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Housing Funds for Community Land Trust Project *Presentation at December FNA Meeting*

There will be a proposal before the Fulton Neighborhood Association (FNA) Board of Directors at its December meeting to allocate a portion of Fulton's Neighborhood Revitalization Program Phase II housing funds to a home ownership collaboration with City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) and Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA).

If the proposal is approved, up to three qualifying low-income families will have an opportunity to purchase a home in Fulton. These homes will be affordable due to grants provided by Fulton, MPHA and the City of Lakes Community Land Trust. Through the participation of the land trust, these homes will remain affordable to future low-income home buyers if and when the original owners sell these homes. FNA Housing Committee members have been working on this initiative for a year to fulfill a portion of Fulton's NRP Phase II Plan requirements. For more information about CLCLT's Homebuyer Initiated Program, go to <http://www.clclt.org/HIP.htm>.

The presentation will be held at 7 p.m., at Pershing Park on Wednesday, December 13. All Fulton residents and business members are invited to attend the meeting for further information on the proposal. You may also call Coordinator Rhea Sullivan at 612-922-3106.

**Fulton Zoning Variance Information
Now available online at
<http://www.fultonneighborhood.org/zoning.htm>**

Education Committee to Convene *Over \$43,000 Available for Programs*

Interested in education? Fulton Neighborhood Association has NRP Phase II funding allocated to educational projects and programs and we need your help to get them off the ground. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail education@fultonneighborhood.org or call the Fulton Neighborhood Line at 612-922-3016. We are hoping to schedule our first Fulton Education Committee meeting in November 2006.

FNA Board Update *Welcome New Board Members, Officers*

Elections for the Fulton Neighborhood Association Board of Directors were held at the annual meeting on September 13, 2006. Welcome to new FNA Board members **Taunya Nelson** and **Tom Steele** (who has served on the Board in the past). Congratulations to returning Directors **John Finlayson**, **Bill Kerker**, **Nick Mark**, and **Linda Romine**. Many thanks to outgoing Board member **Pat Bogusz** for her service to the neighborhood.

FNA Officers were elected at the October 11 Board meeting. Officers for 2006 are: **John Finlayson**, President; **Nick Mark**, Vice President; **Linda Romine**, Treasurer and **Taunya Nelson**, Secretary. **Meg Cowden** was also appointed to fill a one-year seat, replacing Board member **Kim Keilholtz**, who resigned in August.

Time to Empty Your Rain Barrel

Your rain barrel needs to be disconnected before winter. Freezing and thawing water may cause your barrel to crack or split. Be sure the barrel and any connecting hoses are completely empty of water and either turn the barrel upside down or cover with a plastic tarp. You should also reconnect a temporary downspout extension to direct water away from your foundation. Flexible extensions are available at most hardware stores.

West 47th Street

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West 54th Street

Friends of Fulton Honored

The eighth annual Friends of Fulton Awards were presented at the Fulton Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting on September 13, 2006. This year, five individuals were recognized for their contributions to Fulton neighborhood. Congratulations and thanks to:

Pat Bogusz served as President of the Fulton Neighborhood Association for two years (2004 and 2005). Pat has also been a member of the NRP Implementation Committee and has helped guide the development and implementation of Fulton's Phase II NRP Plan. This year, Pat hosted the Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale at her home, working with Mary Nolte and volunteers from the Fulton Garden Club. The sale earned over \$800 for FNA.

Bill Kerker has the distinction of being the longest serving FNA Board member. He has been a member of the Board for over a decade. Bill has helped in many capacities, including buckthorn removal and installation of the playground at Lake Harriet Community School Upper Campus. This year Bill provided all the pots for the Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale and picked up the rain barrels for the Rain Barrel Workshop.

Mary Nolte has contributed endless time and energy to the Fulton neighborhood over the past two years. As Chair of the Fulton Environment Committee, Mary has organized several educational workshops, has worked to protect the newly-planted trees in the neighborhood, and promoted the Fulton rainwater management program. Mary worked with Pat Bogusz to organize the successful Fabulous Fulton Plant Sale. She has also been a member of the Community Engagement Committee for the last two years and has helped to plan the Fulton Festival.

Linda Romine has been tireless in her search for grant money to leverage Fulton NRP funds. Last year Linda wrote and was awarded two grants – a Minnesota ReLeaf grant for \$10,000 for neighborhood tree planting and a Minnehaha Creek Watershed District grant for almost \$10,000 for rainwater management. Linda has been a member of the FNA Board for the past two years and has served as FNA Treasurer. She is also a dedicated member of the Fulton Environment Committee.

Lynn Steele attended a brainstorming meeting about Fulton fundraising last spring and came up with the idea of making a quilt as a fundraiser for the Fulton Festival. In a matter of weeks, Lynn made a beautiful stardust pattern quilt and arranged for the neighborhood to participate in marketing the quilt at the Edina Art Fair. The quilt made \$698 for FNA. Last year, Lynn was also a judge for the Fulton Festival Talent Show.

2006 Remodeled Home Tour

On August 13, the first Lake Harriet Remodeled Home Tour took place and it was a great success. The tour was a fundraiser for the neighborhood associations of Fulton, East Harriet Farmstead, Linden Hills, and Lynnhurst. The event provided an opportunity for people to explore our neighborhoods and current remodeling trends. A total of \$900 was raised, which was split evenly between the four associations.

Ben Kolkman, tour organizer, is planning a slightly larger tour next year, and will include more restored old homes and homes more representative of the area. If you'd like to be notified about next year's tour or would like to volunteer, contact Ben at GreatMinneapolis Real Estate, 612-925-5990, or e-mail him at BenKolkman@GreatMinneapolis.com.

