



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting May 11, 2026

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

Call to order — 7:09 pm by Meg Duhr, President

Introductions (name and neighborhood)

A. Board Members Present

- Meg Duhr, President
- Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
- Nathan Zacharias, 2nd Vice President
- Sara Fleetham, Secretary
- Korinne Dennis, Area 1 Coordinator
- Suzi Wint, Area 1 Coordinator
- Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
- Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
- Hayden Kilkenny, At-Large Coordinator
- Matt Saumweber, At-Large Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

- Jane McClure

C. Staff Members Present

- Julia McColley, Executive Director
- Jenna Bowman, Community Engagement Coordinator

Community Input

D. Public Comment (open floor)

Moe's retirement, No speeding signs in Little Bohemia torn down.
House by Brake Bread sold and new owner will live there.

E. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee Held over to June Board Meeting

F. Secretary's Report

*MOTION: Approve March Board Meeting Minutes and Annual Meeting Notes
Moved by Meg Seconded by Hayden Motion passes.*



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Old Business

A. Grant Update by Julia McColley

- First reimbursement submitted. Still waiting will submit march and April
- Trusted Messenger – events/trail planting – proposal to extend contract
- Maggie – interview for Star Grant – went well, friendly faces, end of day, appreciated organized report was, our formal process and specifics – not overly general, examples that had benefited – real community impact over \$100,000. Interest and skin in the game. Well-received – pleased with our work. 2024 \$79,000 this recent round closed \$160,000
- West 7th Arts District MOU signed. Still working on light post art. Not under contract with city yet.
- Capital Watershed – finished waiting to hear if re upped
- Air Quality data should be live now.
- 35,000 awarded this round. – 2 projects to finish
- Commercial Corridor – cones out mural started – base layer. Bad Weather going on sculpture – Community Reporter hours
- Workplan submitted today
- Will be asking for help for some additional spending reviews to do

B. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee
 - Garage Sale – May 30 – 32 registered, want 10-ish more
 - Garden Tour – flowers – music, kids activities – install at triangle days before – need more gardens –
 - Quarterly Happy Hour – June 25 – Pizza Maya probably
 - Annual meeting recap – great turnout, engaged, Great to have Mayor Her there, new members
- Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr
 - FYI – St. Paul Public Works – bridge over railroad got CIB funding – more to come
 - W 7th T District Zoning study
 - 6 plus unit on Colborne
 - Luxury Townhomes near Irvine Park

New Business

A. Accept Board Resignation of Jenna Bowman

MOTION: Accept Resignation

Moved Meg

Seconded by Hayden

Motion passes

B. President's Report by Meg Duhr



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- New trees – yay! Good job with diversity – Rachel Jungwirth – Forester for City – warranty have to get watered – young tree needs 20 gallons - - FRF – do some education at Garden Tour – watering bags available to share – some trees on vacant lots?
- New sidewalks
How to get word out now – social media isn't what it once was – word of mouth. Have FRF Website be source of truth – flyers beyond FRF boundaries i.e., French Meadow
- Community Garden – clean up – partnering with hillcrest – overflow – beyond usable – weeding last Saturday.
- Food Forest – 2 work days – planted 35 shrubs, grape vines, 2 fruit trees
- Outstanding bills to be paid. Not sure how much is left.
- Monthly MNDOT check in – ward 2, public works, rep from Mayor's office – plea to legislators to sanitary sewer money – Recommendation to send another letter

MOTION: send another letter to legislators, chairs of capital investment committee and minority leads. Share with community.

Moved Meg

Seconded by Nathan

Motion passes

House – Mary Franson, Fae Lee, chairs --- vice chair – Luke Frederick, Marj Fogelman
Senate – Chair Sandy Pappas, Susan Pha, Minority – Karin Housley

- Chris Bower – MNDOT – disruption to W 7th during construction is going to be significant. Rebecca trying to find some small business support
- Pedestrian Improvement – Demonstration Project
- Patchwork on Shepherd
- No endorsement for Ramsey County Commissioner – August Primary

C. Executive Directors Report by Julia McColley

- Thanks for support from board
- Thanks to Jenna
- Dine to Donate - \$725 from A Side

Adjourn – 8:15 pm - Next meeting is June 8, 7:00 pm