

Minutes of 1999-04-24 PPERRIA Special Meeting.

1. The 4/24/99 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc.(PPERRIA) Special meeting was called to order by Alison Katagiri, PPERRIA President, at 5:20 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church(PPUMC). A quorum was present. This special meeting was called by the PPERRIA Executive Committee after the review of a petition from at least 25 PPERRIA current members to consider a motion from the petitioners: "The undersigned PPERRIA members do hereby demand a special meeting of the corporation to reconsider PPERRIA support for the Safety and Security Sidewalk Lighting project". Steve Cross, PPERRIA Newsletter Editor, acted as parliamentarian.

2. Motion made and seconded: "To reconsider PPERRIA's support for the Safety and security Sidewalk Lighting Project." See Item 6 for the vote on this motion.

Motion made, seconded and passed 74 yes and 61 no: "To added two additional motions"

The amended motion was presented by Mike Atherton, PPERRIA member, to add two additional motions: 1. "To assess neighborhood support for lighting options(PPERRIA requests that the Minneapolis City Council determine the support for a variety of options for lighting within our neighborhood before voting on the current ornamental lighting assessment. We suggest that such a determination can be made by mailing ballots with alternative proposals to property owners." 2. "To recommend adhering to current city lighting policy (PPERRIA recommends that any assessment for street or sidewalk lighting in the Prospect Park meet the current Minneapolis City Council policy requiring 65% approval." And to add these motions before the motion listed on the petition and meeting call. A point of order was called: As this is a special meeting called for only the original motion, additional items cannot be added to the agenda. After discussion the parlementian position is that the meeting can be opened for debate on amending the special meeting agenda. The Chair, Alision Kagiati, ruled to accept the amended motion but once an motion is made discussion of the propriety of the motion as well as the motion is in order. The Chair also pointed out that if the original motion, To reconsider PPERRIA support....., does not pass, then the two amended motions are moot.

2. After extensive statements, discussion, parliamentary opinions, points of order, motions and amendments the following were agreed upon:

A. Stacy Sorenson, NRP Staff, reported that the NRP contract is with PPERRIA and if PPERRIA approve item is within the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan then it is okay with NRP.

B. PPERRIA's contract with NRP is to act as the fiscal agent for the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan.

C. PPERRIA recommended the Safety and Security Sidewalk Lighting Plan to NRP on 6/97.

D. Each motion has a 20 minute time limit for pro and a 20 minute for con statements and discussion.

E. A vote will be taken of PPERRIA members present and one of PPERRIA Board of Directors. As state statute has governance in board of directors if not otherwise indicated and as PPERRIA's By Laws are unclear as to governance, the two votes will be taken.

F. At one point in the meeting a significant number of attendees left the meeting.

3. Motion made, seconded and passed with PPERRIA Member count of 72 yes and 68 no: "To reconsider PPERRIA support for the Safety and Security Sidewalk Lighting project." The PPERRIA Board of Director count was 3 yes and 25 no. PPERRIA made the recommendation to NRP on 6/97.

4. Motion made and seconded and passed with a clear majority to table Motion 1 (assess neighborhood support for lighting options) and Motion 2 (recommend adhering to current city lighting policy) and add to the agenda of the 4/26/99 PPERRIA Annual Board/ Membership/Neighborhood meeting at 7 PM at the PPUMC. This motion was presented upon the recommendation that state statute requires special meeting agendas limited to items in the call.

5. A point of order was raised, the Parliamentarian concurred and the Chair ruled that there was an irregularity in the motion to reconsider PPERRIA Support for the lighting project in that just after there was a roll call of PPERRIA Members present of 123 the count on a vote was 140 indication that there were 17 more votes than member counts. The Chair indicated that this motion will be added to the two additional motions that will be on the 4/26/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting.

6. Notice was given that at the 4/26/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting , added to agenda would be 1. The motion to reconsider PPERRIA's support of sidewalk lighting, 2. The motion to assess type of lighting support, and 3. The motion to require 65% neighborhood support for a lighting plan.

7. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn".

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