

## **PPERRIA Community Meeting**

**January 27, 2014      6:30 pm**  
**PPUMC**

### **Members and Community-at-Large**

#### **Present:**

1. Jim Archer - Hennepin County
2. Betsy De La Rosa - New Member
3. Brad Sragers - Guest
4. Nick Juarez - MPD 2nd Precinct
5. Anne Campbell - Member
6. Peter Wagenius - Hennepin County
7. Robin Garwood - Cam Gordon Office
8. Cam Gordon - City Council Member
9. Jessica Buchberger - PPERRIA Staff

#### **Board of Directors Present:**

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. David Coats (Sigrid absent)
4. Steve Cross
5. John Cushing (Martha Joy absent)
6. Kate Donahue
7. Tony Garmers (Greta absent)
8. Dick Gilyard
9. Ken Hampton
10. Dick Kain
11. Tom Kilton
12. Christina Larson
13. Andy Mickel
14. Karen Murdock
15. John Orrison
16. Dick & Meredith Poppele
17. Joe Ring (Susan Thrash absent)
18. Rebecca Shockley
19. John Wicks (Wendy absent)
20. Paul Zerby

#### **Board of Directors Absent:**

1. Phil Anderson
2. Greg Berstein & Robin Schow
3. Dick Brownlee
4. John DeWitt
5. Susan & Jeff Gottlieb
6. John Holmquist
7. Tamara Johnson
8. Sally & Charles Jorgenson
9. Roger Kiemele
10. Susan Larson-Fleming
11. Florence Littman
12. Dean & Janet Lund
13. Dorothy Marden
14. Ann Munt
15. Rob Nordin
16. Dan Peters
17. Peter & Peggy Rejto
18. Evan Roberts
19. Jerry & Margy Stein
20. Lois Willand

1. **Call to Order.** *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Agenda.** The agenda was submitted for approval.
3. **2014 Franklin Avenue Bridge Update.** *James Archer*, P.E., Senior Bridge Engineer and project manager, Hennepin County Transportation Department. Minneapolis Public Works. Project need: engineering firm assessment: 2008. Structural deterioration is currently cosmetic and preventative. The east bridgehead tie-in is abrupt so as not disturb previous intersection design work. Section profiles were shown at the east intersection. Widening 5' on either side. Achieves CSAH minimums but limited historically in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. The bridge is a historic landmark. Modified west side to clarify crossing for pedestrians to the south. Future pedestrian crossing signal. Typical mid-span section is the same bridge width. Construction sequence involves temporary barriers, conduits are move below the bridge deck. Full closure for three months to completely remove deck and rebuild as opposed for 24 months closing half at a time. Cost savings both in direct cost and the soft cost of people's wait time. Deck is precast plank with concrete pour over top. *Mr. Archer* showed visualizations to the proposed design: heavier rail at edge, original street lamp lighting design rebuilt, and low rail between vehicular and bike. All modes of car, bike and pedestrians at same grade.  
Question: how is snow addressed in this design? An 18" strip is provided, admittedly not much to work with. Question: What is the detour route? Hennepin Co. is working with MDOT regarding I-94 as an alternate route. County prefers to detour to other county routes, the next being down to Lake Street. Franklin is classified as a minor arterial reliever. Nine to ten thousand pedestrian and bike users cross the bridge per day so the inconvenience to alternate modes is understood. Exist guardrail height is 42". MnDOT standard is 52" The Franklin project has requested a 48" variance. Schedule: complete plans spring 2014, letting in fall, construction 2015, precast planks on site in 2015. Full closure is scheduled for summer 2016.
4. **Franklin Avenue Improvements.** Council Member *Cam Gordon* indicated that repaving Franklin Avenue had been moved up to 2014. Some politics and planning lead to thinking broader. Neighborhood planning lead to protected bike lanes on bridge. Could this be extended to Franklin Avenue in the PPERRIA neighborhood? The city is targeting g 30 miles of protected bikeways and this is a good match with Franklin. Community input is wanted: the City may have a scheme this summer. Resurfacing money ready 2015. Council Member *Gordon* said 27<sup>th</sup> Street should be part of Grand Round and should have protected bike lane as well. *John Wick* asked if this widens Franklin Avenue. *Cam* said it could, not sure, no design. *John Wick* further stated that the road is in bad shape. *Dick Poppele* asked how to resolve truck travel. *Cam* said no trucks on Franklin and that the planning decision was to use 27<sup>th</sup> Street as a truck route. *Dick Gilyard* said if there is a delay there exists the possibility of reconfiguring curb bump outs etc. *Peter Wagenius* said from the perspective of having lived on Franklin Avenue in

