

FRNNG Meeting minutes

June 21, 2023

Monthly board meeting for Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Association
McRae Park, 906 E 47th St. Minneapolis MN

Call to order – 6:30pm

In attendance:

Board of directors:

Nate Lansing, Patty Miller, Rachel Sporer, Charlie Anhut, Cathy Anhut, Theresa Taylor, Rosalinda Miguel, Steve Gallo, Bill Kinney, Tod Foley,

Absent:

Dan Rauchman, Colleen Stockmann, Christina Brill, Michael Tomatz, Jen Kalaidis-Meslow

Staff:

Lauren Anderson

Guests:

Lindsey Feiner, Soren Stevenson, Judy Hannigan

Welcome and Introductions

Nate convened the meeting and welcomed new members to the board. Everyone went around and introduced themselves and stated their role and their neighborhood.

CM Koski was not able to make it tonight due to a conflict with another meeting. Nate received her report and will email it out to everyone on the board. Nate reminded everyone to check your emails for this report and future emails.

Secretary Election:

Nate called for the need to elect a member of the board to take on the role of Secretary. Cathy Anhut has volunteered for the position and a motion is needed to appoint.

Motion to appoint Cathy Anhut as Secretary through the 2024 FRNNG Election made by Patty Miller (6:44pm)

Second by Bill

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Approval of May meeting Minutes

Motion to approve May Meeting 2023 minutes made by Charlie Anhut (6:46pm)

Second by Rachel

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Financial Report: See financial reports online

Charlie made the motion to approve the April and May Financial reports (6:50pm)

Second by Patty Miller

Discussion about training and having Robert Thompson come to a meeting for training and Q&A

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

Board Business:

Greening update: Colleen was not here to report, but Lauren reported that there was a low turnout to work on the buckthorn removal and told us future dates for this project have been planned. We need to get more volunteers to come and help. Lauren has put the information on the website with graphics to draw attention. Discussion about the process was shared.

June 15th McCrae Summer Celebration event - Bill, Lauren, and Tod tabled on our behalf for the event. 22 sign-ups for the email list and our leftover snacks were given out.

Duck Race Financials and Recommendations - Financials were presented at our last meeting and Lauren will be putting the report in the Duck Race Folder on the shared drive. Nate asked us to put our thoughts and recommendations in the Duck Race folder document called Lessons Learned which will be valuable for next year planning.

Community Coordinator Update:

- **Request for Digital Files:** Lauren is asking for digital files from events we have been involved with over the past year. Drop them in the new FRNNG Google Drive folders. There will be google drive training available this summer.
- **Plan Modification Next Steps:** any time we move funds around, we need to make a plan for where the funds will be going and get input from our community, which we did this Spring. We got 50 votes to pass the plan which came out of the survey.
 - Going forward, the \$50,000 for home loans does not need a new plan modification and this is already in process at the city after the board voted in January. We have two loans that will be consolidated into one program and people can apply with CEE as soon as the city transfers funds. One of the previous loan programs had \$15,000 remaining in it so FRNNG will have \$65,000 total to loan.
 - The \$100,000 for staffing, planned events, and outreach needs to be voted on tonight in order to move forward. Lauren is not super confident this will get passed but she will continue to work with our city neighborhood specialists. Bob Cooper suggested to move the funds into the NRP contract, a fund from 90's and 2000's City contact suggested our language should be more specific in our request for neighbors to vote through the Spring survey (e.g. mentioning a funding plan vs. asking for general input).

Rachel made a motion that FRNNG moves \$100,000 of repaid home loan Program Income into Phase II strategy, Planning, Monitoring, Oversight, Citizen Participation (Community and Safety 4.A.2.) (7:18pm)

Second by Steve

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

- **New Invoice/Expense Process:** Lauren asked if we have any receipts or invoices to send them to her and she will work on entering them into a form in our drive folder. Rachel reminded the board we should ask for Nate or Bill to purchase things with the FRNNG

account debit cards rather than purchasing things on our own and getting reimbursed. Advanced planning will be important.

- **Tabling supplies:** discussion happened on getting some supplies for events we are tabling. We need a new banner with our logo, table clothes, tent, etc. We are asked to think about a list of options to discuss at our August meeting.

Google Drive training - Colleen is willing to do this but we will discuss this with her at a future time since she was absent from this meeting.

July board Training - Lauren will prepare this for us. Financial training will be at a future meeting, likely in August.

Open Forum

- Soren Stevenson, candidate for Ward 8, introduced himself as an observer of our meeting and told us about his hopes for the Ward. He was curious about the work of the FRNG board.
- We talked about feedback from the survey (54 filled it out)
- CTH newsletter was discussed. The Communications committee put it out there that we should consider contributing articles, ideas, and pictures for the newsletter.
- We had a discussion about conflict with a meeting room for future meetings and agreed to meet in the smaller side of the large room at McCrae.
- Discussion about projects, gardening and greening
- Lauren brought up that the new playground at McCrae never was celebrated and asked if we would want to take on a celebration event in August. Charlie volunteered to help plan the event with Lauren.
- Nate reported that on July 11 the Masons will be presenting a large check for the Pancake breakfast we were part of in support of the new playground equipment at Field school.
- Theresa brought up some feedback from neighbors that we have lost some of the fun traditions of decorating business corners for seasons and events, parades and car shows of the past. Nate explained that another group usually did a lot of those things (South Chicago Business Association?) but we could partner with them on some of these events. There are business owners that might be interested in donating towards decorations and things like that. Nate is willing to reach out to SCBA. We should keep brainstorming ideas for neighborhood engagement in these types of events.

Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting – Board Training July 19, 2023 6:30-8pm McCrae

Motion to adjourn made by Todd (7:55pm)

Second by Bill

Motion carried with all votes in favor, none opposed, no abstentions