



WEST SEVENTH STREET /
FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting May 13, 2024

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

- I. Call to order – 7:04 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. Maggie Rock, 1 st Vice President
 3. Suzanne Zahorski, 2 nd Vice President
 4. Sara Fleetham, Secretary
 5. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
 6. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
 7. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
 8. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
 9. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
 10. Seth Smiglewski,, Area 3 Coordinator
 11. Tanya Fabyasnke Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
 - B. Community Members Present**
 1. Jane McClure
 - C. Staff Members Present**
 1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

Introductions, discussion on board expectations

III. Community

- A. Public Comment/Open Floor**

IV. Old Board Business

- A. Treasurer's Report** by Andrew Greenlee

Motion to accept the February financials by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Hayden Kilkenny

Motion passes.



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B. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

*Motion to approve the March Board Meeting and April Annual Meeting Minutes by
Maggie Rock*

Seconded by Meg Duhr

Motion passes.

C. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Maggie Rock

1. Tabled at Schmidt Art Crawl.
2. Spring Cleanup weather was not great and turnout was small. The City is exploring options for how to run the cleanup differently next year.
3. Garden Tour June 6/15. Sign up for shifts.
4. Planning Summer Social in June.
5. Considering Fall Fundraiser.

D. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Paul Hardt

1. Laura Krause presented a detailed overview of the Pleasant Avenue reconstruction project set to begin in 2025. The project aims to improve pedestrian connectivity, drainage, and safety while replacing pavement and underlying utilities.
2. Bill Dermody discussed the potential changes to the zoning code in Saint Paul regarding drive-throughs. He highlighted the city's aim for more pedestrian and transit-oriented development and sought feedback on the potential changes. Requested FRF submit input before June 7. The committee acknowledged banks and pharmacies needs are different from coffee shops and restaurants and agreed to prioritize the character of W7th Street. The committee was also specific regarding the desire for the city to remain nimble with zoning in the case of another COVID type emergency as it relates to business access for all.

Motion to Support a moratorium on new drive-through constructions by Andrew Greenlee

Seconded by Hayden Kilkenny

Motion Passes

E. Riverview Corridor "We Live Here" Meeting Update by Meg Duhr

1. Sokol Hall, June 4. Need table leads. Will be open house style with table discussions regarding particular themes.

F. Garden Tour Committee Update by Meg Duhr / Maggie Rock

1. June 15, 11 gardens. Plant sale. Sign up to volunteer.

G. Rathskeller Update by Julia McColley

1. Building is likely to be sold. If foreclosure, we could receive a 90 day notice to vacate.



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V. New Board Business

A. Board Resignation

1. Accept Area 1 Coordinator resignation from Paul Hardt, effective June 30

Motion to accept resignation by Meg Duhr

Seconded by Suzanne Zahorski

Motion passes.

B. 351 Ramsey Street Variance Application

Motion to draft a letter of support by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Tanya Fabyasne Beck

Motion Passes

C. Cannabis Public Hearing

1. Seth and Suzanne will review all documents, summarize and share with the Board.

D. Grant applications - Neighborhood STAR (\$75/\$125 application fee) and Ramsey County Community Innovation Grant

Motion to submit two grant applications by Meg Duhr

Seconded by Kelsey Peterson

Motion Passes

E. Committee Chair Update

1. Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee and Transportation and Land Use Committee need chairperson. Will be on Board June Agenda.

F. President's Report by Meg Duhr

1. CIB grant – Submitted for traffic calming along Jefferson Avenue
2. West 7th Brochure/poster project (Created 50 years ago) – John Yust is working with original artist to update
3. Waterford Bay and kayak launch/peninsula access – concerns that previous plan and agreement for access is not being followed. Meeting to take place on May 22 with stakeholders.
4. Checking in with Rebecca Noecker regarding Keg and Case foreclosure and TIF notes. HRA has the authority to approve TIF staying with Keg & Case.

G. Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

1. Need Board members – Renters for Area 1 and 3.



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2. City Reimbursement - Our 2024 contract has been approved and our first and second reimbursement request (Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr) has been filed with the City.
3. STAR Grants- Application for Neighborhood and Cultural STAR grants are due May 15.
4. Fort Road Community Garden – As of May 7 25/27 plots have been rented by returning gardeners.
5. Justus Ramsey House - The Minnesota Transportation Museum is doing a great job at pushing forward for funding for the reconstruction of the JRH. Research is underway for the interpretation as well. The timeline is still hopeful to have the JRH reconstructed by the end of the year.
6. Insurance - Our new insurance (general liability & umbrella) kicked in on May 1, 2024 – saving money.
7. Metro Transit - Adopt A Stop - We have officially adopted two bus stations near the office.
8. Wellhouse #6 currently vacant and part of the property on Erie. Uncertainty what will happen with bankruptcy proceedings with Kalera.

VI. Adjourn – 9:14 pm by Meg Duhr

Next meeting is June 10, 7pm