



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting January 08, 2024

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

- I. Call to order – 7:02 pm** by Meg Duhr, Board President
 - A. Land acknowledgement** We respectfully acknowledge the sacred land upon which the Fort Road neighborhood resides. This is the traditional homeland of the Dakhóta Oyáte (Dakota People), unfairly ceded in the Treaties of 1837 & 1851, who stewarded it for millennia. The Ojibwe and other Indigenous nations have cared for this land as well. We invite all in attendance of this meeting to learn more about the true history of this land, and to search out the wisdom and stories of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Native people still here.

- II. Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests
 - A. Board Members Present**
 1. Meg Duhr, President
 2. Bill McMahon, 2nd Vice President
 3. Ruthanne Atkinson, Secretary
 4. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer (arrived late)
 5. Paul Hardt, Area 1 Coordinator
 6. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
 7. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
 8. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
 9. Maggie Rock, Area 2 Coordinator
 10. Tanya Beck, Area 2 Coordinator
 11. Sara Fleetham, Area 3 Coordinator
 12. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
 - B. Community Members Present**
 1. Jane McClure
 2. Catherine
 3. Linda Kelter
 4. Barb Lehn
 5. Coleman
 - C. Staff Members Present**
 1. Julia McColley, Executive Director



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III. Community

A. Public Comment/Open Floor

1. Copper wire theft along Shepherd Road is an issue. A pedestrian died recently and it is suspected that lack of lighting was a contributing factor. Ask for the Board to draft a letter to City Council and other representatives.

IV. Old Board Business

A. Committee Updates

1. **Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update** by Maggie Rock
 - a) Hygiene drive did better than ever before!
 - b) Will start up the neighborhood profiles project again
 - c) Brought in \$3,600 total on Give to the Max day
 - d) Will start a running list of projects that we would want to do if we had money, so we'll have that ready when we come across grants
 - e) 6 gardens signed up for the Garden Tour. Need more help with planning and execution.
 - f) Discussing a winter event – Thinking about a walk around Victoria Park.
 - g) Annual Meeting will be at Summit on April 23rd.
2. **Transportation & Land Use Committee Update** by Paul Hardt
 - a) There is some misinformation floating around about the Riverview Corridor Project. One is that it will take away all parking on W 7th, which is not necessarily true. Another one is that the Bus Rapid Transit line would be quicker to implement than a Streetcar, which is also not necessarily true.
 - b) Community engagement meetings will happen in the spring. Goal is to make a final decision about a preferred local alternative in the fall.

V. New Board Business

A. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

1. Our 2024 budget is a break-even budget.

Motion to accept the December financials by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Kelsey Peterson

Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Ruthanne Atkinson

1. Will discuss land acknowledgement at next meeting.

Motion to approve the December Board meeting minutes by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Paul Hardt

Motion passes.



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C. Resignation of 1st Vice President

1. Maria Sarabia is resigning.

Motion to accept the resignation of Maria Sarabia as 1st Vice President by Ruthanne Atkinson

Seconded by Andrew Greenlee

Motion passes.

D. Holiday Décor Competition

1. Voted on best holiday décor in the neighborhood!

E. Right Track Intern

1. Discussed applying for an intern. The Board felt doing so was not the best fit at this time.

F. 475 Chatsworth Nonconforming Use Permit

1. Discussed application. Concerns raised about aesthetics of the property.

Motion to draft a letter that lists the Federation's desired changes to the property and recommends the approval of the nonconforming use permit by Paul Hardt

Seconded by Maggie Rock

Motion passes.

G. Letter to JTS Capital

1. JTS Capital will likely take ownership of the Rathskeller in March. Will send a letter to introduce the Federation and give some history about the building and how it came to be. Tabled until February.

H. President's Report by Meg Duhr

1. District Plan writing sessions are scheduled for every other Tuesday.
2. The TL&U is having a special meeting regarding improvements to the Sustainable Development Scorecard
3. Issues with apartment building at corner of St. Clair and Colborn. Recommend encouraging neighbors to consistently report issues to the police and DSI.

I. Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

1. Moved website to GoDaddy and will be redesigning it.
2. Materials for 2024 City Contract are almost finalized.
3. Variance approved for garage construction at 38 Irvine Park.
4. 1600 W 7th site plan has received conditional approval.
5. The developers of 1164 W 7th will start marketing the property for sale in the next few weeks. Potential completion date is May 2025.



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VI. Adjourn – 8:57 pm

Motion to adjourn by Meg Duhr
Seconded by Kelsey Peterson
Motion passes.