France Avenue South

Penn Avenue South



Fulton Green

Take the Energy Challenge!

Visit www.mnenergychallenge.org today

The Center for Energy and Environment, in partnership with the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, have launched a new initiative to encourage citizens to save energy and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas which is the primary contributor to global warming. The goal of the Minnesota Energy Challenge is to empower Minnesotans to take simple steps to reduce their energy use and Minnesota's CO₂ emissions. By visiting the Energy Challenge website (www.mnenergychallenge.org) and providing some brief information about your home's energy use, you can learn about easy steps you can take to save money and energy. And when you pledge to take energy-saving measures, you can assign your savings to the team(s) of your choice, including neighborhood teams, employers, or a team of your friends that you create! See how fast the energy savings add up from just simple actions like replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents! As of October 30, Fulton was in second place in the neighborhood rankings (after Linden Hills), with total CO₂ savings of over 53,000 pounds and an average of 23% per participant. See how much you can save — then get your neighbors to participate as well!

Fulton "Most Environmentally-Friendly"

Metro magazine recognizes Fulton's Green

Metro magazine, in their October 2006 issue, named Fulton the "Most Environmentally-Friendly" neighborhood in the metro area. Kudos to the Fulton Environment Committee for this well-deserved recognition. Quoting from the October 2006 article,

"Fulton not only cares about its residents, it cares about its trees. The neighborhood association is committed to keeping the area green and healthy by educating people about the benefits of tending to their trees with proper maintenance. The group stresses the importance of rainwater management, including rainwater gardening, and emphasizes buckthorn removal. An environmental committee meets monthly to ensure that Fulton is doing its part to combat pollution and tries to make the southwest corner of Minneapolis as clean and beautiful as possible. Well done, Fulton."



FULTON Block Club

Block Contacts Needed

The Fulton Block Club Program is looking for volunteers to help welcome new neighbors to their block. This is an easy and fun way to make a contribution to the neighborhood. If you live on one of the blocks listed below and are interested in welcoming new neighbors by giving them a Welcome Packet filled with local information and business coupons, please e-mail info@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

Abbott 5000	France 4700	Penn 4900	Xerxes 5000
Brookwood	France 4900	Penn 5000	Xerxes 5200
Chowen 5100	France 5100	Queen 4800	York 5300
Chowen 5300	France 5200	Red Cedar	Zenith 5100
Drew 4900	Penn 4800	Upton 5000	Zenith 5300

Fulton Festival Thanks

It was a grand day at Pershing Park. The weather held and folks came out to enjoy the food, fun, and community at the Fulton Festival on Saturday, September 16. Many thanks to Rosey Vogan and Pershing Park staff for partnering with the Fulton Neighborhood Association. Check out the photos from the Festival on the Fulton website at www.fultonneighborhood.org.



Special thanks to the Community Engagement Committee, which has worked since January to organize the Festival: Scott Vandeputte (Chair), Brian Erickson, Teresa Hermes, Susan Krahn, Drew Lamosse, Tony Mann, Mary Nolte, Mary Rogers, Rhea Sullivan and Steve Young. If you'd like to help plan the 2007 Fulton Festival, e-mail community@fultonneighborhood.org or call 612-922-3106.

Thanks to all who participated, especially these volunteers who helped the day of the event:

Julie Allyn	John Finlayson	Ellen Hunsicker	Howard Rogers	Lisa Wacek
Molly Anderson	Donna Fox	Sammi Johnson	Jeff Rogers	Josie Walton
Rebecca Benz	Mary Ellen Halvorson	Nicki Kenney	Erik Roepke	Joe Wolf
Pat Bogusz	Brook Hanson	Steve Krahn	Linda Romine	Nancy Wurm
Samantha Boyd	Wade Hermes	Capri Martin	Jim Russell	Peter Zefel
Meg Cowden	Peter Hoban	Michelle Nelson	Brianna Sullivan	
Tom Eaton	Nancy Homdrom	Sara O'Shey	Carolyn Taff	

We want to recognize our generous sponsors:

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Many thanks to our entertainers:

Bill Duna
Hillary Moon Murphy, Story Time
Lake Harriet Methodist Church Band
Mark Stillman, Accordion

Silent Auction: A huge thank you to our Silent Auction Coordinators: Ahndi Fridell and Kristine Johansen, and their assistant, Linda Robinson. The silent auction made close to \$1,200 this year to benefit the activities of the Fulton Neighborhood Association. Many thanks to these businesses and residents who donated an item(s) to the Silent Auction:

51st Hair Station	Dairy Queen	Paint Your Plate
All J's Tire Center	Dunn Bros 50th and Xerxes	Paperback Exchange
Arthur Murray Dance Studio	Edina Massage	Pearsons
B. More Jewelry	Extradados	Peterson Portraits
Banners to Go	Mark Gaffney	Sociale Gourmet
Bead Monkey	Gallery 360	Southwest Community Education-
Birch Clothing	Lake Harriet Florist	Southwest Firestone
Brides of France	Jane Kohnen	Steinhagen & Crist, P.P.L.
Broders Cucina Italiana	Susan Krahn	Tiny Acorn Portraits
Bruegger's Bagels	Nash Frame Design	The Baby Collection
Calhoun Beach Framing	Nu Look Consignment	UPS Store
Curves	Old Country Buffet	Wyrd Sisters

Thanks to our community partners:

MPRB (Showmobile)
Southwest Community Education (field games)
Boy Scout Troop 6 (bake sale)
Carondelet 5th grade class (caramel apple sundaes)
Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge (Kid's ID Program)

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