

PPERRIA Community Meeting APPROVED

January 26, 2015
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6:30 pm

Board of Directors Present:

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Stu Anderson
4. Dick Brownlee
5. David & Sigrid Coats
6. Steve Cross
7. Kate Donahue
8. Dick Gilyard
9. Del Hampton
10. Ken Hampton
11. John Holmquist
12. Tamara Johnson
13. Charles & Sally Jorgensen
14. Dick Kain
15. Tom Kilton
16. Christina Larson
17. Susan Larson-Fleming
18. Dorothy Marden
19. Gordon Mosser
20. Ann Munt
21. Karen Murdock
22. John Orrison
23. Dick & Meredith Poppele
24. Evan Roberts
25. Serafina Scheel
26. Bill & Jane Seeley
27. John Wicks (Wendy absent)
28. Paul Zerby

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Phil Anderson
2. John Cushing
3. Tony & Greta Garmers
4. Ted Golbuff
5. Susan Gottlieb
6. Martha Joy
7. Roger Kiemele
8. Florence Littman
9. Andy Mickel
10. Dan Peters
11. Joe Ring
12. Jerry & Margy Stein

Members & Community-at-Large Present:

1. Peggy Rejto (member)
2. Lary May (member)
3. Marybeth Luing (Concert Committee)
4. Steve Ficker (member)
5. Ross Kylo (member)
6. Elizabeth Smith (MN Daily)
7. Lydia Mcanerney (member)
8. Cam Gordon, City Council Member Ward 2
9. Jessica Buchberger, PPERRIA staff

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. and asked that all sign in at the back of the room.
2. **Announcements.** The floor was opened for announcements:
 - A. **PPERRIA Nominations Committee.** *Christina Larson* announced that the PPERRIA Nominations Committee seeks nominations to the Board for 2015-16 seats. There are 16 seats up for election.
 - B. **Event: Overview of Development Plans in Prospect Park.** *Dick Gilyard* gave a brief update of development plans in Prospect Park North. Initiatives include signature green space adjacent to the Prospect Park LRT station, property development by *John Wall*, Cornerstone, and Prospect Park Properties, Greening Fourth Street, a solar garden Evergreen Energy, and consideration of a special energy district. An open house sponsored by the Prospect Park North Partnership and hosting by Surly Destination Brewery is planned for Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 am.
 - C. **Rain Garden Grant.** *Jessica Buchburger* announced that congratulations and thanks are in order for volunteer *Lelia Deinecke* who wrote a successful grant on behalf of the Prospect Park neighborhood to the Hennepin County Rain Garden Program. With the assistance of Metro Blooms, the grant will provide \$13,920 to develop rain garden space in the neighborhood. The Surly Gives A Damn [SGAD] community service program and Minnesota GreenCorps will also participate in the initiative and stretch those dollars.
 - D. **Library Update.** *Susan Larson-Fleming* gave an update on the five-month process to evaluate library services in Hennepin County. The SE Library has limited service. A report has been made on the feasibility of existing building reuse. Humphrey Institute researchers conducted community meetings on library vision. Report is now published with 12 findings. Next step involves money. *Ms. Larson-Fleming* said innovative strategies include lil' libraries, LRT train car library, co-location, mini-branchlets, bookmobile, and basically to take learning resources to where the people are. Immigrant communities should continue to benefit from library programs as they have historically.
 - E. **Cards of Sympathy.** *Jessica Buchburger* announced that there are cards of sympathy available for signing in recognition of the passing of Representative *Phyllis Kahn's* husband *Donald*, and Surly owner *Omar Ansari's* father *Naseem*.
 - F. **Today's Refreshments.** *Kate Donahue* provided refreshments for which all were for grateful and was acknowledged with applause.
3. **Discussions/presentations.**
 - A. **Recognition of Tom SenGupta.** *Christina Larson* opened the floor in recognition of long-time Prospect Park pharmacist, philosopher, and activist *Tom SenGupta* who has sold his business to focus on a his battle with cancer. *Ms. Larson* called *Mr. SenGupta* a pillar and cornerstone in the community and remarked that January 16, 2015 was declared Tom SenGupta Day in the City of Minneapolis by Ward 2 Council Member *Cam Gordon*. *Dick Kain* introduced a PPERRIA-supported memory book for *Tom*. Copies are available by placing an order with *Mr. Kain*. Both *Dick Gilyard* and *Paul Zerby* spoke to *Tom SenGupta's* civic activism and the initiative Changing the Norm of Society, which will be housed at the Sabo Center at Augsburg College. *Richard Adams*

said that the Schneider Drug at Bedford Ave SE and University Ave SE is one of only three corner drug stores left in the metro. It is a tribute to *Tom SenGupta* to support the new owners and keep the location in strong business. *John Holmquist* recounted *Tom's* devotion to his customers with unwavering, individualized service and care. The neighbors wish him well.

