



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting December 8, 2025

This meeting was held at Gatherings at Station 10, 754 Randolph Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102 (Hybrid).

Call to order – 7:03 pm by Meg Duhr, President

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

A. Board Members Present

- Meg Duhr, President
- Maggie Rock, Vice-President
- Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
- Sara Fleetham, Secretary
- Korinne Dennis, Area 1 Coordinator
- Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
- Moz Rude, Area 2 Coordinator
- Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
- JB Shank, Area 3 Coordinator
- Hayden Kilkenny, At-Large Coordinator
- Tanya Fabyanske Beck, At-Large Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

- Sebastian Ellefson, WSCO
- Adam Hertell, Highland District Council
- Ken Iosso
- Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega
- Jane McClure

C. Staff Members Present

- Julia McColley, Executive Director

Community Input

D. Public Comment (open floor)

- Sebastian – WESCO did a Know Your Rights Event for Tenants. Willing to do another in W 7th
- Korinne – encampment at Pleasant Place has been reported, WCCO doing a veteran event with MACV, shared a resource for hat and mittens
- Wizard's Auto Repair, Chatsworth Randolph – multiple documented issues, FRF reaching to CM Noecker and City of St. Paul DSI



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E. Guests: Commissioner Ortega

- Randolph sidewalk coming – W 7th – Shepard
- Transit – Ramsey County has been at the table, State needs to do the reconstruction, \$50,000,000 from County for project. City is the hold up as they have been with other projects.
- Getting less money from feds buy have to hire many new staff to meet added SNAP and WIC requirements. Checking on new SNAP work or volunteer requirements
- Big bump in levy was to right size
- Fraud in the news – nonprofit county contracts small part of County budget
- Comparisons of W 7th work to Rice Street with multiple stakeholders. Had meeting in December with another scheduled in January
- Top Priority for County in 2026 Stabilize effects of federal government cuts, downtown is dying – need to revitalize downtown

F. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

- Tracking well, growing individual donations plus \$1,000, Expenses tracking close to budget

MOTION: Accept November Financial Report

Moved by Meg

Seconded by Maggie

Motion passes.

- 2026 W 7th Fort Road Federation Budget – commercial corridor adopted at current amount, Neighborhood Star again for 2026

MOTION: Approve 2026 Budget

Moved by Maggie

Seconded by JB

Motion passes.

G. Secretary's Report

- October and November Minutes – October notes from Mayoral Candidates are not part of the official minutes

MOTION: Approve October and November Board Meetings Minutes

Moved by Maggie

Seconded by Meg

Motion passes.

Old Business

A. Grant Update by Julia McColley

- Received money from the City. Will submit Nov and Dec
- Council adopted increase for District Councils
 - a) Working on restrictions that were recently added to reimbursement process
- Trusted Messenger – plan for spring garage sale and garden tour
- Last Neighborhood Star for this year has signed



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- Jaycees – Happy Hour last one tomorrow, getting money again for next year
- Capital regional watershed – in reporting phase, last clean up in April – Salt reduction efforts underway
- Korinne has a school contact that wants to help with gardening in the spring.
- Climate Grant – 3 out of 5 projects are complete
- Commercial Corridor – one more to figure out
- Other neighborhood groups that received support – North Garden and W 7th Arts

B. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee by Hayden Kilkenny
 - a) Happy Hour tomorrow (12/9)
 - b) Hygiene Drive at Bad Weather next week (12/14)
 - c) Proceeds from Happy Hour at 620 Club - \$800+
- Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr
 - a) City approved – Liquor license for pizza place and a lot split
 - b) Fort Road cannabis on Randolph – state monitoring cannabis new business, FRF is not getting permit notifications for cannabis businesses. Neighbors did.
 - c) W 7th Brochure getting updated
 - d) Sholom Home Garden Agreement – concerns from Sholom home drop off of compost, etc. Still waiting on updated language from Sholom Home.

New Business

A. Friends of Victoria Park

- Initial Conversation – St. Paul Park Conservatory, “Friends of” group

B. Grant Application Approval – MPCA LCA

MOTION: Submit another proposal

Moved by Maggie Seconded Meg

Motion passes.

C. President's Report by Meg Duhr

- Meeting with CM Noecker and Parks Department Staff
 - a) Dousman Park
 - b) Access to W7th Community Center
 - c) Peninsula Park
 - d) Fencing for trees
 - e) Quarterly meeting for District Council Transportation folks – heard about lesson learned from Grand Avenue construction
- Mayor-Elect Her's Transition teams wants to hear 3-5 District priorities

D. Executive Directors Report by Julia McColley



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- Ribbon Cutting at Fire Station #3
- Animal Humane Society doing pet well visits
- Dog poop disposal stations installed along Bohemia Trail and getting emptied

Adjourn – 8:30 pm - Next meeting is January 12, at 7pm