



# WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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## **D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting February 12, 2024**

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This meeting will be held at the West 7th/Fort Road Federation Office.

- I. Call to order – 7:06 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. DJ Devan, Area 1 Coordinator
    6. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
    7. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
    8. Maggie Rock, Area 2 Coordinator
    9. Tanya Beck, Area 2 Coordinator
    10. Sara Fleetham, Area 3 Coordinator
    11. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
  - B. Community Members Present**
    1. None
  - C. Staff Members Present**
    1. Julia McColley, Executive Director
  
- III. Community**
  - A. Public Comment/Open Floor**
    1. None
  
- IV. Old Board Business**
  - A. Treasurer's Report** by Andrew Greenlee
    1. A little over budget on software. Otherwise on track. Investments stayed even.
    2. FRF got added to the eligible organizations for the Firefighter's charitable gambling and we received \$1,000!

Motion to accept the January financials by Paul Hardt



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Seconded by Hayden Kilkenny.

*Motion passes.*

**B. Secretary's Report** by Ruthanne Atkinson

1. No comments.

Motion to approve the January Board meeting minutes by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Paul Hardt

*Motion passes.*

**C. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update** by Maggie Rock

1. Grants and awards - We submitted a grant application to the St. Paul Foundation. That is an operations grant, not a project-based grant.
2. Garden Tour - We have 9 gardens! Looking for a day of help. Hoping to do a plant sale and have organizations tabling.
3. Winter Walk - Went well.
4. 2024 goals - Q1 - prep for annual meeting; Q2 - garden tour; Q3 - fundraiser; Q4 - winter walk. Floating goal of submit and receive a grant.
5. Community partnerships - Thinking about finding a place to more easily invite people into meetings.

**D. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update** by Paul Hardt

1. Mill & Overlay project still planned for 2028-2029.
2. Possibility of wholesale reconstruction of W 7th if the Streetcar option is chosen for the Riverview Corridor project.
3. MNDOT is aware of safety issues on W 7th and need for interim improvements.
4. Talking about developing an equitable design scorecard to rate options.
5. Committee will not be meeting in March due to MNDOT community meeting at Palace which overlaps.

**E. Governance Committee Update** by Ruthanne Atkinson

1. Discussed proposed bylaw changes

*Motion to approve the proposed bylaw changes by Paul Hardt*

*Seconded by Sara Fleetham*

*Motion passes.*

**F. Annual Meeting Update** by Tanya Beck, Sara Fleetham, and Maggie Rock

1. Happening in April. Sean Kershaw is going to speak. Reaching out to restaurants about food. Summit will be doing a discount! Name is Timeless Connections: Strengthening Community Ties.



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2. Doing Board info sessions to recruit folks to run for open Board seats (which will be elected at Annual Meeting).

## **G. Riverview Corridor Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Update** by Meg Duhr

1. Next meeting 2/29 during the day. Encourage all who can attend to show up for it.
2. There are 3 new route options, 2 streetcar and an arterial bus rapid transit (ABRT) - main differences are number of stations, miles, dedicated lane for streetcar, street parking, tree impact.
3. Questions regarding - Semi truck traffic, pedestrian crossings, reliability with shared lane, time end to end, clarification of ridership
4. Considerations regarding taking a stand as a board

## **H. Land acknowledgement**

1. Where does land acknowledgement fit for us best? Need statement and action. Remove from minutes for now because there isn't action with it as written. The Community Engagement Committee will work on recommendations for a land acknowledgement after the annual meeting.

## **I. NeighborWorks Home Partners educational event**

1. Suggest in-person
2. Suggest tabling at annual meeting

## **V. New Board Business**

### **A. MN Green membership**

1. Requires time commitment for community - access to plants, nonprofit fee

Motion to apply for MN Green Membership by Hayden Kilkenny

Seconded by Maggie Rock

*Motion passes.*

### **B. Community Service Award**

1. Previously done by Keystone, passed on to FRF. Maybe not every year.
2. Would need nominations
3. Nomination Form will debut at Annual Meeting

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

1. Pleasant Ave redo plan near Yard Waste site addresses a lot of needs - 2025
2. Escape Room weekend after next
3. New restaurants in neighborhood
4. Bike Plan comments submitted



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5. Met with Dave Pinto
6. Board members let her know about running for seats. Need to have a strong board for the 5 years.

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

1. Rathskeller Update - 90 days notice if foreclosure.
2. 2024 City Contract
3. Garden Tour
4. Forepaugh's Restaurant - reopening soon
5. 475 Chatsworth - approved with conditions
6. Yacht Club Music Festival - Neighbors at Upper Landing are concerned about security and crowd control. Julia reached out to Councilmember Noecker with those concerns.
7. St. Stan's Community Event
8. Need 2nd VP and Secretary

## **VI. Adjourn – 9:17 pm**

Meg Duhr adjourned the meeting.