4. **Next Board Meeting.** The next meeting will be 23 February 2015.
5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 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.
- 1b. **Announcement.** *Christina Larson* announced that an additional focus group for members of the Board of Directors for the PPERRIA Identity Study will be conducted Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the PPERRIA offices.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of the Board of Directors meeting minutes for November 2014; Executive Committee minutes for November and December 2014; Administration Committee report (including Treasurer's reports) for December 2014 and January 2015; Historic District Committee report combined for December 2014 and January 2015; Zoning and Project Review Committee reports for October, November and December 2014; and, Membership and Communications Committee reports for December 2014 and January 2015. *Dick Kain* moved to approve as amended. *David Coats* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
3. **Regular Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Regular Agenda for approval. Added to the agenda are updates from the Good Neighbor Fund task force and votes on the utility box wraps proposal, the Textile Center proposal, and the Community Concert proposal. *Tamara Johnson* moved to approve. *John Wicks* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
4. **Action Items.**
 - A. **Letter regarding 22 27th Avenue SE.** *Christina Larson* asked for a motion to approve the letter of PPERRIA support and design comment regarding the property redevelopment project brought forward from the Zoning and Project Review Committee. *Dick Gilyard* moved to approve the letter:

Resolved, that a letter from PPERRIA to the City of Minneapolis Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be sent in approval of the redevelopment of the former Good Samaritan care facility at 22 27th Avenue SE by Fine Associates including design comment that the developer be required to meet overflow demand for parking on adjacent properties currently owned by the developer, and that consideration be given to requiring the developer to redesign the northwest façade to be of a quality, richness and comparable to the other three faces.

Christina Larson called for a vote. The resolution was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- B. **Letter from PP2020 to MnDOT requesting traffic study.** *Christina Larson* introduced the letter of PPERRIA support for a comprehensive traffic issues study regarding the interchange reconfiguration of I94/TH280 and truck traffic problems written by Prospect Park 2020. The Executive Committee has moved to approve the letter:

Resolved, that PPERRIA supports a letter from Prospect Park 2020 to MnDOT Commissioner Charles A. Zelles requesting a comprehensive traffic issues study and strategy for remedying existing traffic problems in the vicinity of I94/TH280,

and, that further planning of interchange reconfiguration be placed on hold pending the outcome of the study, and, that any interchange planning include design which is pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

The floor was opened for discussion: *Dick Poppele* stated that the issue is not a matter of when the I94/TH280 interchange reconfiguration takes place but a matter now. The intersection of Malcolm Ave SE and University Ave SE currently supports a rate of one truck a minute. This study must reach beyond a study of traffic on I-94. *Mr. Poppele* proposes a second letter to the City of Minneapolis. *Dick Gilyard* concurs and thinks this is a different letter. *Ms. Larson* noted that Ward 2 Council Member *Cam Gordon* is now in the room so the issue was introduced to him. *Mr. Gordon* commented: the neighborhood can ask for a traffic study and he proposes that it be shared with him and City Council. *Mr. Poppele* suggested that the Executive committee draft this second letter in addition to approving the PP2020 letter to MnDOT. Second by *Evan Roberts*. *Mr. Roberts* also indicated interest in working to draft the second letter to the City of Minneapolis. *Ms. Larson* called for a vote. The resolution was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

