



# WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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

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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 7<sup>th</sup>
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 folx – 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