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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting October 14, 2024

This meeting was held at the Palace Community Center and on Zoom.

I. Call to order – 6:05 pm by Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President

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

A. Board Members Present

1. Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
2. Sara Fleetham, Secretary
3. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
4. Korinne Gerhart, Area 1 Coordinator
5. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
6. Hayden Kilkenny, Area 2 Coordinator
7. Devin Fischer, Area 2 Coordinator
8. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
9. Tanya Fabyasne Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
10. JB Shank, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

1. Sarah Anderson
2. Joe Landsberger
3. Alex Zikmund
4. Marisha Chamberlain
5. John Devillez
6. Jane McClure

C. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Community

A. Public Comment/Open Floor

Sarah Anderson shared information about STAR House, a crisis nursery for St. Paul and Ramsey County. Will open on October 18 in the MacGroveland neighborhood. Room for 7 children for up to 72 hours.

Joe Landsberger from CART mentioned meeting with Russ Stark from the City and a possible 60-day plan. Julia shared there will be ongoing meetings among the City, County, Met Council, Metro Transit, etc. to establish a few options related to BRT that will be presented to community members in 2025. The big question is where will funding come from and if it is federal dollars, what are the restrictions? John Devillez is a regular



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bus rider and noted he is in favor of BRT. He also shared about the Network Now survey from Metro Transit.

IV. Old Board Business

A. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

Behind on revenue. YTD is 92%. In Kind is wonky because of eviction from Rathskeller.

MOTION: Accept September Financials.

Moved by Maggie. Seconded by JB. Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

September Board Minutes - 09/09/2024

MOTION: Accept September Minutes.

Moved by Maggie. Seconded by JB. Motion passes.

C. Julia shared that FRF received a \$25,000 grant from Ramsey County as a Trusted Messenger.

D. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Hayden Kilkenny

1. Fall fundraiser – postponed. Next meeting 10/17/2024.

E. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Sara Fleetham

1. Drive Through Zoning Change - Recommendation

MOTION: Modify our letter of support to add change from no new drive throughs to only new banks and pharmacies may have a drive through.

Moved by Andrew. Seconded by JB. Motion passes.

2. 675 Victoria - Recommendation

MOTION: Provide a letter of support for the new apartment building at 675.

Moved by Devin. Seconded by Tanya. Motion passes.

V. New Board Business

A. Marisha Chamberlain discussed a farmers market cookbook and asked for fiscal sponsorship.

Board decision to table for email vote. At a later day, Marisha withdrew her request.

B. Acquisition of Tax-Forfeited Properties for Future Community Development

MOTION: Approve bid to purchase of tax forfeited land parcel on Chatsworth up to \$4200

Moved by Devin. Seconded by Tanya. Motion passes.

Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley



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1. Board Recruitment - We are currently accepting candidate applications for A1
2. (Homeowner/Renter).
3. District Council Funding Proposal - No update as of now if there will be any adjustments to our funding for FY 2025.
4. Give to the Max Day - November 21st, 2024

VI. Adjourn – 7:43pm by Maggie Rock, *Next meeting is November 11 at 6pm*