

PPERRIA Community Meeting

June 23, 2014 6:30 pm
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Board of Directors Present:

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Stu Anderson
4. Dick Brownlee
5. David & Sigrid Coats
6. John Cushing
7. Kate Donahue
8. Dick Gilyard
9. Ted Golbuff
10. Susan Gottlieb
11. Del Hampton
12. Ken Hampton
13. John Holmquist
14. Tamara Johnson
15. Sally & Charles Jorgensen
16. Martha Joy
17. Christina Larson
18. Florence Littman
19. Dorothy Marden
20. Gordon Mosser
21. Ann Munt
22. Karen Murdock
23. Dick & Meredith Poppele
24. Joe Ring
25. Evan Roberts
26. Serafina Scheel
27. John Wicks (Wendy absent)
28. Paul Zerby

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Phil Anderson
2. Steve Cross
3. Tony & Greta Garmers
4. Dick Kain
5. Roger Kiemele
6. Tom Kilton
7. Susan Larson-Fleming
8. Andy Mickel
9. John Orrison
10. Dan Peters
11. Bill & Jane Seeley
12. Jerry & Margy Stein

Members & Community-at-Large Present:

1. Jane Burnham, SE Seniors
2. Officer Erin Dietz, MetroTransit
3. Neal Simiems, member
4. Steve Peltier
5. Jeff Barnhart, business member
6. Dave Barnhart, business member
7. Vince Netz
8. Doug Cook, MetroTransit
9. Anne Campbell, member
10. Julie Wallace, member
11. Jessica Buchberger, PPERRIA staff

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:36 pm. and asked that all sign in at the back of the room.
2. **Presentations and Discussion.**

- A. **MetroTransit.** *Doug Cook*, outreach specialist, and *Erin Dietz*, officer, of MetroTransit spoke to user issues and safety now that the Green Line is up and running. Ticket protocol was discussed for GoTo, fares and transfers. Images of the ticketing station and GoTo 'validator' were shown. Riders must revalidate ticket or GoTo card between lines such as transferring from Green to Blue. Special GoTo cards are available for seniors. Stay behind the yellow line for safety. Accessible seating spaces are outlined on each train: please move to accommodate those in need. Emergency telephones are located on trains and at stations. PA system offers information.

Route 16 no longer goes to downtown Minneapolis Only the Green line does. Complaints about the 16 are encouraged to be reported to MetroTransit to generate numbers and shifts in planning.

For safety don't wait in middle of street to cross or turn. In cars, finish your turn or don't start. Push button at crossings vibrates for the visually impaired. Designated mid-block crossings are less accommodating and frankly less safe than controlled intersection crossings. MetroTransit officials don't recommend using the mid-block crossing if pedestrian needs extra time or is sight impaired. Observation of mid-block crossings shows cars don't stop for peds. Go to corner. Also, don't cross over chain or fence between tracks. It will be considered 'trespassing' and it is a heavy fine similar to the \$180 no ticket fine.

Questions and comments were taken from the community: A Green Line Bus Shuttle is a fail safe for LRT shut downs between stations. *Julie Wallace* suggested that route 63 serving Grand Avenue, UST, Macalester to downtown St. Paul stop at Berry to serve residents better since the layover is currently Emerald. *Florence Littman* stated concern that route 16 does not even reach the University central campus; just the stadium. Someone asked why the 16 at all. *Serafina Scheel* recalled that route 16 provides more frequent stops on University Avenue as a compromise to business owners isolated by less frequent LRT stations on the line. *Florence* is also concerned over safety at the Bedford intersection. *Julie Wallace* was concerned about left turn safety stating, "people to the left aren't used to something lefter [*sic*] than you." Security will be conducted as it is on the Blue Line. Team of officers will jump on and transfer between trains randomly. Even plainclothes officers are already in service to check fares. Officers are actively trying to curb illegal left turns with ticketing. All drivers causing left turn accidents will be ticketed as well. Left turns: stay behind the line and do not stage in intersection.

