



Special Executive Committee Meeting

January 18, 2015

6:30pm

PPA Office

Attendees: Christina Larson (President), Richard Adams (Vice President), Eric Amel (Secretary), Tamara Johnson (Treasurer), John Wicks (Zoning and Project Review Chair), Ladan Yusuf (Glendale Committee Chair), Jessica Buchberger (Staff), Joe Ring (Board member, guest), Del Hampton (Board member, guest), Michelle Montbriand (Glendale Committee member, Defend Glendale Spokesperson, guest), Sigrid Coats (Board member, guest), Ruthann Ovenshire (Glendale Committee guest), Ryan Steel (Defend Glendale, guest), Mustafa Adam (Defend Glendale, guest), Malik Holt-Shabazz (CURA, guest)

Absent: Dick Poppele (Immediate Past President), John Cushing (MemComm Chair)

1. Christina welcomed the committee and guests, then reviewed the agenda. Eric proposed to move the closed meeting item to the end of the meeting. This was seconded and approved as amended.
2. Joe Ring presented the item of making the Glendale Townhomes a Historic District. Glendale is not eligible for placement on the Historic Register, but because Glendale borders the Prospect Park Historic District a 106 Review can be arranged to determine if any changes to the Glendale Townhomes would be a negative impact to the existing Historic District. Joe is asking for a Historic District Committee to be formed now to be ready for when the 106 convenes. The Committee reviewed Joe's documents and asked clarifying questions about the body being a committee or task force, asking if there should be a broader charge, the relations between the Glendale Committee and the proposed Historic District Committee as well as the process of getting this committee to the Executive Committee without going through the Glendale Committee. The Executive Committee addressed one motion at a time:
 - a. To "re-establish the PPA Historic District Committee and charges it with representing all of the Prospect Park in the upcoming Section 106 process, which would determine negative effects on the Prospect Park Historic District from any redevelopment or rehabilitation project for Glendale" and discussed the pros, cons and other aspects of the motion. Eric motioned to amend Joe's motion to "re-establish the PPA Historic District Committee and charges it with representing all of the Prospect

Park neighborhood in any Historic District related business or issues.” This was seconded. No discussion took place. Four yes, one no and one abstention forwards this to the Board of Directors.

- i. A conversation about how the Glendale residents can be involved in the process took place.
 - b. The second motion Joe brought to the Committee is “The PPA Board of Directors approves a letter to council member Gordon asking him to support the city action of designation Glendale as a Minneapolis Historic District.” Ladan provided information from meetings with Council Members and information from the Glendale Residents that the residents are not ready to go forward with Minneapolis Historic District. A discussion about the process Glendale Residents plan on going through to make the decision of whether or not to support Minneapolis Historic District status for the Glendale Townhomes, which led to some committee members to comment on support for this motion to be premature for PPA. It was stated in support of the motion that the process for Historic District status in the City is lengthy, and that starting the process would mean nothing can be done to change the townhomes for 18 months, regardless of the findings. Ladan moved to postpone this motion until the March Executive Committee meeting so that residents of Glendale and the rest of Prospect Park can be educated about this process and what it entails. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - c. The third motion “the PPA committee that would be in charge of the initiative of creating the Glendale Historic District would be the PPA Historic District Committee and this committee would consult and ask for input for all parties including PPA Glendale, Defend Glendale and MPHA,” was moved to be discussed at the March Executive Committee meeting. This was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. The Executive Committee sent a letter to the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in December, and received a response from the Board of Commissioner Chair in late December. The response letter included an invitation to discuss the letter further. The committee discussed different options. An option to hold a panel forum with one representative from MPHA, PPA Glendale Committee and Defend Glendale in have a discussion in front of the community. It would not be a binding conversation. Ladan asked that this option be discussed at the PPA Glendale Committee meeting and brought back to the February Executive Committee.

4. The Committee entered a closed discussion regarding two concerns that were voiced and written. Minutes for the closed discussion are sealed as PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL, with the following general items noted here:
 - a. Everyone who is a PPA Member can vote at any PPA Committee meeting, including the representatives of a non-profit or business. Eric made the motion to inform Dean Carlson that he is the MPHA representative for PPA and cannot give anyone else a proxy vote per PPA bylaws. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Jessica will write this email.
 - b. Eric had other business, which is reviewing the Glendale Report from Thursday, January 14th. Eric had a few things to ask about. The members were listed, but Eric would like it to be amended to show only who attended the meeting, not all of the members of the committee. Eric requested that editorialization about MPHA in the report be removed. He suggested the committee strike that portion of the report. The Committee discussed the report further for clarity.

John motioned to adjourn at 9:19pm, this was seconded and approved unanimously.