

Minutes of 1999-09-27 PPERRIA Meeting.

The 9/27/99 PPERRIA General Membership/Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Steve Cross. Several requests were made to change the agenda. Mike Atherton requested that a motion to investigate a letter sent to the Transportation and Public Works Committee in May, 1999, be added to the agenda. Paul Zerby made a motion to table the motion. The motion to table passed by a show of standing members.

Pratt School: Susan Larson-Fleming requested that the announcement about Pratt School be moved to the beginning of the agenda and that the motion to release \$3,000 for the Impulse Teen Club coordinator be moved up on the agenda. Susan notified the group that the Minneapolis Public School Board will announce the opening of Pratt as a K-1 school beginning the school year 2000-01. The school will add a grade each year until it reaches a K-5 configuration. The school will be located in the area to be vacated by the Loft and will coordinate with the community education component at Pratt.

Approval of Minutes: Harrison Nelson made a motion to table approval of minutes from both the 4/24/99 Special Meeting and the 4/26/99 Annual Meeting until further review (by the October PPERRIA meeting) by a subcommittee. He noted several inconsistencies and inaccuracies in these minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. Harrison also noted a change to be made to the July PPERRIA meeting minutes: Change in the discussion about the Revised Funds Procedure and Expense Approval Procedure-the motion to adopt these procedures did not pass, but were instead tabled until this September meeting with the group's revisions included. Minutes were approved as amended.

Crime report: Jabra Kawas of the Minneapolis Police Department made the report for the neighborhood. No crime maps are available. He spoke of a recent series of burglaries and other local crimes.

University of Minnesota projects: Sandra Gardebring presented an update and answered questions about current U of MN construction projects, parking issues, and the recently adopted Community Relations Plan. Highlights of the ongoing construction projects include the new Riverbend Commons student housing/parking complex to be adjacent (around the "bend") to Coffman Union and the Gateway building on Washington Ave., which will include an open air ice rink available for community and park use. Ms. Gardebring noted that the University has polled its students who currently reside in the new University Village apartment building on University Ave. Approximately _ of the students have cars; many purchased parking permits for onsite parking, but some didn't get them. The University's long-term objective is to have students living on-campus. She spoke of the success on the St. Paul campus with the deeply discounted U Pass (bus pass) and said the University is trying to locate funding for expansion of this Pass program on its Minneapolis campus. She answered a number of questions concerning talk about locating a new stadium at the University (the University has no interest in this idea), parking on neighborhood streets (the University cannot track where its students and staff park), the University's position on light rail (they are supportive and have been involved in ongoing committee discussions), and parking (she's not sure what will happen when the University's multi-year lease at University Village ends; the Riverbend Commons underground parking garage will feature 1700 parking spots, replacing the 1200 previous spots).

Motion to release \$3,000: Education Committee Chair Susan Larson-Fleming made a motion to release the \$3,000 from Education A.3.a. section of the NRP Plan which was reallocated from Contingency in January, 1999. These funds will provide for a coordinator of the Impulse Teen Club, which operates

weekly for approximately 400 students each week. There were questions about the role of the coordinator. Tom Kilton noted that concerns by the building owner should be directed to his wife or him, rather than to the coordinator, who handles membership, adult volunteer coordinator and administrative duties. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt Funds Release Procedure: NRP Implementation Coordinator Susan Gottlieb brought the motion, which was tabled from July, 1999. The procedure had experienced extensive rewriting since July. Members commented and made amendments to it. Susan Thrash made an amendment, which was later withdrawn in favor of the following amendment: To remove (in #2) "by either. . ." and insert "A finding by the Executive Committee..." The amendment passed on voice vote. Steve Ficker brought an amendment, which was later changed: To change the word "defining" from #1 to "soliciting" and to change the sentence in #1 to "It prepares a public written report of the findings on all proposals brought before and considered by the committee and the final recommendations." The amendment passed on voice vote. NRP staff Stacy Sorenson recommended the following changes: In the opening paragraph, change the date for approval of the NRP Plan by the neighborhood to April, 1995; change line 3 to: "PPERRIA is the fiscal agent. . ."; and add, in #5, after NRP: ". . .works with PPERRIA and the contract vendor to prepare. . ." Amendment passed on voice vote. There was an additional suggestion to change the title Director of Financial Review to "PPERRIA/NRP Director of Financial Review" throughout the document. The suggestion was adopted. The question was called. The motion to adopt the Funds Release Procedure as amended passed.

AUAR Focus Group: Vera Marshall, who serves on the SEED Committee, announced the meeting of a focus group for the AUAR at Pratt on Thursday, October 7, 7-9 pm.

Motion to adopt PPERRIA Expense Approval & Payment Process: PPERRIA Vice President Harrison Nelson presented this process and noted that current operational procedures had simply been recorded. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously without discussion.

Announcements/Updates: Transportation Committee Chair Eleanor Montgomery gave an update on the new red light at Emerald and Franklin Aves. SE. St. Paul paid for the lights and Minneapolis pays for the operating expenses. There have been many readjustments to the timing of the lights. Susan Gottlieb reported on Jeanne Moses' findings about publicity options for PPERRIA. Mike Atherton offered to follow up on actions, including looking at yard signs.

Zoning & Staff Reports: Florence Littman reported that the Zoning Committee is waiting for the Ronald McDonald House to reschedule its tour to learn about the proposed changes there. Susan Gottlieb reported that staff hours are low because of summer slowdown.

There was no old or new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gottlieb, Acting Secretary

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