Turf - Ian | 10 min

Board Decisions

Key Concerns and Actionable Insights

1. Approve May Meeting Minutes

The board agrees the written minutes correctly reflect:

- What was discussed
- What decisions or votes were made
- Any actions or follow-ups assigned
- No one sees errors or missing information
- The board formally adopts the minutes into the organization's records
- They can now be stored, shared, or referenced as the official history

Click Here: [Board Meeting Minutes Folder](#)

2. Approve Transfer from CD into a High Yield Savings Account

The board agrees to approve the transfer of \$100K from a CD into a High Yield Savings Account and designates which saving account it will be.

- Original discussion proposed shared by Treasurer's report by Seth in May's board meeting
- Our CD matured in May 15, 2026
- We do calculate \$3K of revenue from our CD into our 2026 budget calculations
- The board to propose which HYSA to choose.

Board Decisions

Proposal: Heidi Bing from Special Service District Board for 50th and France

3. Approve any donation amount for Wrapping Utility Cabinets with local art

Context

A request was made to see if the board would be interested in donating money to pay for wrapping utility cabinets with art done by local artists.

- It would beautify the neighborhood.
- The vinyl wrap enables graffiti to be more easily removed vs. standard blank canvas.
- There are 9 cabinets and the wrap is \$1.2K per cabinet (lasting 5-7 years)
- Whole project would be \$10.8K but any donation will be accepted. No specific timeline mentioned.

Utility Cabinet Inventory - 50th & France SSD					
Number	Address	Length	Width	Height	Notes
1	5001 France	44	27.5	62.5	Athleta
2	5003 France	33.25	18	63	Athleta
3	5005 France	36	32.5	70.5	Athleta
4	3825 W 50th St	28	15.25	60.5	Title nine
5	3814 W 50th St	28	15.25	60.5	Anthropology
6	3816 W 50th St	28	15.25	60.5	Anthropology
7	3883 W 51st St	44	27.5	56.5	Casa de Corazon
8	3608 W 50th St	28	15.25	60.5	Wouletts
9	3606 W 50th St	44	27.5	60.5	Wouletts

Click Here: [Utility Artwork](#)

This may qualify for our 50th streetscape bucket: \$2.1K

Voting Rights & Civic Engagement

Kristen Ingle



Upcoming Training: Thursday, June 25, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Join Monarca and your neighbors for our new Democracy Defense training. Together, we will build a broad network to defend our democracy, using every lever we can to ensure we have safe, free, and fair elections, and that our votes are counted.

VOTE 2026
Build Your Future: **VOTE!**



PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- **June 26:** Early voting begins. Vote by mail or in person June 26–August 10 for the Primary Election
- **July 21:** Deadline to register in advance (saves time at early voting site or Primary Election Day) You can still register at an early voting site or on election day!
- **AUG 11: PRIMARY ELECTION** NO need to declare a political party, but on your ballot you will need to 'stay in your lane' and choose to vote for one party in partisan races

GENERAL ELECTION DATES

- **Sept 18:** Early voting begins. Vote by mail or in person September 18–November 2 for the General Election
- **Oct 13:** Deadline to register in advance (saves time at early voting sites or General Election Day) You can still register at an early voting site or on election day!
- **Nov 2:** Early voting sites remain open until the day before the general election.
- **NOV 3: ELECTION DAY**

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2026

- US Senator
- US House of Representative
- Governor/Lt. Governor
- MN Secretary of State
- MN State Auditor
- MN Attorney General
- MN State Senator & House of Representatives
- Judicial Seats
- Minneapolis School Board
- Hennepin County Attorney, Sheriff
- County Commissioner (District 2,3,4)
- Local ballot measures (if there are any, General Election only)