the past that he would encourage neighborhood to get behind the bicycle track concept and to send a signal that this is a new street type to be viewed differently — not as truck route.

5. **Community Safety.** *Nick Juarez*, City of Minneapolis Police Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Safety Officer, passed out great crime maps. [Attached map to record]. With the recent increase in robberies around the University, the Minneapolis Police Department [MPD] is employing “game day” status as school restarted. The UMPD is up as well. Call 9-1-1. Be an active bystander. *Officer Juarez* said in PPERR there is a lot of late night car rummaging. Report these crimes. Other areas are getting cars stolen that as running. Be aware of our surroundings. As Vikings and LRT ramp up, there will be parking issues. Let the MPD know. Larceny is theft. Robbery is not random. The ones to watch are the ones watching as they are assessing a target.
  
6. **Tower 100.** *Joe Ring*, Chair of the PPERRIA Historic District Committee, shared proposed Tower 100 events: 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the tower. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM Choir called Memories; May 14<sup>th</sup>, South East Joy; May 15<sup>th</sup>, Presentation on Tower Hill geology; May 17<sup>th</sup>, Tower Hill Bird watching with local bird enthusiast Susan Anderson; July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, The Witch Hat open house; July 15<sup>th</sup> Tower Concert at the Pratt School performance circle.

The July openings will represent the first time, other than the annual Ice Cream Social, that the Tower will be open to the public since 1930. Volunteers are needed. Tony Garmers is coordinating and will accept volunteers. Joe will be given updates frequently.

7. **PPERRIA Nominating Committee.** *Christina Larson* indicated that Board is looking forward to the annual meeting in March and board elections. Anyone interested in serving on the Nominating Committee and/or running for the Board of Directors is invited to talk to *Christina Larson* or PPERRIA staffer *Jessica Buchburger*.

*Christina Larson* asked attendees who were not board members whether they would like to run. Expectations of board members were discussed including the obligation to wisely spend the City’s allocated funding.

A straw poll of members up for re-election was taken to indicate whether they were interested in continued service to the Board [note: there was a push to have couples run individually for the Board, thus couples polled are listed individually]: Yea — *David Coats, Steve Cross, John Cushing, Kate Donahue, Tom Kilton, Andy Mickel, Karen Murdock; Joe Ring*; Nay — *Rebecca Shockley, Martha Joy*; Contemplating — *Christina Larson, Paul Zerby*.

*Richard Adams* spoke to the concept that if each member would recruit one nominee, that would generate “a wonderful slate.”

