

The 10/27/97 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) Board/Membership/Neighborhood (BMN) meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at the Prospect Park United Methodist church by Susan Larson-Fleming, President. A quorum was present.

2. Approved with the following changes were the 9/22/97 PPERRIA BMN meeting minutes as published in the mailing for the current meeting. Item 9 ...Private Activity Bonds, insured by the Federal Housing Redevelopment Authority...in place of ...City Revenue Bonds... Item 15/16...Neal Simons indicated that his concern was both one of education as to "Garbage Container" etiquette as well as the late-in-the-week city pickup for parts of the neighborhood...

Added to the agenda...James Rolla of East Side Neighborhood Services spoke about the services available through their Senior Program and circulated copies of a booklet describing all services available at the agency. He will have additional copies available at the Pratt Center. He has been a Senior Outreach Worker for two years doing needs assessment and evaluation with advocacy and coordination of referrals. The programs are available at the East Side building at 18th and Central Northeast. During a discussion about the duplication of existing or proposed programs within the Prospect Park community, most of the eligible individuals in SE have not gone to the NE site and probably will not due to family responsibilities, transportation difficulties, or cultural issues. He responded that there is the possibility that an East Side worker may be located in our neighborhood especially for employment issues.

3. Loey Webber of Profile Music was not present.

4. Motion passed without noes that the earlier passed motion to allocate \$320,000 of PPERRIA/NRP Education/Human Services Committee funds for a neighborhood school located in the Pratt building be amended so that the expiration date be extended from the end of December 1997 to the end of the 1998 Minnesota Legislative session. Jerry Stein, co-chair of the Education/Human Service Committee, indicated this is necessary to permit relevant legislative bills to be decided and for the Pratt School Fund Raising Committee (Don Fraser, chair) to have a chance to do its work. The Minneapolis legislators will be seeking bonding authority for building renovation. Questions were asked about the specifics of additional improvements since there has been much done already at the Pratt building. In answer, further renovation is necessary to permit Pratt's current programs to continue with the addition of public school classes (there are 10,000 square feet of unused space on the third floor.) Copies of earlier plans for a public school at Pratt are available at Pratt. If and when this seed money brings in additional funds, and in the case there will be a public school, information will be circulated through the neighborhood.

5. Motion passed without noes, that up to \$10,000 be reallocated within the Luxton Park Council PPERRIA/NRP funds for use to start up MotherRead/ FatherRead Story Sharing classes at Luxton Park (including two complete eight-week sessions over the next twelve months) and implementation and expansion of the existing Luxton Lending Library. Dawn Grafing, Luxton Park Council member, indicated that this program is intended to draw youth ages three to ten from the entire neighborhood together at Luxton Park and promote positive feelings about reading. This is an extension of an earlier program provided through the East Side Neighborhood Services and also an augmentation of the continuing development of education class at the Luxton Park building for all the neighborhoods served by Luxton Park. Except for the Minneapolis Public Library Bookmobile, attempts to work through other agencies, i.e. Head Start, Way to Grow, etc., and, as there is not a neighborhood public school, little has so far resulted on this issue. This program will augment, not replace, the existing bookmobile service. It also will permit additional time for the Luxton Council to obtain ongoing funding for the program. This is not new money, these funds will come from unspent budget funds allocated to a worker who left Luxton.

6. Motion passed without noes, to provide a letter of support to the Kelly Institute now located in the neighborhood. Kathy Mostron, Kelly Institute Director, talked about the program now located in the Colonial Office building at Emerald and University on the St. Paul side, in the South St. Anthony community. South St. Anthony has given Kelly Institute a letter of endorsement and recommended Kelly contact PPERRIA to request a letter of endorsement from PPERRIA. Kelly has lost their space to City of Minneapolis uses in the old Vocational High building located near the Minneapolis Convention Center. Since 1983, non-profit Kelly Institute, part of the Kelly Norton facilities, works with individuals with chemical dependency and/or developmental obstacles and who are experiencing depression that prevents them from living on their own. The Colonial building is also used for metro community health resources that have no connection with Kelly. The Kelly Institute is an outpatient facility for diagnosed adults, open Monday to Friday 12:30 pm to 4 pm. About 20 Hennepin County residents use the facility at one time, about 100 each year. The 16A public bus or Kelly red vans are used to bring individuals to the facility. The facility is sponsored by Hennepin County and bills by the hour, usually 186 hours per individual, by Minnesota State "Rule 25" funding of individuals who are not receiving any other outpatient funding. A case management program has limited the problems. The completion rate is about 50%, a four-month program. There has been one relapse among the last 45 who completed the program. There will not be a "parade" of individuals. Concern was voiced about the location of several care facilities within the neighborhood, i.e. Genesis II, Freeport West and Good Samaritan. The Kelly Institute and PPERRIA will develop a ongoing and direct contact method.

7. Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP contract staff, reported that the PPERRIA 2020 Long Term Plan has reached the document stage and a planning committee is being formed. The NRP staff is now having all neighborhood NRPs go through a similar process as NRP is a 20 year process and existing NPR plans are currently funded for five years. The 2020 plan assumes that corrections and additions are in order and if anyone has specific issues, comments, etc. please contact Susan at 331-2104.

8. Florence Littman, Zoning Committee chair, said that PPERRIA activities concerning the proposed Dunbar student rental project on the Electric Machinery site at 25th to 27th Ave and University SE have not been successful; i.e. Hearing appeal, requested meeting with city council leadership and mayor, appeal to Council member Campbell, market study document not agreeing with level of proposed rent (too high,) parking availability (too low) and the length of bond payout in relationship to proposed construction type (too long) etc. PPERRIA has also been told that the issue of the project's financing is not appropriate for the city hearings as no city financing is involved. Concern was expressed about: existing Dunbar project financial issues; that the proposed owner of the project is a non profit 501c3 organization; and that Dunbar is to receive \$2 million of the project's proposed \$25 million cost on a \$360,000 equity investment. The FHA is being asked to underwrite the \$25 million in bonds that would take 43 years to pay off., In addition to these concerns, there was also concern that though the "process" through the city was not illegal, it seems to have been irregular. Additionally there was concern that it was unclear whether the project would pay city real-estate taxes, this is being looked into. The process issues are: how can this not happen again and how can the neighborhoods and Seed coordinate their concern and issues. It was pointed out that SEED is organized differently than the existing neighborhood groups. More to come.

9. Susan Larson Fleming, Education/Human Services Committee co chair, reported on the committee's Child Care Planning and Study Report. Please call 331-8819 for a copy of the full report. The issue of child care constantly came up during the development of the NRP and was included in the plan. Funding for implementation is being located by the committee. Planned is use of existing neighborhood child care physical facilities, i.e. Genesis II, Head Start, Pratt etc.; the establishment of family caregivers within Glendale; the establishment of certified in-home nannies within the neighborhood; and

provision for training costs and start up costs so residents of the neighborhood can become licensed family child care providers. This project also addresses the issue of employment for neighborhood residents. More to come.

10. PPERRIA/NRP contract staff reports are published in the monthly mailings to PPERRIA members and others. The expenses continue to be less than half of the budgeted amount.

11. Announcements were made about: the 11/1/97 Prospect Park United Methodist Church Art Fair and Bazaar. This is the last week for the farmer's market at Pratt (get your pumpkin.) The community choir needs tenors and basses. No one seems to know about the street stenciled "suns." The River Gorge committee continues to meet. The Cedar Riverside Community has received notice that a Level 3 sex offender is planning to move to their community.

12. Concern was expressed about a mailing to the neighborhood that used names and addresses that several questioned. It was assumed that these were from the city home owner list. PPERRIA's mailing list is used for non PPERRIA mailings only on PPERRIA approval with PPERRIA attaching the labels and putting in the mail. The list is given only to authorized PPERRIA individuals.

Neal Simons expressed concern about the closing of Fourth Street between Bedford and Berry by the KSTP expansion north of Fourth Street. Issues are: KSTP seemed not to pay market rate for the street vacation; that Simons feels the process was improper and that we should understand what and how the street vacation process works. Mentioned as a reminder (see 5/19/96 PPERRIA B/M/N minutes) earlier concern was that foot and bike traffic continue through the closed part of Fourth Street. Mention was made that PPERRIA, Fourth Street residents, St. Paul and Minneapolis have approved the vacation. Simons said he will continue to research the issue.

It was mentioned that the Chateau Student Living Coop, was considering bidding on one of the University of Minnesota properties up for bid in the Motley neighborhood and that the PPERRIA/NRP Housing Improvement \$5,000 grant needs to be considered for amendment to include student housing coops as eligible for the grants. More to come.

Motion to adjourn passed without noes.

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