Treasurer's Report

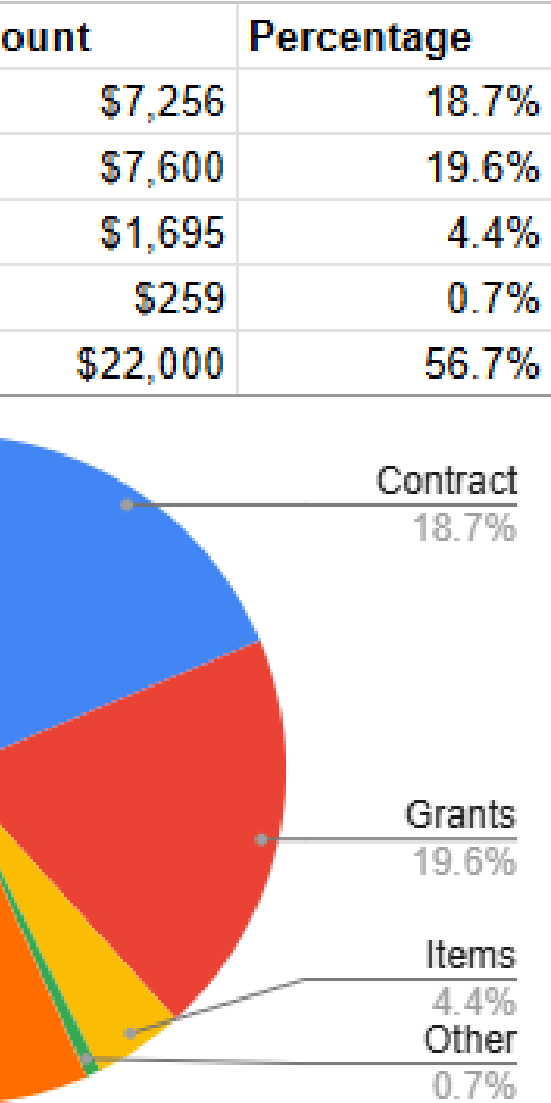
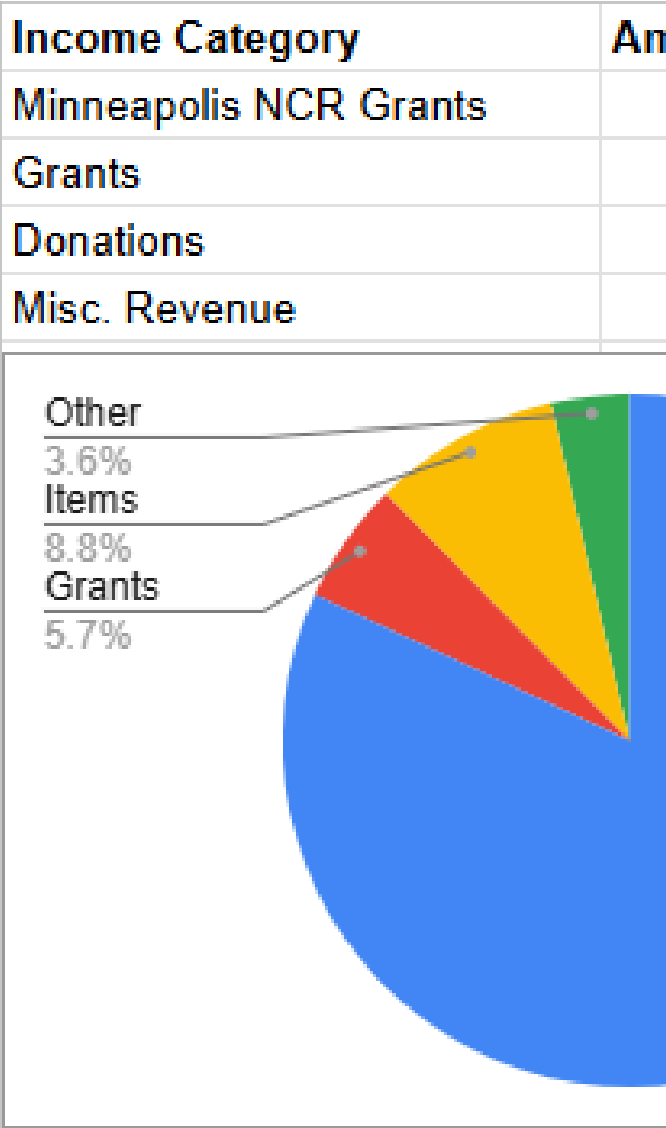
Seth Salenger - FNA Treasurer

