



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Annual Meeting April 23, 2024

This meeting will be held at Summit Brewing.

I. Call to order – 6:59 pm by Meg Duhr, Board President

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

A. Board Members Present

1. Meg Duhr, President
2. Ruthanne Atkinson, Secretary
3. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
4. Paul Hardt, Area 1 Coordinator
5. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
6. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
7. Maggie Rock, Area 2 Coordinator
8. Tanya Beck, Area 2 Coordinator
9. Sara Fleetham, Area 3 Coordinator
10. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Board Business

A. 2023 Highlights by Meg Duhr

1. Speech from County Commissioner Rafael Ortega highlighting investments in the West 7th neighborhood, especially in housing and public safety.
2. Speech from Saura Jost, Ward 3 Rep, highlighting work of her office, including Riverview Corridor project, Lead Free program, and libraries. She also shared some notes from Rebecca Noecker, Ward 2 Council member. Priorities for her this year include affordable housing and increasing housing density, supporting commercial corridors, and helping St. Paul families afford childcare.
3. Speech from Meg outlining what the District Council is, what it does, and the vibrant history of the Fort Road Fed. Outlined what the FRF has done since our last annual meeting. Encouraged folks to vote for the Jefferson Avenue traffic calming measures to receive the 2024 Capital Improvement Budget grant. Encouraged attendees to attend Riverview Corridor West 7th Community Values Meeting (June 4 from 6-8 pm at CSPS Hall). Commented on erosion of community spaces such as at Keg & Case, Rathskeller, and the Waterford site.



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B. Meet the Candidates and Bylaw Changes by Meg Duhr

1. Board candidates introduced themselves.

C. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Maggie Rock

1. Spoke about the community events we organized, including summer social, national night out, hygiene drive, Trunk or Treat, West 7th winter walk, and spring cleanup. Spoke to fundraising and grant writing efforts. Encouraged people to join committee meetings.

D. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Paul Hardt

1. Spoke about the Riverview Corridor, West 7th mill and overlay, I-35 reconstruction, and pedestrian/cycling safety projects. Encouraged people to join committee meetings.

E. District Plan Update by Meg Duhr

1. Explained what a district plan is and why it's important as well as where we're at with ours now.

F. Keynote Presentation by Lisa Hiebert of St. Paul Public Works

1. Spoke to what public works does, future investments including Common Cent (sales tax), public transit, and SPRWS (lead pipe replacement). Announced new city contract for garbage with FCC and partnership with Emerge/Second Change for recycling mattresses. Talked about potential changes to snow/plowing management. Gave update on wire theft.

G. Community T-Shirt Design Contest by Maggie Rock

1. West Kevinth t-shirt won!

H. Raffle Prize Drawing by Maggie Rock and Tanya Beck

1. Winners announced!

I. Election Results

1. New Board members announced.

IV. Adjourn – 8:24 pm