



# WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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## **D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting November 11, 2024**

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This meeting was held at the Palace Community Center and on Zoom.

- I. Call to order – 6:08 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. Sara Fleetham, Secretary
    - 5. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
    - 6. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
    - 7. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
    - 8. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
    - 9. JB Shank, Area 3 Coordinator
  - B. Community Members Present**
    - 1. Brooke Wiedinmyer
    - 2. Brad Byrd
    - 3. John Devillez
    - 4. Jane McClure
  - C. Staff Members Present**
    - 1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

### **III. Community**

- A. Public Comment/Open Floor**
  - Tom Basgen, W7th Resident and Saura Jost's Legislative Aide
  - W 7th - Riverview - keeping W 7th alive, 2 decades overdue for upgrades, concerns regarding federal money impacted by change of United States administration, Ramsey County still has money held for the project and where will that go, keep momentum going.

### **IV. Old Board Business**

- A. Treasurer's Report** by Andrew Greenlee - Presented by Maggie Rock
  - Behind on individual donations. GTMD will help. Encourage Board Members to make a donation for 100% participation.

*MOTION: Accept October Financials.*

*Moved by Maggie. Seconded by Hayden. Motion passes.*



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## **B. Secretary's Report** by Sara Fleetham October Board Minutes - 09/09/2024

*MOTION: Accept October Minutes with 2 changes.*

*Moved by JB. Seconded by Devin. Motion passes.*

- C.** Julia shared Grants Update: Trusted Messenger (Ramsey County) - \$25,000, Neighborhood Star (City of St. Paul for re-granting) - \$43,500, Air Monitoring (MPCA) - \$30,000 *exact amount still to be determined*
- D.** Chatsworth Property Update and Jefferson Parcel Proposal for a Community Food Forest by Meg. Auction closes November 21.
- E. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update** by Hayden Kilkenny
  - 1. Happy Hour at 620 Club for Give to the Max Day, 11/21/24
  - 2. Hygiene Drive at Bad Weather, December 15 - 21
  - 3. Recruiting more members
- F. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update** by Suzanne Zahorski
  - 1. Presentation on the **LOCAL Fund** that supports development of worker cooperatives - by Chirsina Nicholson
  - 2. 10/29 Meeting with Rebecca Noecker, Sean Kershaw, Randy Newton, Meg, Julia, Suzzane and neighbors.
  - 3. CIB Jefferson/Osceola - awarded \$120,000 - curb bumpouts
  - 4. Walnut Street Stairway - additional conversations, Julia will attend

## **V. New Board Business**

- A.** Halloween Decor Contest Marisha Chamberlain discussed a farmers market cookbook and asked for fiscal sponsorship.

*MOTION: Award 730 James for Halloween Decor*

*Moved by Maggie. Seconded by Meg Motion passes.*

### **President's Report** by Meg Duhr

- 1. Hidden Falls Advisory Committee - stairs and stone work
- 2. John Yust working with artist of original W 7th art piece to update to reflect neighborhood changes.

### **Executive Director's Report** by Julia McColley

- 1. Board Recruitment - We are currently accepting candidate applications for A1 (Homeowner/Renter).
- 2. Returning contracted copier/printer for a more economical option.

## **VI. Adjourn – 7:38pm** by Meg Duhr



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## **After meeting:**

Via email:

*MOTION: Approve bid to purchase of tax forfeited land parcel on Jefferson up to \$8300.*

*Moved by Sara. Seconded by Maggie. Motion passes.*