Treasurer Report [1/2]

Net Revenue of (\$24,051)

Revenue - \$14,759

Expense - \$23,402



Liquic

Category
Bank Balance
Fulton CD
Total

Outstandin

Contract
NRP Contract Phase 1
NRP Contract C-13287
NRP Contract C-38968
Neighborhoods 2020
Uncontracted Phase 2
CNNF
EEEF
Total



e Sheet

Amount
\$121,609
\$3,577
\$118,032

Program Updates and Key Initiatives

Completed in May 2026 (5)



Please use: fna@fultonneighborhood.org (to communicate to Damla)

FNA Coordinator Position



Candidate review panel: Sophie Su, Kristen Ingle, Tawnya Artisst-Anderson

The Board approved the hiring of Damla Erten as Fulton Neighborhood Association's new Coordinator. Damla will begin her role on June 10, 2026. The Executive Team and Hiring Committee will be onboarding her throughout June, and she will be attending the June board meeting.

About Damla

- Minnesota resident for over 20 years, originally from Istanbul, Turkey
- Holds a Master of Fine Arts degree
- Extensive experience working with nonprofits, community organizations, small businesses, and multi-location operations
- Founder of the Uptown Community Coalition
- Passionate about community-building, neighborhood engagement, and supporting local businesses

Please join us in welcoming Damla to the Fulton Neighborhood Association team.



The Great Winter Sendoff
Party (May 2026)

The Great Winter Sendoff

Lead: Sophie Su

What went well, what we learned, what we can improve and next year?

What went well

- Vendors, booths, volunteers, and entertainment all showed up on time. Site map and lead photo contacts helped.
- Southwest Community Ed partnership was smooth—great venue, tech, and setup.
- Good mix of all-ages activities and food. No long lines.

What we learned

- May is a tough month—families are tapped out, harder for turnout and volunteers.
- People liked the variety of booths, especially the plant sale.

What can we improve

- More outdoor signage / marketing
- Relationship between SWHS site council, PTA, NHS was really hard. They weren't very responsive at all.
- Vendor minimums

Next Year (2026-2027)

- I would not motion for a raffle. It was a low turn out.
- I would not motion to continue the event in this format for the Snow Angels. Maybe smaller HH?
- I would motion to bring community booths vendors / org and Dirty Docks Soda Shop to the Fall Festival.

[Snow Angel Folder](#)



\$25K Plan Mod is completed

- Board approved \$25K one time plan mod in May board meeting
- Sophie shared with Ayrca from the City
- Melanie is finishing up the paperwork with the City
- Paperwork to be signed during June board meeting



Fulton Market Signs

We have submitted a request to Roots Neighborhood to see if they would pay \$600 invoice.

We are waiting on their feedback to remove 11 signs.

Roots Executive board has agreed to pay for and directly coordinate removal of the signs



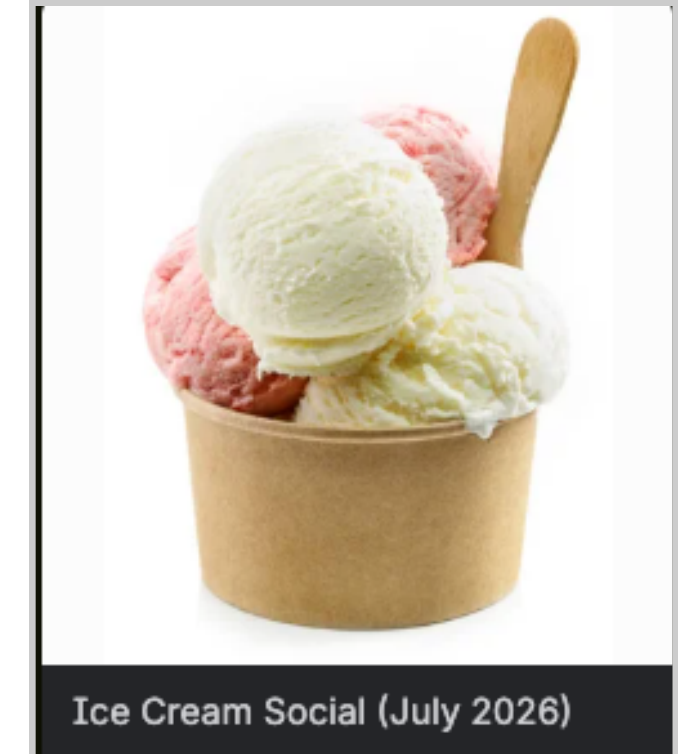
FNA Merch Relaunch!

