



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2025

Gatherings at Station 10, 754 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102 and on Zoom.

I. Call to order – 7:02 pm by Meg Duhr, President

II. Introductions (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests

A. Board Members Present

1. Meg Duhr, President
2. Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
3. Suzanne Zahorski, 2nd Vice President
4. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
5. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
6. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
7. Tanya Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
8. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

1. Mary Madden
2. Jane McClure
3. Sophie Guinness
4. Kathleen Corley
5. Chris Blake
6. Jim Schutler
7. Joe Landsberger
8. Jason DeBoer
9. Melissa Wenzel
10. Mary Ammer

C. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Guest

A. West 7th BRT Update by Russ Stark, Metro Transit, MnDOT

1. With the ending of the Riverview Corridor there is interest to have something happen to aid with transportation especially given how complex this area is
2. Working with Metro Transit and MNDOT on a concept to go from downtown to the Mall of America
3. Hoping to navigate the known problems that have come up previously but get something done in the near term
4. Considering how to make it user friendly (including pedestrian and bicycles) and support current commercial district as well as the parking concerns
5. Traffic study and full analysis has not been completed yet
6. Estimated to possibly start in 2029 at \$450-450 million



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7. Thus far the county is interested in seeing the plan and community response
8. Will be hosting other sessions and attending our annual meeting
9. Materials provided as well as reference to new website:
<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/transportation-and-transit/new-west-7th-corridor>

IV. Community

A. Public Comment/Open Floor

V. Old Board Business

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Andrew Greenlee provide an update on February financials
 - a) The newly purchased plot is showing up
 - b) Tracking as usual

MOTION: Accept February Financials.

Moved by Maggie Seconded by Meg Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Maggie Rock for Sara Fleetham

MOTION: Accept February Minutes.

Moved by Kelsey Seconded by Meg Motion passes.

C. Grant Update by Julia McColley

1. Financials for the councils at the city are taking longer. May not be until April though we do have a cash reserve.
2. Trusted Messenger - Events coming up
3. Neighborhood STAR - Need approval
4. Community Air Modeling - Planning to connect
5. Jaycee's - First meeting March 25

D. Committee Updates

1. Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee by Hayden Kilkenny
 - a) Provided updates on upcoming events
2. Transportation and Land Use Committee by Suzanne Zahorski
 - a) Please review notes from previous meeting
 - b) Purchase of Key and Case fell through with issues due to inspection (DSI)
 - c) Can reach out to Rebecca regarding this
3. Park Naming Committee by Tanya Fabyanske Beck
 - a) Met last week and discussed some options and things to consider for naming
 - b) Will meet again and will likely bring names forward



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4. Governance Committee Update
 - a) Moving our funds
 - (1) Some money in high yield saving
 - (2) Some money in a money market account
 - (3) Some in a checking
 - b) Bylaw changes were discussed
 - (1) It will go out on a draft ballot for the Board to approve prior to the Annual Meeting - where voting will take place
 - (2) Please review content
5. West 7th Development Team Funding Recommendation
 - a) Applications have been received and tracked
 - b)

MOTION: To accept the recommended 5 recipients based on the Development Team review.

Moved by Meg Seconded by Suzanne Motion Passes

VI. New Board Business

- A. Riverfront Plans Letter - board approval to sign on
 - a. Been in discussion about plan around the Mississippi corridor plans
- B. Grant Application Approval: Ramsey County Critical Corridor, Ameriprise Economic Development Grant, CBDG funding - board approval to submit applications
 - a. Julia explained the different grants and what they would support
- C. Community Garden Update - board approval to renew lease at 265 Oneida
 - a. There are 26 plots
 - b. Propose 20 go out to others, charge for them. 6 would be used by us
 - c. Would need to supplies (hose, reinforce the boxes)
 - d. Did pay Keystone \$200 a year for water
- D. Initial (brief) Discussion on Formation of Ad-Hoc Environment Committee
 - a. There seems to be a lot of interest in environmental work
 - b. Start a volunteer list
- E. President's Report by Meg Duhr
- F. Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

MOTION: Approve to sign on to the letter regarding Riverfront plans.

Moved by Suzanne Seconded by Andrew Motion Passes .

MOTION: Approve to submit grant applications (Ramsey County Critical Corridor, Ameriprise Economic Development Grant, CBDG Funding).

Moved by Maggie Seconded by Suzanne Motion Passes.

MOTION: Approve to renew lease at 265 Oneida.

Moved by Meg Seconded by Kelsey Motion Passes.



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VII. Adjourn – 8:53 pm by Meg Duhr