5. **Reports/Discussions**

- A. **Good Neighbor Fund application review committee report.** *Christina Larson* reported that the Executive Committee is serving as task force reviewer for the Good Neighbor Fund. The following proposals have come before the task force and have received feedback to refine each proposal. They are:
1. **Community Oven.** The Board of Directors has previously approved the proposal to build a community oven in cooperation with the community of St. Frances Cabrini Church on their property. The review of the application cover letter is the topic of discussion. \$12,729.70 is being requested. Motion to approve by *Stu Anderson*. Seconded by *John Holmquist*. The majority approved on a voice vote. One Nay: *Bill Seely*. One Abstention: *Richard Adams*.
 2. **Textile Center Dye Garden.** *Susan Larson-Fleming* and *Del Hampton* vouched for the Textile Center's plant growing to locally-produce natural dyes. \$9,250 is being requested. Motion to approve by *Dick Kain*. Seconded by *Serafina Scheel*. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
 3. **Utility Box Wraps.** The proposal will identify three local artists to visually theme two utility boxes at each of three sites along University Avenue [Bedford, Malcolm and 29th Street intersections]. \$12,000 to \$13,000 is being requested. Motion to approve by *Dick Gilyard*. Seconded by *John Orrison*. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
 4. **Community Concerts.** Luxton Community Center is a key partner. \$1300 is being requested to fund big concert and back to school event next summer. Motion to approve by *Stu Anderson*. Seconded by *Dick Kain*. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
- Other.** *Bill Seely* makes a suggestion for railings at Pratt mini-amphitheater area. *Susan Larson-Fleming* said that the Pratt Council is addressing this need. No further action taken.

- B. **PPERRIA Nominations Committee.** *Christina Larson* asked that participants step forward for the PPERRIA Nominations Committee. The Bylaws require that the Nominations Committee to be formed at the January meeting of the Corporation.
1. **Nominations for Board Members.** *Christina Larson* and *Jessica Buchburger* distributed slips of paper and asked board members to write down nominations of members that they suggest for the open board seat elections.
 2. **Nomination for Nominations Committee Chairperson.** *Christina Larson* made a call for a Nominations Committee Chair. *Serafina Scheel* stepped forward to volunteer, which was met with applause by the membership.
- C. **Mission and Objectives of PPERRIA.** *Christina Larson* introduced the Mission and Objectives of PPERRIA document as drafted by the Purpose and Program Task Force.

Discussion: *Gordon Moser* said there are too many notes—the first paragraph’s intent was to be “punchy”, short and to the point—yet thinks it should be approved. *Ms. Larson* indicated that the Board has the choice to either send it back to committee or to approve.

Mr. Moser moved to approve:

Resolved, that PPERRIA adopt the “Mission and Objectives of PPERRIA” document as presented.

Seconded by *Stu Anderson*. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- D. **PPERRIA Board of Directors Job Description.** *Christina Larson* introduced the PPERRIA Board of Directors Job Description document and framed that the question for the Board is whether to approve the description as is or send it back to committee. *Richard Adams* moved to approve. Seconded by *Dick Kain*.

Discussion: *Gordon Moser* questions the description calling it a really high order and not a useful tool. Using himself as an example, *Mr. Moser* will not raise funds, as it is not his strong suit. *Stu Anderson* asked if this is a tool to describe the charge of the board as a whole or to describe the requirement of individual director members. *Evan Roberts* said the document substances order of suggestions. It is proposed to substitute the words “Job Responsibilities” in lieu of “Job Description”. *Mr. Anderson* spoke further to the concept that these are the responsibilities of the group, which is a large distinction from the requirement of individuals. *Tamara Johnson* countered that we need and want board members that will step up and will do things. *Mr. Anderson* said this is a document that invites people to be passionate about something and take a piece of it as opposed to being a mandate. *Bill Seely* takes exception with the first sentence that requires the Board to be legally, financially, and morally responsible for all activities of the organization. *Paul Zerby* said the Board should be “fiscally” responsible in lieu of “financially” responsible.

Ms. Larson called a vote on the proposed amendments: a) in the document title “Responsibilities” in lieu of “Description”, and, b) in the first sentence “fiscally” in lieu of “financially”. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Ms. Larson called a vote on the document as amended:

Resolved, that PPERRIA adopt the "PPERRIA Board of Directors Job Responsibilities" document as amended.

Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

6. **Other Business:**

- A. **SenGupta book.** *Dick Kain* reminded neighbors to sign up at table at the entry.
- B. **RecQuest.** *Jessica Buchberger* will forward information to board members for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board RecQuest project. The call was put out for anyone to attend a meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2015.
- C. **Grand Rounds Grant.** *Serafina Scheel* announced that the CPF grant proposal that PPERRIA assisted SE Como Improvement Association [SECIA] in writing was turned down.

7. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting that was answered by *Evan Roberts*, seconded by *Stu Anderson*, and approved on a voice vote by many board members simultaneously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Eric Amel
PPERRIA Secretary

APPROVED as amended by the Board of Directors, 23 February 2015.