We have added several fresh new designs to the merch assortment for soft relaunch and sale starting at the 6/24 Community Dinner.



Program Updates and Key Initiatives

In Progress (3)



Community Dinners

Committee: Kristen Ingle, Ray Klahr

Updates

- **Community Dinner Kickoff: Wednesday, June 17th, 5:30 pm at Pershing Park Rec Center**
 - Mark all the dates: 6/17, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12
 - Inside the air-conditioned Pershing Park Rec Center building
 - Rain or shine!
- Need volunteers & dinner sponsors for 7/22, 8/5, and 8/12
- Slices of Fulton - engaging 4 Fulton pizza shops to participate in serving pizza at the last community dinner of the summer. (This will replace Costco pizza. It will be more expensive, but it will support local businesses.)



“Scan here for
Volunteer &
Sponsor Signup”

Block Captain Engagement Program

Committee: Kristen Ingle, Ray Klahr

Updates

- Coordinating low-barrier neighborhood gatherings
 - January: Hot Chocolate
 - February: S'mores
 - June: Drawn Together-Chalk Art Event w/Linden Hills and broader Minneapolis community
 - July: Popsicles
 - August: NNO
 - October: Popcorn



Ice Cream Social

Event Lead: Tawnya Artisst-Anderson with collaboration Dharma Field + eQuality
July 15, 2026 5:30-8pm

EVENT RUN OF SHOW

4:30-5:30PM Event Set Up
5:30 PM Let the Scooping Begin!

- Kickoff & Recognition of sponsors and partners
- Ice Cream Served
- Magic by Bruce crowd work
- Hot Dog Sales begin
- Arts & Crafts with NorthStar Art Club
- Sponsor and Community Tables open

6 PM Performances Begin!

- ½ hr Stage Performance Magic by Bruce : *outdoor "stage" weather permitting, multipurpose room as backup

6:30 PM

- ½ hr Stage Performance by Groove Garden: Family Friendly 1960's-80's Rock band: *outdoor "stage" weather permitting, multipurpose room as backup

7:00 PM

- ½ hr Stage Performance by Charlie Smith: Family Friendly Solo Rock performer: *outdoor "stage" weather permitting, multipurpose room as backup

8 PM Event Closes!

- Cleanup and breakdown of all event spaces.



Costs	Category	Notes
\$1,800	Budget	
\$500+	Fundraising	Dharma Field - check received
\$180	Admin costs	10% default for book keeping
\$150	Food	Hot dogs, buns & toppings
\$275	Supplies & Materials	Posters, Prints, Art supplies
\$700	Contractor's Costs	eQuality vendor (+ ice cream, toppings, staff)
\$400	Contractor's Costs	Musical Group/Magician
NA	Fees	Event food permit
\$1,175	TOTAL	\$1,675 (-sponsorship)

Ice Cream Social Fundraising

Event Lead: Tawnya Artisst-Anderson with collaboration Dharma Field + eQuality

**Permit covered through community dinners. Stand training and policies shared via Kristen*



HOT DOG FUNDRAISER:

100 hot dogs

Charge \$5

Include signage:

 **Hot Dog Fundraiser**

Supporting Fulton Neighborhood Association

**Helping fund neighborhood events, programs, and
community connections**

Expenses=\$150

100% Hot Dog Sellthrough=\$300-500

\$200-350 Profit

STILL NEEDED: Board & Community Volunteers!