In summary, the trains travel quiet and fast. Be careful.

- B. **Southeast Seniors.** *Jane Burnham* spoke about SE Seniors programs. Brochures are available. Those 65 and older are eligible for services. Services are available within the 55414 area code. Southeast includes Como, Marcy Holmes, and Prospect Park and East River Road neighborhoods. The program connects folks with Metro Mobility. The backbone is volunteer service where neighbors help neighbors in an organized way by matching folks up. Combating loneliness and addressing transportation are primary

drivers. The program simply aims to help make the difference so people can stay in their homes longer. This includes tasks like shoveling snow and taking garbage out. All are invited to a SE Seniors of the future meeting 1:00 pm Wednesday, 16 July at *Jane Burnham's* house. To enlist services, contact SE Seniors via phone or email.

Questions and comments were taken from the community: *Florence Littman* said she is grateful stating that PPERR is lousy for those that are transit dependent. For instance, many physicians and other wellness services have moved to the suburbs. Both volunteer services and professional services are available through SE Seniors to stay in home: ranging from foot care, to in-home nursing and nurse consultation, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Program funding was questioned: a donation plea letter was mail November 2013. *Dick Poppele* said funding comes from the neighborhood, grants from the state, some from the City of Minneapolis [currently reduced], and Hennepin County. A sliding fee schedule for in-home services is possible with these funding sources.

3. **Announcements.**

- A. **Tower 100.** *Joe Ring* said 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Witch's Hat Water Tower to supply water to southeast Minneapolis. To mark this special occasion, the Tower will be open for the weekend for the first time since 1928 [which, incidentally, it was supposed to be a weekend attraction] both Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13 along with a walking tour of historic homes of Prospect built by 1914. A map with artist watercolor will be available for the tour. Historic presentations will be made at the tower at noon, 2 pm and 4 pm both days. *Joe* said that people think the tower was built by PPERRIA. Although it is true that PPERRIA gave the land, it was for industry that needed a reliable water source: specifically tractor manufacturing which became the largest area of production in the U.S. from 1914 to 1920—including Bull Tractor which ultimately became Toro. *Joe* wished all a good time.
 - B. **Tower 100 T-shirt.** *Tamara Johnson* said she introduced a Tower 100 t-shirt design and conducted presales at both the annual meeting and Ice Cream Social. The shirts will be available in early July and more will be available for sale at that time.
 - C. **Hennepin County Garden Walk.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, reported that the Hennepin County Master Gardeners' 2014 Learning Garden Tour will take place Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
 - D. **Neighborhood-wide yard sale.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, reported that a neighborhood-wide yard sale will take place in conjunction with the Hennepin County Garden Walk on July 12.
 - A. **Community Concerts.** *John Cushing* reported that the St. Paul Postal Band with neighbor *Joe Jones* will be performing in conjunction with Tower 100 on Tuesday, July 15th and 7:00 pm.
 - B. **September Clean Sweep.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, reported that *Tom Kilton* has set Sept 20, 2014 for the September Clean Sweep.
4. **Next Board Meeting.** The next meeting will be 28 July 2014.
 5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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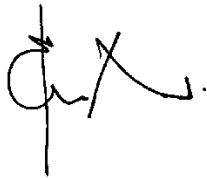
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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order immediately after the Neighborhood Program by chair *Christina Larson*. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** The Consent Agenda was reviewed for approval. It consists of the following items: Board of Directors meeting minutes from May; Treasurer's report (Administration committee did not meet in June); and Historic District report. Several board members moved acceptance of the Consent Agenda simultaneously. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
3. **Announcements.**
 - A. **SE Library Services steering committee.** A PPERR representative for the SE Library Services steering committee is needed by July 24, 2014.
4. **Action Items.** No action items were brought to the table.
5. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* entertained a motion by board members to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Eric Amel
PPERRIA Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, 28 July 2014.