



WEST SEVENTH STREET / FORT ROAD FEDERATION

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D9 Fort Road Federation Board of Directors Meeting July 10, 2023

This meeting will be held at the West 7th/Fort Road Federation Office.

- I. Call to order - 7:06 pm** by Meg Duhr, Board President
 - A. **Land acknowledgement** We respectfully acknowledge the sacred land upon which the Fort Road neighborhood resides. This is the traditional homeland of the Dakhóta Oyáte (Dakota People), unfairly ceded in the Treaties of 1837 & 1851, who stewarded it for millennia. The Ojibwe and other Indigenous nations have cared for this land as well. We invite all in attendance of this meeting to learn more about the true history of this land, and to search out the wisdom and stories of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Native people still here.

- II. Introductions** (name and neighborhood) - [Digital Sign-In](#) for guests
 - A. Board Members Present
 1. Meg Duhr, President
 2. Bill McMahon, 2nd Vice President
 3. Ruthanne Atkinson, Secretary
 4. Andrew Greenlee, Treasurer
 5. Paul Hardt, Area 1 Coordinator
 6. DJ Devan, Area 1 Coordinator
 7. Kelsey Peterson, Area 2 Coordinator
 8. Maggie Rock, Area 2 Coordinator
 9. Tanya Fabyaske Beck, Area 3 Coordinator
 10. Sara Fleetham, Area 3 Coordinator
 - B. Community Members Present
 1. Hayden Kilkenny
 2. Nathan Zacharias
 - C. Staff Members Present
 1. Julia McColley, Executive Director

- III. Community**
 - A. **Community Input/Open Floor**
 1. DJ will be hosting a block party on Michigan Street 3-6 pm
 2. There will be another public meeting w/ Chief Axel Henry in the fall
 3. Meg would like to organize a subcommittee for interim W 7th road improvements



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IV. Board Business

A. Appoint Area 2 Coordinator

1. Nathan Zacharias and Hayden Kilkenny submitted applications for the Fort Road Federation Board.

Motion to appoint Hayden Kilkenny for Area 2 coordinator by Tanya Beck

Seconded by Maggie Rock

Motion passes.

B. Conditional Use Permit Application for 355 Randolph

1. Charter school at 355 Randolph is requesting a CUP to continue using their building, even though it is zoned industrial. They are also requesting a variance to stay at only 8 bicycle parking spaces instead of the required 60.

Motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and provide a recommendation that the school work on moving by Meg

Seconded by Hayden Kilkenny

Motion fails.

C. St. Paul Business Award Nomination

1. Nominations mentioned:
 - a) Hail Mary for Alice O'Brien award
 - b) Dabblers Depot for Good Neighbor award
 - c) Weird Ink for New Kid on the Block award
 - d) Day by Day for People's Choice award
 - e) Cooper's for Traditions award

D. Fundraising Plan

1. Topic tabled until next meeting

E. Update to Personnel Policy Handbook

1. Handbook currently says previous Executive Director's name. Want to update it to Julia's.

Motion to approve changing the name of the Executive Director in the Personnel Policy Handbook to Julia by Sara Fleetham

Seconded by Kelsey Peterson

Motion passes.

F. August Board Meeting

1. Board decided not to meet in August.

G. Treasurer's Report by Andrew Greenlee

1. Almost exactly on budget for June.



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2. YTD operating at a loss of \$6,700; over mostly in personnel and contractor expenses. Under by \$800 for office expenses.

Motion to accept the June financials by Sara

Seconded by Meg Duhr

Motion passes.

H. Secretary's Report by Ruthanne Atkinson

1. No comments.

Motion to approve the June Board minutes by Maggie Rock

Seconded by Sara Fleetham

Motion passes.

I. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committee Update by Maggie Rock

1. Maggie met with Tanya and Julia to get up to speed. She is finishing up her Master's program in October and will be able to commit more time then.
2. Focusing on providing some structure for committee, upping engagement and awareness of the committee, setting expectations for committee participation, and putting together attendance roster to keep track of who attends and can vote. Committee will not be meeting in July – instead committee members will be at Keg & Case on July 20 doing a community game night.
3. Committee will likely not meet in August. Will work asynchronously with Julia on background structure and organization.
4. Yoga in the Park is on Monday.
5. Planning for summer social tomorrow night (7/11/2023) at 7 pm.

J. Transportation & Land Use Committee Update by Paul Hardt

1. Got an update from Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works on W 7th plans. Good news is that there is a high-level vision for what could happen w/ W 7th over next 10-15 years. Mill & overlay project 2027-2028 will be a MNDOT short-term fix. What was talked about 2-3 years ago in terms of a streetcar is quite different to what is being discussed today. Currently considering a small, compact, train from Xcel to airport. Similar to what they have in Kansas City. Operates at street level, pedestrian friendly, button to stop.
2. MNDOT is planning a wholesale re-do of West 7th steered by a supercommittee comprised of folks from Ramsey county, Hennepin county, Bloomington, railroads, Visit St. Paul, Laborers union, etc. All total 18-20 people.
3. MNDOT and Riverview Corridor Project are coordinating efforts.

K. President's Report by Meg Duhr

1. Plantings along Little Bohemia trail are doing well. Will be fencing things in the fall.
2. Executive Committee meeting next week
3. Meg will invite Board over for social in August



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L. Executive Director's Report by Julia McColley

1. Board Recruitment - We have a vacant seat on the Board - Area III Coordinator. This seat could be a renter / homeowner. If you know someone who is interested, send them to Julia. The term would run until the Annual Meeting in April 2024.
2. Funding contract with City - The 2023 contract has been signed. If you'd like to look over it, it has been uploaded to the Board folder for this month. It was not included in the packet as it is lengthy. Reimbursement has been submitted for Jan - April of 2023. Received the missing check for 2021 so we're all caught up!
3. Group Insurance - We are officially enrolled in the group insurance policy with other DCs. We have our own D&O insurance.
4. Right Track Intern started work on July 5. The work for this summer will be project based and focused on our Summer Social, a Yoga in the Park event, National Night Out, and social media content calendars.
5. Justus Ramsey House RFP - applications for Letter of Intent are due July 21
6. Litter and graffiti continues to be an issue in the neighborhood. Submit complaints to DSI using online form.
7. 543 James Avenue - the hydroponics company that owns the building filed for bankruptcy and there has been no movement in and around the building. Neighbors are complaining about maintenance.
8. Upcoming Dates
 - a) Yoga in the Park - Bay Triangle, July 17 @ 7pm
 - b) Neighborhood Summer Social at Keg & Case on July 20 @ 6pm
 - c) National Night Out - August 1

V. Adjourn - 9:12 pm

Motion to adjourn by Meg Duhr
Seconded by Tanya Beck
Motion passes.