

Following are the PPERRIA minutes for May 19th. Daniel Patenaude

The May 19, 1997 PPERRIA monthly Board, Membership and Neighborhood meeting was called to order by Susan Larson-Fleming, President, at 7:05 pm at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. A quorum was present.

Ann O'Loughlin of the University of Minnesota requested that there be a change in the 3/24/97 Board/Membership/Neighborhood meeting minutes on page three, first paragraph, fourth line from the bottom from... "would give" to "will consider giving". Minutes accepted with correction.

Bruce Haggerty of Hubbard Broadcasting (KSTP) talked about the activity over the last several months and the proposed development by Hubbard on the Schnitzer and Watkins sites north and west of the present Hubbard buildings. Demolition has been completed and pollution clean up continues. Once the site has been cleaned, Hubbard will close on the purchase (estimated: August 1997.) Discussions within Hubbard continues as how to use the site. Plan as of today is for USSB on the east portion, Conus on the center portion, antennas on the west portion (next to the Fourth street housing) and KSTP Television and Radio on the current University Avenue buildings. It is possible that Hubbard may purchase the old brass works site on the west of the proposed expansion to be used as an exit/entrance on Malcolm Avenue. Parking ramp(s) will be constructed to replace current onsite street level parking. Access to KSTP buildings will be from Bedford Avenue. The newly constructed buildings will front on Fourth/Territorial Street and Bedford Avenue. The portion of Territorial Road between Bedford and Berry Avenues will be closed. Concern was expressed about bike and foot traffic through the site and the loss of access by Fourth Street vehicular traffic to Highway 280. Concern was also expressed about the antennas

that will abut the Fourth Street residences. These will be high, not low, frequency and there may be some light visible through the south facing part of the building housing the antennas. Much more to come.

Dan Cross, Chair of the NRP/PPERRIA Committee presented the following motion:

ÒBased on recorded test data, the NRP/PPERRIA Transportation Committee moves to authorize (at a cost of no more than \$4,500) the installation of a sixteen foot diameter Traffic Circle at the intersection of Emerald and Franklin (half in Minneapolis and half in St. Paul). If St. Paul does not approve, the Transportation Committee moves to authorize the installation of a Traffic Island at the intersection of Emerald and Franklin SE completely in Minneapolis.

PPERRIAÕs approval of this motion is dependent upon the approval of this by the St. Panteleimon Church Council at their meeting on Saturday May 26, 1997.

Motion passed with some noes, hand count was 42 yes and 10 no. This project is to lessen truck traffic on Emerald SE (Emerald is not a truck route) and reduce the traffic speed on Franklin SE. Minneapolis Public Works designed the intersection. The design was tested for emergency, tractor/trailer trucks and bussesÕ ability to move through the intersection. This type of traffic control is being introduced into the Twin Cities, but has been successfully used for years in Seattle. St. Panteleimon will lose two street parking places. It was asked if the objective is to slow the traffic on Franklin SE, why not move the project to Malcolm SE? This would not help the traffic problem on Emerald. To reduce the speed on Franklin SE along the entire length, would require a series of these traffic controls. This is an issue for the future. The intent of the motion is also to assure that St. Paul responds to the design change so that the project can be soon started. If St. Paul objects and the circle becomes an island, the design is such that there would be no loss of parking along Franklin

Avenue SE. The proposal for Franklin/ East River Road/Twenty-seventh, now is over budget according to City estimates. Everyone is sharpening their pencils to bring in additional funds and/or reduce costs.

Susan Thrash, chair of the NRP/PPERRIA Tower Hill Committee, presented the following motion: Authorize the NRP/PPERRIA Committee to use up to \$7,700 for improvements on Tower Hill to discourage traffic which causes erosion on the hill. The goal is to redirect people traffic by installing split rail fencing on the east side by the flower gardens and on the Malcolm to Seymour side and by improving the steps by the tennis court. Labor will be provided through a contract with the Loring Nicollet/Bethlehem Community Center's Youth Employment Training Program. After several amendment change votes (to table, to remove the Malcolm part of the fence, accept the original motion) were not passed, the motion passed, with some noes, to amend to remove some part of Malcolm fence at the steepest part of the hill. This was done to permit the long tradition of winter sliding down that portion of the hill. It was emphasized that the Minneapolis Park Board has the final say as to any work done on Tower Hill Park. Incidentally, Joe Ring discovered an earlier path in the area of the park on the east side where the flowers have been planted. The intent is to reestablish this path.

