



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting June 8, 2026

This meeting was held at Gatherings at Station 10, 754 Randolph Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102 (Hybrid).

Call to order — 7:04 pm by Meg Duhr, President

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

A. Board Members Present

- Meg Duhr, President
- Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
- Nathan Zacharias, 2nd Vice President
- Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
- Sara Fleetham, Secretary
- Korinne Dennis, Area 1 Coordinator
- Suzi Wint, Area 1 Coordinator
- Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
- Moz Rude, Area 2 Coordinator
- Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
- Alicia Larson, Area 3 Coordinator
- Hayden Kilkenny, At-Large Coordinator
- Tanya Beck, At-Large Coordinator
- Matt Saumweber, At-Large Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

- Jane McClure
- Justin Uran
- Andy Rodriguez
- Mike Whaley
- Matt Behr
- Branden (Last name?)
- Megan Jekot

C. Staff Members Present

- Julia McColley, Executive Director
- Jenna Bowman, Community Engagement Coordinator

Community Input

Moment of silence for Tesfai M. Fekak - exploring memorial. Need to speak with family first.

D. Guest Presentation

- Highland Ball Proposal for Fields at W 7th Community Center, 265 Oneida Street, West 7th Community Center
 - o Justin oversees 250 5th grade and below girls' softball, 300 + total
 - o Wants one strong program in St. Paul, Full scholarships available



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- o Currently used M and W, would shift to M-Th
 - o Partners/Supporters – Como Ball, MN Twins
- Comments/Concerns/ Questions
 - o Parking
 - o Andy mentioned redoing of tennis courts and ongoing library hours conversation
 - o Market/support local businesses
 - o Other partnership ideas

E. Public Comment (open floor)

- West 7th Community Center Renovations Open House June 18 and July 29
- Megan Jekot, LA for Council President Noecker
 - o Organics Drop off – August opening – 1st city run – 24/7
 - o CIB – Dousman Park – match from St. Paul Park Foundation
 - o Exchange Street lighting

F. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

Behind on revenue largely because grant funding is coming later, not concerning. Investments took a hit. Office Materials below budget.

MOTION: Accept March, April, May Financial Reports

Moved by Kelsey

Seconded by Hayden

Motion passes.

G. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

MOTION: Approve May Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Maggie

Seconded by Nathan

Motion passes.

Old Business

A. Grant Update by Julia McColley

- City contract – January/February submitted and approve
- Trusted Messenger – July 2026 – June 2027 through environmental health, hazardous waste education
- Neighborhood Star – little out for 2024, contracts out for 2025 awardees, 2026 hopefully recommended for funding again
- W7th Art District – light post art – still working on right of way with traffic engineers hoping for progress next few weeks
- Watershed – in between, hoping for doing more
- Community Air Monitoring – live now, shared in newsletter
- MPCA local climate action – end of June – W 7th Barbers, \$50,000 for next round until June 2027 sustainable upgrades – window applications expected
- Commercial corridor end of June finish – most completed - next funding July – July workplan broad in scope – beautification
- Hanging planters are up



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- Jenna did a bunch of planting along W 7th – donation from Ramsey County Workhouse gardens
- Andrew suggestion – before and after photos from big projects funded

B. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee
 - Garage Sale recap – channel 5 news,
 - Discover W 7th Passport – shop small, 31 businesses
 - Garden Tour – Jenna helping, have 7 want more, hopefully 10
 - June Happy Hour – Pizza Maya
 - No meetings in June, July
- Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr
 - Did not meet

New Business

A. August Board Meeting

MOTION: The Board will not meet in August

Moved by Meg

Seconded by Hayden

Motion passes.

B. Grant Application Approval - R.F. Bigelow (rolling deadline) Community & Economic Development

MOTION: Submit Bigelow Grant Application

Moved by Hayden

Seconded by Moz

Motion passes.

C. President's Report by Meg Duhr

- MN DOT Meeting – Sean Kershaw – turn backs, voiced concerns, pedestrian improvements. 10-12 intersection improvements pushed to fall, parking challenges around Nine Lives
- Food forest – need to set up work days – Meg having surgery in July. Thursday is walk and talk.

D. Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

- Community Conversation June 15.
- Plant sale is donation based.

Adjourn – 8:43 pm - Next meeting is July 13, 7:00 pm