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FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2025

This meeting was held at A-Side Public House Meeting Room and on Zoom.

I. **Call to order – 7:04 pm** by Meg Duhr, President

II. **Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - Digital Sign-In for guests

A. Board Members Present

1. Meg Duhr, President
2. Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
3. Suzanne Zahorski, 2nd Vice President
4. Sara Fleetham, Secretary
5. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
6. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
7. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
8. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
9. Tanya Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
10. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

1. Jane McClure

C. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Community

A. Public Comment/Open Floor

IV. Old Board Business

A. Treasurer's Report

Some adjustments with moving, printer contract and triangle property purchase. Budget had $3,500 for individual giving, ended at over $4,000.

MOTION: Accept December Financials.
Moved by Meg Seconded by Hayden Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

December Board Minutes

MOTION: Accept November Minutes.
Moved by Maggie Seconded by Meg Motion passes.

C. Grants Update by Julia McColley

1. City Contract - waiting for certificate of insurance. New rules make it more difficult for FRF to get reimbursement for indirect costs.
2. Neighborhood Star - pushing out in February. Award in April. Will focus on facade improvements.
3. Jaycees gave $1,000 for events without agendas/business meetings in the bank.

D. Holiday Decor - Winner is 1575 Race Street

E. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Hayden Kilkenny

1. Full box of donations from hygiene Drive at Bad Weather
2. Meeting move to final Tuesday of the month
3. Korinne - work connection/WCCO TV looking for community centered stories
4. Winter Walk and Talk, February 22
    a) supported by Trusted Messenger Grant
    b) Climate awareness - walk Park to High Bridge
        (1) Meg, Becky Yust and possibly Russ Stark speaking
    c) End at Day by Day for brunch

F. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Suzanne Zahorski

1. Walnut Street Stairway - still accepting volunteers for advisory committee
2. Victoria Park naming committee 4 applications so far
3. FCC: Reviewed Community Update
    a) Meeting with FCC Greg - Julia, Meg, Suzanne Rebecca Noecker
    b) City staff talking points consistent and rely on a particular note in comp plan to support FCC at that site - discounts other comp plan comments and Mississippi River plans
    c) Upcoming meeting with Jaimie Tincher, Deputy Mayor

MOTION: Request a public hearing for and appeal site plan.
Moved by Meg Seconded by Suzanne Motion passes.

d) Rally - community wants to be involved, one pager with positive messaging announcing rally

MOTION: Hold a Rally and fundraiser to offset additional costs involved
Moved by Tanya Seconded by Meg Motion passes.

e) FCC was granted a Determination of Similar Use Letter - zoning

MOTION: Appeal Determination of Similar Use Letter.
Moved by Suzanne Seconded by Meg Motion passes.
Rally

V. New Board Business

A. Business Requests for St. Patrick's Day Letters of Support

MOTION: Submit letters of support.
Moved by Hayden Seconded by Meg Motion passes

B. Grant Application for MN IDEAS program

MOTION: Submit Letter of Intent for this General Operating Grant
Moved by Maggie Seconded by Suzanne Motion passes

C. 5 Year Consolidated Plan Feedback
D. Rethinking I-94 Board Public Comment

MOTION: Submit letter/testimony for MNDOT to continue to study the project
Moved by Kelsey Seconded by Tanya Motion passes

E. Administration Citation recommendation introduction via email for Charter Meeting December 12, 3:00 pm

MOTION: Support the charter change for Administrative Citations to be issued instead of Criminal Charges with due care considered as it relates to equity.
Moved by Sara Seconded by Tanya Motion passes

F. Grant Application Approval for FTC Urban Grant, MPCA Local Climate Action Grant

MOTION: Approve submission of these two grants.
Moved by Suzanne Seconded by Hayden Motion passes

G. Changes to Personnel Policy - align to city standards and other District Councils. Reviewed as needed each budget cycle.

MOTION: Approve changes regarding Salary Adjustment, Paid Holidays, Enhanced PTO Benefits
Moved by Suzanne Seconded by JB Motion passes

H. 2025 Budget Review

MOTION: Approve 2025 Budget
Moved by Maggie Seconded by Kelsey Motion passes
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President's Report by Meg Duhr

1. Fruit Trees ordered.

Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

See grant info update.

VI. Adjourn – 8:36 pm by Meg Duhr

Next Meeting - February 10