Small Grants Update

Event Lead: John Bender



Pink Giraffe art events - the first event will be June 26th. The digital flyer is attached. It is limited to 12 participants in the art room at Pershing Park. We funded two additional events later in the year.

MPS ECFE Out & About Book Bus - we funded the book bus for the end of year celebration. Summary of the event is attached - it was a great success!

Southwest HS AVID bus - this event occurred back in April. I have testimonials from many of the participants. This is one of my favorites:

Hi, I just wanted to say thank you for the opportunity that you gave to our school Avid class. I really enjoyed the trip, especially the bus, which had AC and nice leg room. I can't say the same for the dorms, though. I thought this was a really enjoyable learning experience. I liked our tour guide a lot, and I loved the fact that you guys were D1 in Esports, which is really impressive. This was a really good experience, and I won't forget it.

Pershing Park Garden Champions - the gardens around the flagpole are coming together - check them out at the meeting tomorrow. If anyone can snap a few pictures, I'd appreciate them for my files.

Lake Harriet Environmental Council - the native plant seeds will be spread in the fall to give them the best chance to take. I will follow up in September.

LHUC garden - the planting near the office is taking shape. The 50th street portion will come later.

Laker Locker - the program put together summer take home packages for 30 families. I need to follow up on if the expenses will qualify for city funds (Cub gift cards were included). If not, I will discuss other options with them.

I will have more robust updates and some thoughts about how to operate the grant program next year at the July board meeting.

JB - [Additional Details in the Folder](#)

Program Updates and Key Initiatives

Pending Tasks (2)





Pershing Park Bulletin Boards

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Sasha has purchased 3 bulletin boards and delivery delayed until end June 2026.



Eliza Winston Committee

Eliza Winston Committee - Plaque

March 11, 2026 committee was created: Jason Benjamin, Kristen Ingle, Mike Youngblood, Blake Ward. Article was written in the FNA Newsletter for April. Committee to gather and present a proposal to the FNA board with more details about the request for a historic plaque. A federal grant is being pursued, and additional stakeholders are gathering. Artists commissioned for design.

Upcoming Items

**Community Dinner
Launch - June 17**

**Community Dinner
June 24**

**Fulton – 2026 Q1 Program
Check-In Due June 30**



Discussion: Fulton Fall Festival Planning



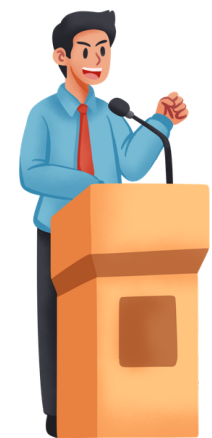
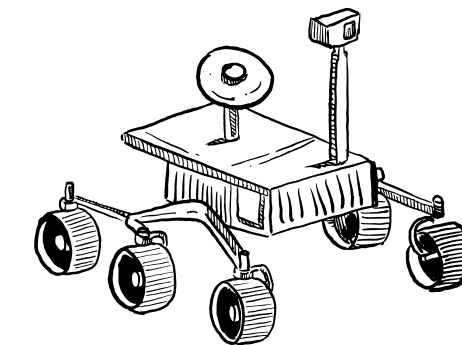
Event Date: Sat September 12, 2026

