



FPNA Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024  
2112 N Ross St

Board Members:	President	Jeffrey Katz
	Co-First Vice President	Julie Humphreys
	Co-First Vice President	Stephanie Miles
	Second Vice President	Chris Switzer
	Secretary	Angel Barnes
	Treasurer	Peter Christoffersen
	Parliamentarian	Mark Rothenberg
	Social Director	Allyson Thompson
	Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis
	Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
	Membership Co-Director	Katie Mayberry

The monthly **FPNA Board Meeting was called to order** at 7:06 p.m. on April 14, 2024 at the home of co-1st VP, Julie Humphreys. All Board Members attended, except Angel Barnes and Trace Weatherford. We were joined by Floral Park neighbors, Ed Athey, Ben Mayberry and, later in the meeting, Janelle and Mark McLoughlin.

**A Motion to Approve the April 9, 2024 FPNA Board Meeting Minutes** was made by Peter. The Motion was seconded by Sandy and passed unanimously.

**Board Reports:**

In addition to the written Board Reports submitted, the following was discussed:

Sponsorship:

Julie and Stephanie requested help in setting up and ice delivery for the Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Awards event and several Board Members signed up. RSVP's from students and their families and local VIPs has been strong and FPNA residents are encouraged to attend. Stephanie provided the certificates to be signed by the President. Peter provided the award checks to Stephanie.

Home Tour:

Sandy summarized the feedback received for the 2024 Home Tour as "the best ever" (as to number of homes and gardens, and walkability, etc.), and expressed appreciation for the committee volunteers and especially Denise Silva for her time, effort and hosting the Opening Night Gala event.

Peter summarized the financial success of the Home Tour, noting that this year had the most tickets sold (1778 vs 1709 in 2023—the previous high). Given the success of the Gala, Wine & Beer Garden, and HT ticket sales, the current net is approximately \$103,000, with a few bills outstanding. Once paid, Peter expects FPNA should net over \$100,000 for the 2024 Home Tour.

### Beautification

Christine advised that 19 new trees are to be planted, with 6 planted in June. This year the Beautification committee has been maintaining the planters every two weeks and has a designer on the team, which has resulted in especially lovely planters throughout the neighborhood this year.

### Social

Allyson advised that the next Social Committee meeting will be held on May 28 to finalize planning for this year's Freedom Fest to be held on June 29.

### Communication

Jeff advised that the next Gazette deadline is still to be determined but solicited articles for content. If the Gazette deadline is after Memorial Day, we can include a summary and pictures from that event as well as the Scholarship Awards.

### Care and Compassion

Jeff advised that Committee Chair, Rachel Maloo has been on hiatus due to other commitments and that the new Board should revisit this committee in the next term.

### Historic Resource Committee:

Janelle McLoughlin reported that the city has awarded FPNA \$100,000 for infrastructure improvements and if 50% of that is committed by contract by June 30 (the end of the City's fiscal year), the entire \$100,000 award would remain locked in the city budget. The city has received 2 quotes for the modification/installation of new Floral Park Historic District monuments (ranging from ≈\$76,000 to \$,260,000) and is likely to take the lowest bid of ≈ \$76,000 from Bravo Construction.

This will include power washing and replacing the plaques on the existing monuments, the installation of a new brass plaque at the Sara Mae Downey Park, and the installation of two new monuments at either end of Flower St. On the south end, the monument will be placed between 2 camphor trees. Janelle advised that many years ago, FPNA paid \$16,000 for the installation of the small median on N Flower St (at N Park Blvd) and that new monument will be placed in the widest part of that median. On the advice of city staff, no lights will be installed for the monuments so as to discourage unrelated night traffic. The high-quality brass plaque will be installed at the rear of SMD park near the benches and attached in a manner to prevent easy theft. The city will be replacing a rotted bench and installing an additional bench at \$1600 each.

There will remain just under \$30,000 left in the City budget for the historic signage project. Janelle has suggested that we seek to allocate those funds to purchase and install new crowns for the neighborhood streetlamps to ensure historical consistency.

Finally, Janelle recommended that a letter be sent to Republic Waste disposal requesting that the trash bin it placed at the corner of Riverside and Flower St be removed. Upon consensus of the board, Jeff agreed to send the letter.

#### Parliamentarian

Tracey Stein provided a red-line copy of revised Legacy Award Guidelines. Mark Rothenberg advised this will be discussed at the next Bylaws committee meeting on a date yet to be determined.

**A motion to approve the board reports** was made by Kevin Shuler. It was seconded by Chris and passed unanimously. The Compendium of Board Reports, so approved, are attached to these Minutes and incorporated by reference.

#### Old Business

##### Correspondence

Jeff reported that two letters were recently sent by FPNA: one previously approved by the board to the city regarding infrastructure issues (cracked, patchy concrete streets), and one sending notification of the April car accident at Sara Mae Downey park.

#### New Business

##### Treasurer

Peter e-mailed an exhaustive April financial report to each Board member prior to the meeting.

Peter noted that this year's budget included anticipated income of ≈\$130,000 but, given the success of the Gala, Wine & Beer Garden, and Home Tour, to date FPNA has received ≈\$170,000. All checks have been written for the 2024 scholarships. Administration expenses are under budget (despite pre-paying the storage fees to save \$800 per year).

The financial committee has reviewed the insurance policies. FPNA's income level has increased to the point that it can no longer file the 990x income tax forms but must file the more complex 990 forms.

Peter has discussed CD rates with the bank and may consider investing \$100,000 for 3 mos at 4%, but the bank may offer a 5% rate for a \$150,000 CD.

Peter is still doing a comparison analysis of the 3 party rental companies frequently used by FPNA and will report later.

**A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report** was made by Allyson. It was seconded by Chris and passed unanimously.

### June Board Meeting

The Board discussed the many upcoming events (Scholarship Awards/General Meeting, Memorial Day, Freedom Fest and determined that no June 2024 Board meeting would be held. The July 2024 Transition Board meeting will be held at Sandy's at 2121 Victoria.

**A Motion to Adjourn** at 8:20 p.m. was made by Katie. It was seconded by Stephanie and passed unanimously.

### **Location of Future Regular Board Meetings:**

June	(Removed from calendar)
July/Transition Meeting	Sandy DeAngelis, 2121 N. Victoria

### **Calendar of upcoming FPNA Events:**

Sunday, May 19, 2024	General Meeting and Scholarship Award Ceremony
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day Ceremony
Saturday, June 29, 2024	Freedom Fest
Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day Bike Parade
Saturday, September 21, 2024	Fall Concert