

PPERRIA Community Meeting DRAFT

October 27, 2014
PPUMC

6:30 pm

Board of Directors Present:

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

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Phil Anderson
2. Stu Anderson
3. Roger Kiemele
4. Susan Larson-Fleming
5. Andy Mickel
6. Dan Peters
7. Evan Roberts
8. Jerry & Margy Stein

Members & Community-at-Large Present:

1. Jessica Buchberger, PPERRIA Staff
2. Jeff Barnhart, Business
Member/Overflow
3. Eric Lueneburg, member
4. Ethan Nelson, MN Daily
5. Betts Zerby, member
6. Ian Klein, guest
7. Julie Wallace, member
8. Kathy Waite, Inspector/MPD 2nd
Precinct
9. Robin Schow, member
10. Greg Bernstein, member
11. Cam Gordon, Council Member
Ward 2

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:39 pm. and asked that all sign in at the back of the room.
2. **Announcements.** The floor was opened for announcements:
 - A. **Refreshments Sign-up.** *Tamara Johnson* thanked *Jeff Barnhart* for the evening's food spread. The sign-up for the next six-month period is being circulated during this meeting.
 - B. **Flyers for Historical Register.** *Tamara Johnson* announced that promotional flyers will be distributed door to door in advance of the November 6 National Historic District Designation informational meeting. Those that would like to help are invited to get in touch with *Ms. Johnson* at tamara_mpls@yahoo.
 - C. **I Will Vote.** *Karen Murdoch* said a new voting advocacy campaign is afoot with red "I will vote." stickers that can be worn now for week and a day. *Dick Kain* added that voting for this area will take place at UMCC similar to the primary because of the Pratt School renovation.
 - D. **Halloween.** *Eric Amel* announced that 1, 17, 21, 25 and 39 Seymour will present an *Alice in Wonderland* theme for Halloween evening October 31, 6:30-9 pm. There will be a rabbit hole, a tea party, a Cheshire cat, Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dumb, a croquet game, and a trial conducted by the Red Queen. Please spread the word.
 - E. **Neighborhood Cleanup Committee.** *Tom Kilton* announced a meeting of the Neighborhood Cleanup Committee on November 5, 7-8 pm at the Kilton residence at 1933 E. River Parkway to plan future clean-ups and to review the financials.
 - F. **Textile Center.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, spoke on behalf of the Textile Center. The Center is hiring new executive director and would like to report to the community on that process at an upcoming meeting. Also, seasonal shopping is now available at the Center. A flyer is available at the back table.
3. **Discussions/presentations.**
 - A. **MPD 2nd Precinct Report.** *Inspector Kathy Waite*, of the 2nd Precinct [i.e. the chief of the 2nd Precinct] introduced herself as a 20-year veteran of the force [started at age 5] that has worn many hats over the span of her service including walking the beat on W. Broadway, undercover work, narcotics unit, juvenile work, Safe Unit, SWAT team crisis negotiator and on into force leadership. *Inspector Waite* offered an open discussion forum to the group and many questions were fielded. Some highlights: The 2nd Precinct breaks up crime reporting into two seasons: school and out of school seasons. Crime trends follow the dramatic drop in the University population during the summer. This year, increases are noted in property crimes: theft, larceny, auto, and arson. Crimes to persons are about even compared to last year. An auto theft trend is noted. Citizens are encouraged to be careful about cars and possessions as perpetrators are watching for opportunities. Concealing valuable in the trunk is good but don't be seen stowing valuables. To be clear, *auto theft* is taking the car as opposed to *theft from motor vehicle*.

Both have gone up. There is no indication that theft relative to Green Line has increased. However, the pro-active stance of the Metro Transit police on platform activity has netted individuals with outstanding warrants and ticketed non-paying ridership, which is considered theft in the data so the city's numbers look higher. *John Cushing* asked about correlation of crime with time of day. *Inspector Waite* said most burglaries happen during the day despite the perception that it happens at night. New university students are often victims of theft as they are frequently not that keen on locking up. *Inspector Waite* also mentioned that six officers of Somali heritage serve the force, including a recently promoted sergeant on the crisis negotiation team. *Paul Zerby* asked about the prevalence of sex trafficking here. *Inspector Waite* responded that definitely throughout Minnesota and 2nd Precinct trafficking is an unfortunate issue.

How is coordination accomplished with U of M campus police? *Inspector Waite* said simply call 911 and a call will be dispatched appropriately. The departments work together and meet weekly. *Richard Adams* asked if all departments: Park police, U of M police, and Minneapolis police are on equal response footing. Yes was the response, and in coordination with St. Paul police as well—all departments are tied into the same communication system.

Inspector Waite asked how the Vikings professional football team presence in the neighborhood is going. Several neighbors respond that game day activities were progressing better than anticipated.

