



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting July 11, 2025

This meeting was held at Gatherings at Station 10, 754 Randolph Avenue, St Paul, MN 55102 (Hybrid) will be held at location/online address or web address.

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

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

A. Board Members Present

1. Meg Duhr, President
2. Maggie Rock, 1st Vice President
3. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
4. Sara Fleetham, Secretary
5. Korinne Dennis, Area 1 Coordinator
6. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
7. Moz Rude, Area 2 Coordinator
8. Tanya Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
9. Seth Smiglewski, Area 3 Coordinator
10. JB Shank, Area 3 Coordinator

B. Community Members Present

1. Jane McClure

C. Staff Members Present

1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

III. Community

A. Community Input (open floor)

Keystone adding service and Free Farmers Market, Sean Kershaw/Summit Project

IV. Old Business

A. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee -

MOTION: Accept June Financial Report

Moved by Maggie Seconded by Meg Motion passes.

B. Secretary's Report by Sara Fleetham

with address change

MOTION: Approve June Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Maggie Seconded by Meg Motion Passes



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C. Grant Update by Julia McColley

City - Community Engagement- \$62,922:

- Runs January - December, annually
- Reimbursement is submitted two months at a time

Trusted Messenger (ended June 30)

- Awarded another round - \$30,185! July - June 2026

Neighborhood STAR- \$43,500:

- Projects are underway. Nine Lives, Brake Bread, Healing Space, Taviel Grill, and Country Club
- Interviewed for our 2025 application. We were the top scored project by the STAR committee

Community Air Monitoring - \$100,000 - ends June 1, 2027

- Workgroup met twice. Their priorities were traffic & FCC
- Our technical partners are drafting a monitoring plan to be done by end of July

Jaycee's Foundation - \$1000:

- Happy hour at white squirrel was a success, despite the rain
- Next Happy Hour is September 25 at Waldmann 4pm-6pm

Capital Region Watershed District \$11,342:

- Activities include (4) clean ups, leaf curb clean up challenge, and education related to reducing the use of salt for de-icing
- 2nd cleanup scheduled July 26th 11a-1p @ Palace

MPCA - Local Climate Action - \$50,000:

- Sub-granting program to West 7th businesses, focused on green upgrades/energy efficiency. Contract is being drafted, waiting to sign
- Will follow the same process as Revitalize West 7th NSTAR program

Commercial Corridor Assistance Program - C-COAP - \$74,000

- Application is under review
- Expect to be under contract in July

D. Committee Reports

1. Community Outreach and Fundraising Committee by Korinne Dennis

- a) Share National Night Out Info
- b) Garden Tour – 177 people attended, Income \$1,929.71

2. Transportation and Land Use Committee by Meg Duhr

- a) Committee Chair - Suzanne no longer the chairperson. Meg will chair for now.
- b) Stronger Sober Home owners – shared zoning issues. Zoning did not go their way. They are appealing zoning refusal.



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- c) Lyle Gillson from Starlight Cannabis – new business 675 Randolph Ave – Q & A, no variances needed. Local guy. Personal connection to cannabis for health reasons.
 - d) Pedestrian Improvements on the way via MN DOT and our requests from community meeting in Nov 2023.
 - e) Greenlight for Chatsworth Project
 - f) Traditional Neighborhood Study
 - g) Randolph Improvements W 7th to the River – Julia had a walking meeting with Commissioner Ortega. He wants to see whole reconstruction.
3. Executive Committee Update
- a) Activate committees more
 - b) Walk and Talk Meetings for T & LU for more community engagement as an option some times.
 - c) District Plan – still updating
4. Meetings/forums with Mayor's Office Update by Meg Duhr
- a) FCC – not scheduled yet. Waiting on Mayor's office. Public Works, FRF and FCC ready to go.
 - b) Mississippi River Industrial Development. Had meeting with FRF, WSCO and Friends of Mississippi with Mayor's Office, Russ Stark, Nicole Goodman. In regards to working against current plans. Mayor's office committed to a meeting for public input regarding riverfront development. Suggested to have PED staff more focused/experience with the river.
5. West 7th Transit Update by Julia McColley
- a) Metro Council Public Comment
 - b) City trying to figure out end date to work back from
 - c) County v. MN road – who owns road - confusion
 - d) Mill and overlay and Arterial BRT is possibility

V. New Business

A. Board approval for no August meeting

MOTION: To not have a Board Meeting in August

Moved by Maggie

Seconded by JB

Motion Passes

B. President's Report by Meg Duhr

- 1. Will be doing a tree walk in August
- 2. Tree signs – this used to be a tree idea



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C. Executive Director's Report

1. Walnut Street Staircase Community Committee is now meeting.
2. Julia on behalf of FRF working with Highway Harm Policy – Met Council
3. Vacation August 4-8
4. Little Mod Open House, 796 at Stewart Ave, August 7

VI. Adjourn – 8:34 pm

Next meeting is September 8th at 7p