



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting September 8, 2025

This meeting was held at Gatherings at Station 10, 754 Randolph Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102 (Hybrid) will be held at location/online address or web address.

Call to order – 7:05 pm by Meg Duhr, President

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

- A. Board Members Present
 - Meg Duhr, President
 - Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
 - Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
 - Sara Fleetham, Secretary
 - Korinne Dennis, Area 1 Coordinator
 - Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
 - Moz Rude, Area 2 Coordinator
 - Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
 - JB Shank, Area 3 Coordinator
 - Hayden Kilkenny, At-Large Coordinator
- B. Community Members Present
 - Jane McClure
 - Joe Landsberger
 - Gary Todd
 - Jenna Bowman
 - Krysten Braun
 - Efran Franquiz
 - Ann Franquiz
- C. Staff Members Present
 - Julia McColley, Executive Director

Community Input

- D. **Public Comment** (open floor)
- E. **Guest:** In\$ight St. Paul (Gary Todd) - CIB Process
 - Park funding should go to most needed parks – Dousman Park
 - Asked for FRF support of In\$ight St. Paul's CIB recommendations, provided talking points



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F. Guest: Council President Rebecca Noecker - City budget process, W7th road work, Q&A

- Mayor's Budget was introduced, increased levy asks from City, School Board, Ramsey County
- Some CM Noecker budget priorities: district council funding, public safety/street lights. Sean Kershaw states lights cannot be retrofitted along Shepherd
- W7th transit – keep at MNDOT to do more than Mill and Overlay. Working on commitment to trees.
- Suggested reading Audit Committee Report regarding community engagement in CIB process
- Ward 2 Picnic – Pedro Park – 9/14, 1-3 PM
- Budget Committee Hearing on Mayor's 2026 Budget, Thursday, September 16, 5:30 PM. Arlington Hill Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave, St. Paul, MN 55130
- CM Noecker's City Budget Engagement Meeting, Thursday, September 25 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Baker Community Center (209 Page St. W., St. Paul, MN 55107)

Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee – looks good, financial picture much better, not operating at a loss anymore. Other revenue is up. Expenses are on budget

MOTION: Accept July and August Financial Reports

Moved by Maggie Seconded by JB Motion passes.

Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

MOTION: Approve July Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Andrew Seconded by Kelsey Motion Passes

New Business

A. Area 1 and At-Large Board Member Appointment

MOTION: Appoint Jenna Bowman to At Large Position

Moved by Maggie Seconded by JB Motion Passes

B. Business Awards: initial introduction. Submissions due October 17, 2025



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Old Business

A. Grant Update by Julia McColley

City - Community Engagement- \$62,922:

- Finalizing/submitting reimbursement for July/Aug
- The Council and Mayor has listed a 200k increase for 2026 along with raising the minimum contract amount to \$75k. Good increase for FRF. Question regarding a strategy for appropriate future increases.

Trusted Messenger - \$30,185 July - June 2026:

- Little Bohemia maintenance, community walk and dialogue

Neighborhood STAR- \$43,500:

- No news on the next cycle of funding.
- Still working with Healing Space and Country Club to finish out this grant round

Community Air Monitoring - \$100,000 - ends June 1, 2027

- Traffic & FCC identified as priorities
- [Draft Air Monitoring Plan](#)
- Sites will be selected soon to host air monitors

Jaycee's Foundation - \$1000:

- Next Happy Hour is September 23 at Waldmann 4pm-6pm

Capital Region Watershed District \$11,342:

- Activities include (4) clean ups, leaf curb clean up challenge, and education related to reducing the use of salt for de-icing
- 3rd cleanup scheduled September 30 2pm-4pm (BankCherokee partner)
- Hats for participants
- [Curb clean up registration open](#)

MPCA - Local Climate Action - \$50,000:

- Sub-granting program to West 7th businesses, focused on green upgrades/energy efficiency
- Committee met on 9/4, scored and recommends funding

Commercial Corridor Assistance Program - C-COAP - \$74,000

- Committee met on 9/4, scored and recommends funding
- Will open a 2nd round of event funding

VIBE Funding Recommendation by Kelsey Peterson

MOTION: Approve \$44,000 to VIBE Track 1 (Art) and \$4,750 VIBE Track 2 (Events)

Moved by Maggie Seconded by Andrew Motion Passes



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B. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee by Hayden Kilkenny
 - a) Events coming up, represent please
 - b) FRF Sharing information details for League of Women Voters Mayoral Forum
- Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr
 - a) Didn't meet in August
 - b) Sober Home and Cannabis business discussed in July

C. Meetings/forums with Mayor's Office by Meg Duhr

- Community Benefits Agreement – 30-minute meeting
- Wouldn't commit to less trucks, less CNG, no employee parking Randolph, air monitoring
- Did commit to following posted speed limits, pick up organics
- Pushed off new sidewalks to County

D. President's Report by Meg Duhr

- T and LU walking meeting starting at Joe & Stan's 6:30, 9/10/25
- Want Q & A with Mayor Carter / Friends of Mississippi Coordinating, Riverfront Development Oct 15.
- Tree volunteer opp Little Bohemia Trail on Saturday

E. Upcoming Dates

9/10: Walk the Corridor & Community Dialogue, 6:30pm-8pm, meet at Joe & Stans
9/13: Volunteer, Little Bohemia Trail 9am-11am, meet at Goodrich & Harrison
9/17: Candidate Forum St. Paul Mayoral Election, 7pm-8pm, Johnson High School
9/23: Fort Road Happy Hour, 4pm-6pm, Waldmann
9/30: Neighborhood Cleanup, 2pm-4pm, Pleasant Place
10/1: Transportation & Land Use Committee meeting, 6:30pm
10/8: 50th Anniversary of District Councils Celebration, 5:30pm-8pm, City House
10/13: Board Meeting, 7pm, Gatherings at Station 10
10:15: Riverfront Forum with Mayor Carter in collaboration with Friends of the Mississippi River, 6:30pm-8pm, Location TBD

Adjourn – 8:46 pm