



## MINUTES

### Fireman's Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2016...6:30 pm – 8:15 pm  
Kennedy School, Green Bay WI

**Present:** 1. Taku Ronsman - President, 2. Crystal Moureau - Vice President, 3. Diane Cornish - Treasurer, 4. Carolyn Stoviak – Member-at-large, 5. Teresa Hasenohrl – Member-at-large, 6. Vic Pelishek - Member-at-large, 7. Hessil - Member-at-Large, 8. Aaron Manders - Kennedy School Principal, 9. Bethe Lane - KEYS, 10. Leah Weycker - Exec. Dir. Military Ave Business Dist., 11. John S Vander Leest - Dist.11 Ald., 12. Mark Steuer - Dist. 10 Ald., 13. Sue Edges - Keys 14. Al Kimber - FPNA, 15. Darleen Kimber - FPNA, 16. Patricia Frank - FPNA, 17. Dave Frank - FPNA, 18. Matt Meverden - FPNA (new resident)

**Call to order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, followed by introductions. Matt Meverden is new to the neighborhood. John S Vander Leest is our new Alderman for Dist. 11. His phone # is 920.499.0996.

- Approval of Oct 2015 Minutes:** January 2016 Minutes were approved with no changes.
- Treasurer's Report:** Diane Cornish...FPNA was given the full \$1000 operating grant money that was requested. The current balance in the FCCU checking account is \$2,187.94.
- Dist. 11 Alderman Report:** John S Vander Leest is our newly elected Alderman, replacing Brian Danzinger, who chose not to run for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. He is also our Country Board representative. John has proposed that the 5.5% Lambeau Field tax money that is being returned to the city be returned to all households (tax parcels) for property tax relief. He asked that FPNA members to contact him at (920) 499-0996 to discuss this and/or other issues. He'd also like members contact the Mayor to let him know how they would like the money spent. Although the Board is not able to take a stand on this issue, we encouraged Board members and visitors to contact the Mayor and or John with their suggestions.
- Military Avenue Business District Report:** Leah Weycker - MABD Exec. Director....Leah shared some BIG NEWS – Green Bay Plaza will have a Farmer's Market (near Taco Bell) every Thursday from 3-7 pm starting June 23 – Oct 20. There will be 15 vendors plus entertainment. Any leftover food from the market will be donated to House of Hope. TJ Maxx is one of the sponsors for the Farmers Market. More info will be posted on the Military Avenue Business District website – [militaryave.org](http://militaryave.org).
- President's Report:** a) **Community Neighborhood Center:** Taku met with Ald. Mark Steuer to discuss getting a Community Neighborhood Center in the Military Avenue Business District to fill in the hole that was created when Harmony Café closed. We envision a center that would host Open Mic nights, Band concerts, Arts and crafts meetings/events, non-profit group meetings, and neighborhood gatherings, etc. We are exploring options for a center with a café and one without a café. A group of Somali women are also interested in a CNC on the west side, and Taku will be meeting with them and Somali liason Liban Nuur, at the Green Bay Job Center on Cherry St. b) **GBCLI Training** Community Leadership Training at Preble High.

Taku he will include info about the workshops she attended and photos in the Spring Newsletter.

### **Update on Upcoming 2016 Activities/Events:**

**Neighborhood Cleanup:** Carolyn, Theresa and Crystal will decide on a date and send out an email notice.

**Brat Fry at Festival West:** The group wants to do it, however Steve's grill is no longer functional, and someone else will need to offer a grill this year. The date for the Brat Fry will be Friday June 10 from 10 am - 6 pm. We need a minimum 3 volunteers while the meat is getting grilled, and a minimum of 2 volunteers while after the meat is done. 1 volunteer cooks, 1 volunteer fills the order, and 1 volunteer handles the money. We will recruit volunteers in the Newsletter and via Facebook. John Vander Leest said he will help out for a bit if he is available that day.

**Annual Picnic and Music in the Park:** Brian Danzinger will be organizing it one last time for us. The date is Saturday July 23, from 4 pm -7 pm. This year Brian will find us a Polka Band and will also try to book Tarl Knight. Taku will conduct a Drum Circle from 4 – approximately 5 pm.

**Family Game and Outdoor Movie Night:** Principal Manders reported the 1<sup>st</sup> early release date in the fall will be Friday Oct. 14. We discussed whether it will be too cold for an outdoor movie. The board agreed to keep the date, but move the games and movie inside if it is too cold out or raining.

**Free Little Library:** Several books were on display that were given to us for free for our Little Library per a FPNA agreement to promote the bi-annual Brown County Library book sale. Twice a year we can choose 7 free books if we help promote the event. Taku picked out 7 children's books at the central library, and donated a few extra books bought during the sale. Crystal will add them to the Little Library as needed.

**GBCLI Training April 16 at Preble High:** Taku was the sole FPNA Board member to attend the Green Bay Community Leadership Training at Preble High. She will include info about the workshops she attended in the Spring Newsletter.

### **FUTURE BOARD MEETING(s):**

July (7/20), and October (10/19) 2016, 6:30 – 8:15 pm at Kennedy School

Check for FPNA updates on our **FaceBook page** or the **Fireman's Park Neighborhood Association** city webpage at [greenbaywi.gov/firemanspark](http://greenbaywi.gov/firemanspark).

*Note: Committees can form and meet outside of board meetings, and provide reports of activities to the board.*

Minutes submitted by: Taku Ronsman – President FPNA