

Minutes of 1999-11-22 PPERRIA Meeting.

1. The 11/22/99 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc.(PPERRIA) Board of Directors/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the Board of Directors (BOD) was present.

Motion made, seconded, amended and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda as published in the 11/99 PPERRIA Newsletter and amended at this meeting." Amendments were: a) Move the by-law update to the end of the agenda. b) Table the recognition of the Rapsons until a future PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. There were no additional additions or changes of the published agenda.

2. Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes: "To accept the minutes of the 10/25/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 11/99 PPERRIA Newsletter." Motion made, seconded, and not passed with some yeses: "To delete paragraph 20 that starts and ends 'Mike Atherton indicated...consent was received.'" " A preceding motion "to call the question" was made, seconded and at least 2/3 passed with some noes. Mike Atherton indicated that the minutes do not reflect what happened and he played a taped recording of the Mike Atherton/ Steve Cross exchange in question. He repeated his statements that a chair pro-tem was not in order as the three motions he made did not refer to PPERRIA's President, the then chair of the 10/25/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. (See paragraph 18 of the minutes.)

3. Sue Duoos, Director Health/Fitness, and Deanna Hamilton, Coordinator Membership/Sales, of the Midtown YWCA Community and Urban Sports Center; talked about the new YWCA. It is scheduled to open August 1, 2000. Construction is in progress of the facility located at Lake Street South and between 21st and 22nd Avenues South, north of the Minneapolis South High School outdoor athletic field. There will be a 90,000 square foot indoor fitness center and aquatic center (gym and pool) that fronts on Lake Street, parking and a field house between the centers and South field, and child care facilities. South High will have access to the facilities 7 AM to 6 PM school days with the community having access other open times on a membership or pay per use basis. Watch for future announcements and mailings.

4. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA supports the efforts to name the unnamed city pocket park at East River Road and Ontario SE, Slovak Park." Paul Scheurer, member from the Motley neighborhood, indicated that the Motley neighborhood was one of the city areas settled in the late nineteenth century by Bohemian immigrants from New York. With the recent destruction of what was originally their church at Ontario and Essex SE, other than the remaining houses, this park would be the only indication of this early settlement. The settlement folk referred to themselves as "Slovaks" Scheuer has and continues to have discussions with the Minneapolis Park Board and soon will start the naming process. The site has an operating well, some seating arrangements and has had some attention by the Park Board.

5. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA send a letter to the City of Minneapolis opposing a rental license for 631 Erie SE until the resolution of the issue of parties being held at that address that continue to disrupt the neighbors." Paul Scheurer reported that he continues to address this issue with the city and yet the disruption continues. Information obtained from the city indicates that a parent purchased the house for the use of their family, the property is homesteaded for

real estate tax purposes, but that the son no longer lives there and the building is being rented to non-family members. The owner needs to use the house as housing for their family or apply for a rental license.

6. Nicole Magnan and Officer Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police Department SAFE unit, Second Precinct, provided and reviewed the January to September 1998 vs 1999 Prospect Park CODEFOR crime report: aggravated assault (8 to 5), arson (3 to 0), auto theft (39 to 32), burglary (50 to 54), homicide (none), larceny (181 to 165), rape (3 to 4) and robbery (8 to 9). The police have arrested and charged a person who is suspected of several neighborhood breakins this summer. The rapes include attempts and were usually committed by persons known to the victim. If anyone would like to receive "crime alert" information via email, send an email message to 2Csafe-on@lists.pandh.com

7. Lois Willand reminded all of the 12/12/99, 2 pm Community Choir Concert at the PPUMC. Bill Kahn announced that anyone who is interested in a Geographic Information Service (GIS) workshop offered by the University of Minnesota Geography department, should contact him at 378-5287. Jerry Purple asked all to review and if possible respond to the recent "green leaflet" mailing concerning a request for support for the Southeast Seniors.

8. Michael Atherton, member, said for the last three months he has been trying to get someone to take some time and to do something about the graffiti in the neighborhood. He said he has written the PPERRIA/NRP Health and Safety Committee and feels that this is their issue. Harrison Nelson, Health and Safety Committee co-chair, indicated that this issue is being handled through the block clubs and that anyone should contact their block club leader and/or the local fire station (#19 at Ontario and Beacon Street) who will provide removal materials. Karen Murdock, member, indicated that she would be the contact person (340-1338) for graffiti removal along University Avenue SE. There were no additional announcements or old/new business.

9. Steve Cross "talked at" the proposed consideration of PPERRIA by-law change. The PPERRIA Executive Committee for several months has been reviewing the issue: what is going on, ideas behind it, and do we want to do anything. If you are interested, the executive committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7 PM at the PPUMC. See you there. According to the current by-laws, by-law changes are made by the PPERRIA Board of Directors only at an PPERRIA Annual Meeting. This was done last when PPERRIA became a nonprofit organization (501c3) and then only for those by-law items necessary for 501c3 compliance. The proposed current review will be of the entire By-Law in relationship to current practices and legal requirements. State law referring to 501c3 organizations vests responsibility in an organization's board of directors. The current by-law is unclear on this issue which is further complicated by our current meetings which actually are three meetings (Board of Directors, Membership and Neighborhood). A comment from the floor indicated that this was not an issue as long as there was little money involved, but the PPERRIA/NRP funds have brought the issue to the front. The three major questions tend to be: 1) Who is a member of PPERRIA? 2) Who can vote? and 3) Whose vote represents PPERRIA? There seems to be enough concern to see if there can be a proposed change plan that could be considered at the upcoming annual meeting, April 2000.

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

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