

Minutes

Prospect Park East River Road NRP -2 Steering Committee

Meeting of October 20, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at the Luxton Park Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. Steve Cross was presiding as the temporary chairperson.

Discussion ensued on what officers were to be elected. Consensus was reached to elect two persons as co-chairs and two persons as secretary. No other offices were believed to be needed.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Steve Cross and Dick Popple as the permanent co-chairs of the committee. By a show of hands, all present voted "aye" and there were no "nay."

A motion was made to ask Joyce Barta to act as secretary for the committee. She is not a member of the committee but is the NRP contractor for PPERRIA. If she serves, she would be paid for her work at her standard rate. By a show of hands, all present voted "aye" and there were no "nay."

Ann Munt volunteered to serve as an assistant secretary to Joyce. The chair announced that there was consensus to elect Ann Munt as a secretary to help Joyce.

A motion was made and seconded to operate the committee by consensus and, if consensus cannot be achieved, then following Roberts' Rules of Order Newly Revised, latest edition as the parliamentary authority. By a show of hands, all present voted "aye" and there were no "nay."

The various vacant positions on the committee were discussed. It was announced that the two ostensible Tower Hill vacancies were to be filled by Meredith Popple and Susan Thrash. Two members volunteered to seek persons in Motley to fill the two vacant positions there. One member said he would see to a volunteer to fill the vacant University position. Another member said that he would consult business organizations about filling the one vacant business membership.

Discussion ensued on whether regular Somali translation would be necessary to help the six Somali member. Consensus was reached that Ann Munt would arrange for a translator for the next few meetings. A decision on what will happen later will be made later.

Discussion ensued on how the talents of the five University of Minnesota students interning with the committee might be used. A consensus developed to ask them to research possible housing initiatives – particularly ones for new affordable housing. It was also asked that they monitor developments between the City and NRP as to the exact definition of "housing" for NRP-2.

Discussion ensued on when the committee should meet next and whether a standard meeting time should be set. A consensus was reached to hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Luxton Park Community Center.

The first regular meeting would be held on Monday, November 1st, with the intent of reviewing the progress of the University students on the assigned research. Also, any project proposals received by then would be reviewed.

At the meeting on November 15th, work on identifying project priorities would begin.

A request was made and consensus was evident that the NRP co-coordinator for the neighborhood, Barbara Lickness be asked to attend the next few meetings. The purpose was principally to ensure that the committee was abiding by any NRP requirements for NRP-2.

Discussion ensued on how to solicit program proposals. A consensus was reached to provide a form on the neighborhood website, PPERR.ORG, and to distribute forms at upcoming PPERRIA meetings. An ad would be placed in the Southeast Angle soliciting proposals as well. The "deadline" for proposals would be January 3, 2005, and would be "soft." That meaning that if a good idea came in later, it wouldn't be excluded just because the deadline was missed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Steven C. Cross