8. **Board of Directors Recruitment.** *Christina Larson* asked for nine volunteers to call membership to recruit candidates to stand for Board elections at the Annual Meeting. *Tom Kilton, Richard Adams, John Orrison, Andy Mickel, Paul Zerby, Meredith Poppele, John Wick, Kate Donahue,* and *Christina Larson* stepped forward.
9. **Annual Meeting Planning Task Force.** *Christina Larson* asked for volunteers to serve on the Annual Meeting Planning Task Force: *Richard Adams, Jessica Buchberger, Kate Donahue, John Orrison.* *Jessica Buchberger* will serve as the Chair.
10. **Other Business — Announcements:**
  - a. **PPERRIA Representatives.** *Christina Larson* asked that PPERRIA delegates to outside organized report and inform the Board.
  - b. **Monthly Meeting Refreshments.** *Christina Larson* said Sign up for refreshments.
  - c. **PPERRIA Archiving.** *Christina Larson* said bring your old records for archiving with the Hennepin County Library.
  - d. **Lunch in the Park.** *Ann Campbell* stated that the next Lunch in the Park will be at Caspian Bistro on February 6, noon.
  - e. **Earth Day.** *Tom Kilton* announced that the Earth Day clean-up is scheduled for 26 April. More information will appear in the newsletter and website.
11. **Next Board Meeting.** 24 February 2014.
12. **Adjourn.** The meeting was concluded at 7:45 pm.

## PPERRIA Board of Directors Meeting

January 27, 2014

7:45 pm.

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1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by chair *Christina Larson*. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Dick Kain* moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of November Board of Directors meeting minutes, Historic District minutes, Master Plan report, Zoning & Project Review report, Administration report, Membership/Communication report. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
3. **Regular agenda.** *Dick Kain* moved to approve the regular agenda as presented. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
4. **Action Item: Letter of Support: Hennepin County Brownfield Assessment Application.** *Christina Larson* presented, *John Orrison* moved to approve the letter, *John Cushing* seconded the motion. *Dick Poppele* took exception. A motion was made and seconded to strike the following sentences from paragraph four:

“Our small staff consists of a professional engineer, development executive, professional architect, retired bio-medical professor and a retired business owner. They regularly report to the PPERRIA Board and greater community. In addition, students from the University of Minnesota's College of Design are currently studying this area as class projects and would be included as appropriate and possible to learn the process of environmental remediation.”

Yea — 16; Nay — 2 [*Dick Gilyard, Dick Poppele*]; Abstained — 2 [*Christina Larson, Eric Amel*]. Motion passed.

Further discussion brought *Paul Zerby* to make a motion to ask Hennepin County to come and present how PPERRIA will be involved per the recommendation of *Dick Poppele*. *Dick Kain* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

5. **Action Item: Letter of Request: City of Minneapolis to open water tower for Tower 100.** *Christina Larson* presented a letter addressed *Greg Goeke* of the City of Minneapolis. *Dick Poppele* motioned to approve, *Dick Kain* seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

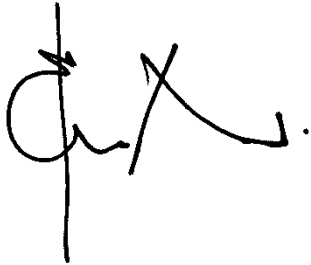
6. **Other business.**

**6a: Ad Campaign/Vikings. Good Neighbor Funds.** A letter addressed from *Melissa Bean* was read seeking PPERRIA endorsement for a Vikings-related ad campaign using Good Neighbor Funds. The letter was just receiving and featured a short deadline for action. *Richard Adams* commented that this is coming in at the last minute and is difficult to address fully, and that the whole concept is vague. *Christina Larson* will report that PPERRIA will not take official stance. *Dick Gilyard* volunteered to call and keep in contact. A motion was made to not proffer an official PPERRIA response at this time and to have Dick Gilyard keep in contact with the group. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

**6b: Wayfinding/grant. Good Neighbor Funds.** *Christina Larson* presented that *Ted Tucker* of the University Alliance wishes to submit a proposal toward wayfinding/graphics program in the University vicinity to point cyclists to the Gateway segment of the new bicycle corridor and seeks a letter of support from PPERRIA. *Dick Poppele* moved to approve, *David Coats* seconded. *Peter Wagenius* said encouraging and facilitating usage of the currently built bikeway is the path to a planned phase 2 extension. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

7. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Eric Amel  
PPERRIA Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, 21 February 2014.