Setup: 9:30am

Event Time: 10:30am - 3pm

Takedown: until 4pm

Location: Pershing Park Rec Center



Role	Responsibility	Lead	Support
Permits & Pershing Park Partership	Event Permit, Obstruction Permit, Food Permit, Coordination with Pershing Park Staff and city logistics (Tap Water Mobile)		
Community Engagement	Promote the event: flyers, posters, yard signs, social media, local groups, day of photography, email capture plan and post event thank you + recap Volunteer check in table, FNA table setup, QR codes		Kristen
Silent Auction	Silent auction setup, Request / pickup / disburse donations, auction website, thank donor emails, payment tracking (\$8K Fundraiser)		Sophie Su
Vendor Management	Recruit / communicate / coordinate all food trucks, vendor related payments, as well as vendor setup day of support	Sophie Su	
Event Setup & Takedown logistics	Create event site map, weather plan, direct setup / takedown with volunteers, trash/recycling/compost plan, end of the day inspection	Tawnya	Melanie
Bike Parade / Band	Parade route, decorations, signage, parade and SWHS band coordination	Melanie	
Entertainment - Showmobile	Recruit free musicians & bands, coordinate Showmobile + Sound Tech, Stage Schedule and MC/Announcer for the event		Ian
Field Activities	Recruit free all ages activities in the field: Bubble lady?, robotics, face painting, astronomy, bingo, inflatable house, yard games, pickleball		Tawnya
Vendor Marketplace (form linked)	Recruit vendor booths / fees: small makers, nonprofits, local businesses, political candidates and marketplace setup (\$1K Fundraiser)		
Festival Sponsorship	Recruit sponsors bronze, silver, gold and platinum (\$2K Fundraiser) Sponsor visibility (signage, announcements, booths), post-event folloup	Ian	
FNA Fundraiser (Food /Merch/Donations)	Decide & manage fundraiser: sell ice cream/food/coffee, wine pull, merch, donations, payment setup, end of the day reconciliation (\$2K Fundraiser)	Kristen	Ian, Tawnya

Discussion: Southwest HS Turf Field Petition

Ian Harrison

SUPPORT SOUTHWEST HS TURF FIELD – PETITION

We are neighbors, families, and community members who support a safe, modern turf field at Southwest High School. We believe Southwest students deserve equitable access to quality athletic facilities to promote fairness in student athletics across the district. The proposed field has been cleared for stormwater management and is designed to meet all applicable city, safety, and environmental standards.

A properly designed turf field provides a more reliable playing surface than a grass field that is difficult to maintain under heavy use. It also reduces the need for pesticides, fertilizers, mowing, and watering, and can ease routine upkeep demands where grounds resources are limited.

We support moving forward with a field solution that is safe, environmentally responsible, practical to maintain, and fair to Southwest students and the broader district community.

Organized by: Southwest High School Football Booster Club

Email: swlakerfootballboosters@gmail.com

Date: 5/17/26

 [Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

Support 2027 Turf Petition

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Please sign our Petition in support of the 2027 Turf Field at SWHS!

At a recent MPS board meeting a petition was presented to pause installation of the SWHS turf field for 2027. Our students, athletes, and community deserve a safe, reliable, modern field. Delaying the project will negatively impact many individuals involved at SW.

How does this negatively impact us?

- **Unsafe field conditions**
- **Teams in our conference will not play us at our field due to the field's condition.**
- **By fall of 2027, we will be the only high school in Mpls without a turf field.**
- **Maintaining grass to a safe level of play costs too much money and time.**
- **Fertilizers and pesticides are unsafe for players.**

Scan Here to Sign
the Petition.



KEEP SOUTHWEST HS FIELD NATURAL — PETITION

We are neighbors, families, and community members who support improving the Southwest High School field while protecting student health and the environment.

We ask Minneapolis Public Schools to avoid synthetic turf systems that may contain rubber infill, PFAS (“forever chemicals”), and other materials of concern, and instead prioritize safer, sustainable alternatives.

We support repairing and maintaining natural grass fields **NOW**, while also fully evaluating hybrid, cork, coconut, and other lower-impact options that keep the field safe, accessible, and usable for students and the community long term.

Claims that natural grass requires heavy pesticide use are misleading. Minneapolis significantly reduced pesticide use in its parks system and stopped using glyphosate/Roundup in parks beginning in 2019.

Given ongoing concerns about PFAS exposure, heat, injuries, disposal costs, and long-term maintenance expenses, we believe natural or lower-impact field alternatives deserve full consideration before installing synthetic turf.

Keep SWHS Field Natural Petition

[Petition Link](#)