

Executive Committee

August 12, 2013

PPERRIA Office

6:30pm

Attendees: Christina Larson (President), Eric Amel (Secretary), Tamara Johnson (Master Planning Chair), John Cushing (MemComm Chair), Jessica Buchberger (Staff), Elizabeth Dunens (BCE GASPA Rep), Chet Bodin (Neighborhood Liaison, U of M Student & Community Relations), Evan Roberts (Board member, Transit rep, Z& PR Rep).

Absent: Dick Poppele (Immediate Past President, Treasurer), John Orrison (Vice President), Joe Ring (Historic District Chair), Dick Brownlee (Zoning & Project Review Chair).

Christina Larson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced guests. She then reviewed the agenda. The Zoning and Project Review report was moved to action items, which will include reviewing a memorandum of understanding. Eric Amel proposed adding time to discuss Board attendance, which was added to the bottom of the discussion section. With these changes the agenda passed by consensus.

Chet Bodin introduced himself and his position as a Community Relations staff person at the U of M. The department is specifically to connect students to volunteer projects in the neighborhoods. They are looking for ways to get students to volunteer within the neighborhoods in meaningful ways that help the neighborhood. It was decided that if a group of students is looking for a volunteer project they could send a representative to Executive Committee to find any PPERRIA activities they could work with. The goal is to ensure there is a relationship with the group instead of one student who will eventually graduate. GASPA has created a online survey to better connect projects with volunteer groups. The committee discussed with Chet and Elizabeth about where students would fit in best as far as committee participation or level of detail of volunteer projects. To make a request the chair should just let the Executive Committee know that a request is being made and ensure Jessica is copied on the request.

Transit Committee Chair John DeWitt has stepped down. Evan Roberts is willing to share his expertise on transportation issues, but is not available to serve as a committee chair. Instead, he will serve as PPERRIA's Transportation and Land Use Liaison for any committee that needs that expertise (primarily anticipated to be Zoning & Project Review and/or Master Planning). Evan Roberts gave an update on the changes to local bus lines that will take place once the Green Line is open to the public. Evan has explored some parking options for the neighborhood with the projected increase in parking once the light rail starts and for event days at the U of M without building more parking areas in the neighborhood. Cam Gordon has expressed a lot of interest in the ideas and innovation.

Evan also gave a quick update on behalf of Zoning and Project Review Committee, mainly focusing on the Memorandum of Understanding between Dave Barnhart and the committee. This memorandum details a plan for the committee for the rezoning of 2827 Williams Ave SE.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report and did not have any questions.

Tamara Johnson presented a letter regarding the ambulatory care center that Dick Gilyard drafted. The letter asks the ambulatory care design team to keep PPERRIA and PPERR residents involved to get the best possible partnership between the neighborhood and the care center. The committee discussed is who the letter will be from (committee, Board, all of PPERRIA) and who would be copied on the letter to give it broader visibility. Tamara is going to copy the University physicians who are working on the project, Jan Morlock, the planner from the U of M, and any others that seem to be involved in the project. Tamara will be sending this first from the Master Planning committee with possible later affirmation from the Board/neighborhood.

MemComm is moving ahead to hire part-time workers for outreach positions. The committee is exploring a work-study program to help fund workers. The Admin chair and Treasurer will be invited to the next MemComm meeting. The committee has also updated the welcome brochure and the new member contact form. MemComm will write a new welcome letter to pass out to new residents that Christina will sign.

Prospect Park Community Gardens sent in an update about the water lines being put in. It was originally thought MnDOT owned the land the community garden is on, when in fact the Minneapolis Department of Public Works Right of Way (ROW) does. They are working out if they are able to stay and install a sprinkler system on the land. The community garden leaders have been working with Cam Gordon's office to resolve the issue.

Eric Amel discussed the Board of Directors attendance and how to ask a director to either participate or resign. State law outlines a method for doing this. Christina proposed that Eric write a diplomatic letter to directors who have missed 2 or more meetings to remind them to participate in the meetings.

Christina presented drafts for the next Executive Committee meeting agenda, the September neighborhood program, and the September Board of Directors meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.