Frogtown Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Notes, May 2019

BOARD MEETING NOTES, MAY 2019

Attendance
- **Board Members:** Aki Shibata, Joyce Williams, Tong Thao, Abu Nayeem, Sara Dunlap, Debbie Weinhold, Cossandra Lloyd, Christine Chapman, Walter Battle, Tabitha Mitchell, Queen Frye, , Soyini Guyton
- **Absent:** Metric Giles
- **FNA Staff:** Caty Royce, Tia Williams, Danielle, Tou Saik Lee
- **Community Members:** Tony, Patricia- Does anybody have the sign-in sheet?

Board Actions
1. Welcome and introductions
2. Reviewed agenda items
3. Financials and minutes
   a. March FNA board meeting notes approved
   b. Monthly financial report approved
   c. **WFNU Radio** approved as a 501c3, funding will shift as appropriate
4. Executive Committee Elections
   a. FNA Board Chair
      i. FNA Board Chair resigned in March 2019 due to increased family responsibilities
      ii. Position is responsible for developing agendas, sign off for financials, connecting with city and other agencies on behalf of FNA
      iii. Tong Thao (current Vice Chair) was nominated, unanimous approval by the Board
   b. FNA Vice Chair
      i. Vacated by Tong Thao (elected to Chair)
      ii. Queen Frye was nominated, unanimous approval by the Board
   c. President elect Tong Thao moved for the removal of Board member Abu Nayeem from the Board for cause. Decision to remove will be taken up in May with an agreement from Abu to discontinue inflammatory social media communication about FNA and issue a public apology. Vote was taken, 9 to 1 on public apology required. Abu agreed to the conditions.
Project Updates and Discussions

5. Housing and Land Plan Project
   a. Competitive funding solicitation from Minnesota Humanities
   b. Frogtown community members developed a video application.
   c. Funding to update SMAPL, “living document”, focused implementation, documenting the process and the stories
   d. Product would be a supplemental to the SMAPL and included as part of the St. Paul comprehensive plan. Zakca Lockrem donating part time to this project.

6. Victoria Theatre Update
   a. Leadership changes:
      i. Interim Director Aaron Rubenstein, contracted until July 2019
      ii. Tyler Olson-Hynes was elected as Board Chair
   b. Legislative Action: Omnibus bill includes funding for Victoria Theatre renovation. HF 1067 (Moran)

7. United Way Grant:
   a. FNA selected for multi-year funding award. Funding to support general operating costs, support Frogtown Farm, summer plans, pop-up meetings, and food shelves

8. Debrief March 25 Frogtown Forum
   a. Topic “Media Justice” in response to various articles in print and social media
   b. Discussion panel included FNA board members and community members
   c. Significant discussion about growing concerns about transparency and accountability
   d. Conversation, accusations and verbal attacks exposed significant divisions about the roles, responsibilities and accountability of the media, media sources, authorship, credibility and respect.

9. A Healing Circle and moderated discussions have been suggested to address the rifts exposed during the April Frogtown Forum.

Upcoming Events

- May 28 2019 Frogtown Forum: Healing in Community
- June 3 2019 FNA Board Meeting