



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2024

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

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. 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. Briana Broberg, Area 1 Coordinator
8. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
9. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
10. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
11. Seth Smiglewski,, Area 3 Coordinator
12. Tanya Fabyasnke Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
13. Vacant, Area 1 Coordinator
14. Vacant, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

1. Ken Iosso
2. Dave Thune
3. Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember
4. Jane McClure
5. Lisa Kennedy
6. Yan Chen
7. Darren Tobolt

C. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Community

A. Public Comment/Open Floor

B. Proclamation for Betty Moran Day, July 8, 2024 - by Commissioner Ortega, read by Ken Iosso



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C. Council Member Noecker Ward 2 Updates

1. Current work/concerns: Viability of Commercial Corridors, Housing Costs
2. Buyers for Keg and Case
 - a) No clarity. TIF Note Transfer still with City Attorney for research.
3. Initiated regular meetings with MN DOT regarding W7th. Helpful with Smith and Robert
4. Street projects.
5. Appreciated turnout for We Live Here event

D. Rathskeller Lease Update and Discussion

1. Commercial tenants don't have any standing in regards to eviction. We don't have details of first agreement with Craig Cohen. FRF sold the building to Craig for \$1.
2. Molina Group bought Rathskeller and immediately sold to Realty Pros.
3. St. Stan's offered FRF space in the Parish Center.
 - a) Other possibilities: Banfil, Suzanne mentioned a space on 7th by Day by Day, Journeys School.
4. FRF needs a home base and not a PO Box. Needs to be accessible. Julia can office at home temporarily.

MOTION: Interim office and storage at St. Stan's with public meetings offsite.

Moved by Meg. Seconded by Kelsey. Motion fails.

MOTION: Julia office at home. Contents of FRF office to storage.

Moved by Tanya. Seconded by Maggie. Motion passes.

IV. Old Board Business

A. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

YTD off now. Assets up but operating at a loss.

MOTION: Accept June financials.

Moved by Maggie. Seconded by Meg. Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

Tabled to email vote for approval as not all had the chance to review before the meeting.

C. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Hayden Kilkenny

1. Summer Social, June 20 at Palace – great event, lots of people
2. FRF branding opportunities

D. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Suzanne Zahorski

1. Meeting moved to this week
2. Working on District Plan completion
3. Waterford Bay



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4. Forepaughs reopening
- E. Garden Tour Update by Meg Duhr and Maggie Rock
 1. Steady stream of people on tour – happiness of people on tour
 2. Native plants sale very popular
 3. Huge thank you to Julia
- F. Community Service Award by Maggie Rock

MOTION: Approve Community Outreach Committee Recommendation to present the Community Service Award to Jane McClure

Moved by Maggie. Seconded by Andrew. Motion passes, unanimously.

V. New Board Business

A. Community Air Monitoring Grant Submission

MOTION: Submit grant proposal for Community Air Monitoring

Moved by Suzanne. Seconded by Hayden. Motion passes.

B. Joint District Council Submission to St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation

MOTION: Submit grant application to St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation.

Moved by Meg. Seconded by Kelsey. Motion passes.

C. Business Award Nominations for 2024

- a. Julia will send more information

D. Board Interest in Recurring Events

- a. Will do a BBQ at Meg's

E. Community Garage Sale Discussion

- a. Sent to Community Engagement Committee

President's Report by Meg Duhr

1. Transportation and Land Use – now is especially a time we should be advocating via TLU Committee
2. CIB – going to participate

Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

1. Grants
2. Cost of Roundabout at Jefferson & Osceola is \$1.5 million according to city
3. Awaken – Lease not renewed
4. NNO 8/6 registration open now
5. Music Festival still on at Harriet Island, monitoring water levels
6. Field clearing at Victoria Park. Possible concern regarding Quarry Farm Park name. Multi use field needs a name, too.
7. 796 Stuart house is moving forward
8. Jerry's (new restaurant on W7th across from Bennetts has not made progress and has not responded to check-ins

VI. Adjourn – 9:10 pm by Meg Duhr

Next meeting is September 9 at 7pm