4. **Today's Refreshments.** *Jeffery Barnhart*, business owner of Overflow, provided refreshments for which all were grateful.
5. **Next Board Meeting.** The next meeting will be 24 November 2014.
6. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order by chair and PPERRIA President *Christina Larson*. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of the Board of Directors meeting minutes for September; Executive Committee minutes for September; Administration Committee report (including Treasurer's reports) for October; Zoning & Project Review Committee reports for August and September; Master Planning Committee report for September; Membership & Communication Committee report for September; and, Historic District Committee report for September, SE Library Steering Report. Motion to approve by _____. Second by _____. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
3. **Regular Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Regular Agenda for approval including the addition of the NPP *Karen Murdock* moved to approve. *Dick Kain* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
4. **Action Items.**
 - A. **Resolution on Executive Spending.** *Christina Larson* introduced a resolution on Executive Committee spending policy sponsored by the Administration Committee and moved by the Executive Committee as follows:

Whereas: There is currently no formal process to govern discretionary expenditures by the Executive Committee (i.e. expenditures not specified in the PPERRIA Budget), and,
Whereas: Needs arise for miscellaneous expenses and special requests between Board meetings, and,
Whereas: The Executive Committee provides informed judgments for making minor expenditures,
Therefore be it resolved:
That the PPERRIA Board of Directors authorize the PPERRIA Executive Committee to approve discretionary expenditures at any time up to a total of \$500 for any specific item. Larger amounts for an item must have prior Board approval. For the remainder of the current fiscal year (November 2014- April 15) the total limit for such expenditures is set at \$1500. The Board will set a total annual limit for such expenses in its annual budget.

Discussion: *Dick Kain* asked if the proposed spending limit implies a budget line item. *Ms. Larson* responded yes. *Florence Littman* asked if other than computer, what has been the need for these types of funds. *Ms. Buchberger* said the garage sale signage, funding asks for Textile Center events, the map project for Tower 100 are examples. *Bill Seeley* asked where does the money come from and does it preclude funding any other activities. *Dick Poppele*, PPERRIA Treasurer, agreed expenditures should match income and a revamp of the treasurer's fiscal spreadsheet is forthcoming for review. There will be no carryover of this allocation to next budget year. The fund will be reset at the limit not to exceed. *Eric Amel* called the question. Seconded. The discussion was unanimously concluded on a voice vote.

The original motion was seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- B. **NPP Proposed Letter.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPERRIA staff, read aloud the proposed letter addressed to *David Rubedor*, Director of the Neighborhood and Community Relations for the City of Minneapolis, to request the reallocation of stipulated Neighborhood Priority Plan [NPP] funds. Although the draft of the letter remained broad, the purpose was interpreted by *Ms. Buchberger* to reroute unused monies from the sound wall coffers toward the soon-to-be launched neighborhood identity project.

Discussion: *David Coats* pointed out a typo. *Paul Zerby* asked if the identity project was approved overwhelming at the last meeting, why are we sending this letter. *Ms. Buchberger* explained that sound wall will not need the money and the NPP funds could be moved to be available. ___ moved to vote on the letter. Seconded.

Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The vote was called to approve the proposed letter. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

5. **Reports/Discussions**

- A. **Office Update.** *Dick Poppele* and *Dick Gilyard* presented an update on action taken in the July meeting regarding office space for both PPERRIA and Prospect Park 2020. Shortly after that July meeting, PPERRIA learned from the current owner that they are no longer interested in modifying the current lease terms and that PPERRIA can lease monthly as long as available with the standing 30-day notice. This possible volatility in the office space lease prompted a search of new space. An alternate space is identified in the Oswald Building, 2828 University Avenue SE, under ownership of Prospect Park Properties. *Mr. Poppele* compared visuals of the current and proposed office space plans. Current space is 2400sf [only using 1000sf and rest is unfinished] and proposed is 2250sf with toilet facilities, kitchenette, and existing built-out offices and a conference room. The space is effectively on the 2nd floor with no elevator, yet is accessible as entered on east side with an interior accessible ramp. The space is up several steps from grade at the main entrance on University. The same lease rate as is currently being paid is being proposed. *Messrs. Poppele and Gilyard* are reportedly driving a hard bargain. *Mr. Poppele* would like to proceed on the strength of the board vote in July.

Discussion: Parking is available to the east of the building—after hours especially. The proposed space has storage space. *Mr. Gilyard* is vouching that it is a good space.

Eric Amel made a motion to lease the proposed office space at 2828 University Ave. SE as presented, and to terminate the current lease at 2950 University Avenue SE in synch with the availability of the new space. *Richard Adams* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

A closing comment was made that a work party will need to be formed to facilitate the PPERRIA office relocation.

6. **Other Business**

- A. **None.**

7. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting that was answered, seconded and approved on a voice vote by many board members simultaneously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Amel', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Eric Amel
PPERRIA Secretary

DRAFT to the Board of Directors, 24 November 2014.