



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2025

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)

A. Board Members Present

- Meg Duhr, President
- Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
- Sara Fleetham, Secretary
- 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
- Jenna Bowman, At-Large Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

- Jane McClure
- Megan Jekot, Ward 2 Legislative Aide
- Adrienne Selbitschka
- Yan Chen – Candidate for Mayor
- Adam Dullinger – Candidate for Mayor
- Kaohly Her – Candidate for Mayor
- Mike Hilborn – Candidate for Mayor
- (Additional guests for Mayoral Candidates Q & A from W 7th, Mac Groveland, Dayton's Bluff, Highland Park)

C. Staff Members Present

- Julia McColley, Executive Director

Community Input

D. Public Comment (open floor)

E. Guests: Mayoral Candidates introduced themselves

- Candidate Q and A Question ****Unofficial notes at the end of official minutes*



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F. Guest: Megan Jekot, Ward 2 Legislative Aide

- Downtown Action Series at Union Depot
- Tree Preservation Ordinance – Public Input Group
 - 5 years out for tree replacement
 - Idea to have community members pay for trees and then get a credit
 - Forestry and Public Works are talking about also talking about this
 - Will newly planted trees that die be replaced

G. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

- Revenue – advanced payment on a grant – up front – expenses right on

MOTION: Accept September Financial Report

Moved by Meg Seconded by JB

Motion passes.

H. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

MOTION: Approve September Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Tanya

Seconded by Meg

Motion passes.

Old Business

A. Grant Update by Julia McColley

- Waiting on July/August reimbursement from the city
- New minimum \$75,000
- Plan out for triangle
- Neighborhood Star
- Air monitoring 4 sites selected
- Need to review Critical Corridor

B. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee by Hayden Kilkenny
 - a) Events – Weds
 - b) Next Meeting 10/28
- Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr
 - a) Congregate Living
 - (1) No less than 1000 feet
 - (2) Max of 10

MOTION: Submit Board Public Comment to Planning Commission

Moved by Sara Seconded by Kelsey

Motion passes.



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

- City didn't support FRF requests – air monitoring, limiting truck numbers, no parking
- Meeting with Dave Pinto, Erin Murphy, etc. City, County, State at the table North Garden Theater 10/27, 7:00 pm
 - a) Not transparent regarding process – mill and overlay only
 - b) Ramsey County pull out

D. CIB Letter to Mayor/Council by Meg Duhr

MOTION: CIB Letter to Mayor/Council

Moved by Meg Seconded by Andrew

Motion passes.

E. Randolph letter to Ramsey Co. Commissioners

- Urgency to fix Randolph W 7th to Shepherd

MOTION: Submit letter to Ramsey County Commissioners regarding Randolph

Moved by Meg Seconded by Kelsey

Motion passes

Andrew abstained from voting

New Business

A. Resignation 1VP Suzanne Zahorski – board accept resignation, effective immediately

MOTION: Accept Resignation letter from Suzanne

Moved by Kelsey

Seconded by Meg

Motion passes.

B. Business Awards Nominations – Discussion

C. Billboard Letter to CP Noecker

MOTION: Approve draft and submit Billboard letter to CP Noecker

Moved by Meg Seconded Hayden

Motion passes.

D. Initial Introduction: Otto Community Garden Proposal

Need liability insurance and one year lease

E. Executive Directors Report by Julia McColley

- Curb Cleanup – sign up – 300 postcards – clean up once a week October – November – keep leaves from river
- Give to the Max Day, November 20 – would like 100% Board Support

Adjourn – 8:56 pm - Next meeting is November 10th at 7pm



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Upcoming Dates

- 10/15: Riverfront Forum with Mayor Carter in collaboration with Friends of the Mississippi River, 6:30pm-8pm, Highland Community Center Auditorium
- 10/27: Town Hall - Future of West 7th 7pm-8:30pm, North Garden Theater
- 10/28: Community Engagement & Fundraising Committee 6:30pm, Bad Weather Brewing
- 11/5: Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting 6:30pm-8pm, Zoom?
- 11/8: Twin Cities Book Festival (need volunteers) 10am-5pm, Union Depot
- 11/10: Board Meeting, 7pm, Gatherings at Station 10
- 11/20: Give to the Max Day

Notes from Candidate's responses as recorded by Sara Fleetham, Fort Road Federation Secretary. They are not exact quotes or candidates' comments in their entirety. They are not part of an official record or the Board Meeting Minutes from 10/13/2025

- Yan Chen – Candidate for Mayor
- Adam Dullinger – Candidate for Mayor
- Kaohly Her – Candidate for Mayor
- Mike Hilborn – Candidate for Mayor

Question – Riverview Corridor plan is not moving forward. W 7th is in dire need of repair. What are you going to do about it if you are Mayor?

Chen	County Project.
Dullinger	Issues – state, county, city – what other alternative options within city
Her	Answer not recorded. (apologies)
Hilborn	Keep easy access to DT and 35E. W 7 th is fine

Question – W 7th Street Fort Road Federation strongly opposed FCC's base of operations on Randolph. How would you have handled the situation?

Chen	Mistake. No accountability. Impacts transportation issues. No consultation with city council.
Dullinger	Consolidating garbage increased harm. Other location would have less impact on one neighborhood.
Her	Bypassed proper channels. No community engagement. Pollution concerns.
Hilborn	It is a result of a free market.



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Question – Our neighborhood though adjacent to the Mississippi River has limited access to it. What are your thoughts about river access and development?

Chen	There isn't money to do anything right now. Covid spending failures.
Dullinger	Elevation difference means access is needed. Industrial is in between. Prioritize people not cars.
Her	Opposed to industrial development. Need to protect river. Spur Trail development good.
Hilborn	City House – good. Cruise ship that docks in city good. Open it up for more development. No rent control.

Question –The city failed to let our community know what was happening in regards to the FCC development. How can you keep the District Councils in development conversations?

Chen	City staff ---> District Councils. Heart and soul into communities.
Dullinger	Mayor should be honest and open. No backroom deals. Involve who is directly effected.
Her	District Councils are an asset. Have to have hard conversations. Council can't be arrogant. Also include MN DNR in river conversations.
Hilborn	Culture in Mayor's office is not transparent. Summit bike lanes forced down.