Harrison Nelson presented the following motions that will be voted on at the 6/23/97 Board/Membership/Neighborhood meeting.

ÒThe NRP/PPERRIA Safety and Security Committee moves to allocate the entire \$372,500 reserved in our NRP Plan (section A.4.b, pages 24 and 25) to be used to fund a may safety and security sidewalk lights within our neighborhood as financially feasible. The exact allocation of this funding between residential and non-residential property to be presented and approved at a PPERRIA Board/

Membership/Neighborhood meeting (scheduled for 6/23/97) prior to final approval to release these funds.

Also, Motion that the NRP/PPERRIA Safety and Security Committee moves to allocate the unused portion of the NRP/PPERRIA \$372,500 (budgeted for Safety and Security Sidewalk lighting) to assist those residents whose Safety and Security Sidewalk lighting assessment imposes a financial hardship.

..BE AT THE 6/23/97 MEETING! Status of whether there will be installation is still uncertain as the city will decide. The neighborhood has been voting to request the installation through the Block Clubs and the results will soon be presented to the City...THE CITY WILL DECIDE YES OR NO...Council Member Joan Campbell will also be holding a public hearing once the city has the Block Club petitions. Individuals are encouraged to look carefully at locations where the proposed additional pole lights could be installed if the sidewalk lights are not installed (see the maps sent by Council Member Joan Campbell.) Concern was expressed that individuals do not know actual costs if they voted for sidewalk lighting if the City approves the lights. The individual estimate available to each property owner is subject to revision to the actual bid amount and to the amount each individual receives from the \$372,500 NRP/PPERRIA plan. The square foot assessment rather than the average assessment or linear foot assessment was decided on by the city in 1991 as being most fair. The city considers sidewalk lighting an improvement to individual properties, as well as increased safety; therefore individual property assessments. This type of lighting has been installed in other neighborhoods but PPERR is the first to help individuals with the assessments. Watch for several pages of information in the June 1997 mailing.

Jerry Stein announced for the third time, the special 5/22/97 (6:30 pm) meeting

at Luxton park the proposed school in the Pratt building. See previous NRP/PPERRIA motions regarding this. There is hope!!!

Mary Legris, Chair of the Environmental Committee reported that there has not been any progress on a Good Neighbor Agreement with American Can, at Essex and Twenty Seventh SE. A hearing before the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has been scheduled as per the earlier NRP/PPERRIA motion. American Can has requested a variance of their pollution agreement to increase air pollution. They are adding a third shift. Also, as per an earlier NRP/PPERRIA motion, an acoustic engineer has been hired and is taking readings that hopefully will support the request for additional sound walls along Highway I-94. Yes, it is noisier.

Concern was expressed that the mailed agenda indicated an item was up for decision when it was presented as an information item. Also expressed was concern that there is garbage pick up as early as 6:15 AM. At present this is an unresolved issue.

Dean Lund, PPERRIA member of the SEED Committee presented the following motion:

ÒThat \$32,000 from the NRP/PPERRIA Action Plan (Environment, page 14, section A.3.a) be allocated to support a project in the SEMI/Bridal Veil Industrial Area entitled ÔSustainable Planning Recommendations on Urban Transformation,Õ which is sponsored by the Cunningham Group and the SEED CommitteeÓ After a series of motions and votes, the original motion was amended to change \$32,000 to \$12,000. Motion passed with some noes. A quorum was present. The \$12,500 are matching funds to support efforts to develop the SEMI/Bridal Veil Industrial area, north of University and south of the Como neighborhood. Joe Schurke of the Cunningham Group talked about the project and answered questions. The additional \$20,000 was to assist individual projects to add sustainable features, i.e. energy and building design. The SEED Committee selected the Cunningham Group for the

project and suggested they talk with the neighborhoods. The other players will be providing additional matching and assistance funds. As there is not another PPERRIA Board/Membership/Neighborhood meeting before the 5/31/97 contract signing, this item was presented on short notice. Also of concern was that these funds reduce the contingency fund to a small amount while there is still time on the NRP plan. As the city tends to take a short term and minimal investment position in developments of this kind, the assistance funds were to encourage individual projects to include more long term consideration in their original planning. Watch for much more on this.

Respectfully submitted. Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.