

PPERRIA Community Meeting

September 30, 2013 6:30 pm
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Community-at-Large Present:

1. Julie Wallace, member
2. Lynn VonKorff, member
3. David Frank, member
4. Kat Pefferson, resident
5. Elisabeth Hoff, member
6. Jean Ganbarini, member
7. Vera Marshall, member
8. Betts Zerby, member
9. David Gargon, guest
10. Marybeth Luing, member
11. Matti Lisbon, member
12. Helen Sahlin, member
13. Molly, member
14. Neal Simons, member
15. Cam Gordon, MPLS City Councilmember, Ward 2
16. Michael Krantz, guest (Humphrey School)
17. Jim White, guest (Fine Associates)
18. Dana Happe, guest (Central Corridor Project Office)
19. Philip Holt, resident
20. Liz Muck, resident
21. Del Hampton, resident
22. Ken Mowll
23. Joyce Riedesel, guest
24. Anne Campbell, member
25. Alden Drew, member
26. George Bloom, resident
27. Liz Wielinski, Park Commissioner
28. Serafina Scheel, member
29. Jeff Barnhart, business member (Overflow Espresso Cafe)

Board of Directors Present:

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Phil Anderson
4. Dick Brownlee
5. Steve Cross
6. John Cushing & Martha Joy
7. Tony Garmers (Greta absent)
8. Dick Gilyard
9. Susan Gottlieb (Jeff absent)
10. Ken Hampton
11. John Holmquist
12. Tamara Johnson
13. Sally & Charles Jorgensen
14. Dick Kain
15. Roger Kiemele
16. Christina Larson
17. Susan Larson-Fleming
18. Dean Lund (Janet absent)
19. Dorothy Marden
20. Ann Munt
21. Karen Murdock
22. John Orrison
23. Dick & Meredith Poppele
24. Peggy & Peter Rejto
25. Joe Ring (Susan Thrash absent)
26. Evan Roberts
27. Rebecca Shockley
28. John Wicks (Wendy absent)
29. Paul Zerby

Board of Directors Absent:

1. David & Sigrid Coats
2. John DeWitt
3. Kate Donahue
4. Tom Kilton
5. Florence Littman
6. Andy Mickel
7. Will Oberly
8. Dan Peters
9. Jerry & Margie Stein
10. Lois Willand
11. Lindsey Wollschlager

1. Call to Order. *Christina Larson*, PPERRIA President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Agenda. The agenda was submitted for approval. Two items were added to agenda #3 *Other: announcements, reminders:* The first, Luxton Book Exchange, *Meredith Poppele*; the second, Soundwall.
3. Central Corridor LRT safety presentation. *Dana Happel*, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Central Corridor LRT, made a presentation of light rail track and station safety do's and don'ts encouraging people to stay off the tracks and away from the stations until they are opened. Do use cross walks. Security cameras are watching.
4. Community Oven. *Steve Cross* presented the community oven proposal. He made a brief intro, introduced players, and pointed to the proposed site at Cabrini Church and other information available in the project brief. A public comment period was opened.

Christina Larson read a submitted letter: expressing concerns: private property, funding, congestion and vandalism, who can use, exclusivity. *Steve* responded with information available in the brief. PPERRIA would run the oven: "someone would be hired to run the thing."

George Bloom lives across street. Issue with breathable air verse smoke.

Ken Peterson from the Terrace [across the street] prefers a public park. Parking claimed to jeopardize project.

Liz Wielinski, Park Commissioner, comments on parks position. Need to create a policy: Urban Agriculture Policy being contemplated. Not written. Want to include community oven.

Lynn VonKorff is excited as a bread baker but shares concern regarding the smoke trade-off. Is it as bad as fireplaces?: not a lot of technical evidence. Burns efficiently in the chamber at 800 degrees.

Jean Garbarini likes the idea, and likes the Park Board devising a policy and like public space. How about raise funds in the interim and await a policy?

Steve Cross comments that above 600F, the fire burns carbon. Interior is white, not black with carbon. Greenwise he claimed wood is carbon neutral. Carbon dioxide is produced, not carbon monoxide.

Marybeth Luing asked about consideration of timing and review of all sites.

A community member asked about liability insurance. *Steve Cross* said PPERRIA liability carrier will list at no extra charge. Construction cost is set at \$10,000 plus volunteer labor. Maintenance costs are [3] cords of firewood to be underwritten by PPERRIA. [\$300 x 3 = \$1,000 estimated annual expense]

Sara P. asked how is it staffed and how do neighbors use it.

A community member suggested raising grade at Luxton Park and indicated it would be a nice gesture toward the Glendale community and more public use. *Jean Garbarini* thought feasible. *Steve Cross* concerned about expense.

Dick Gilyard said project needs to be considered in conjunction with facilities include washroom/toilets, tables and area for picnicking. *Steve Cross* said Cabrini facilities would be available.

Dorothy Marden spoke about church and parking issues on East River Terrace.

David Gargon, a wood fire oven guy, said that based on extensive experience, no cases of run-away community ovens. Usually ends up 20ish core members. Folk have little choice but to talk to each other.

WBL invites community to see their oven in use this coming weekend.

John Cushing said he and *Martha Joy* checked out the Chicago Street oven and were impressed by the sense of community which is to be a value for PPERR. Safety, security and organization questions were answered.

Christina Larson asked PPERR residents to vote whether board should vote or table. A straw poll asking several levels of question: Should PPERRIA have a community oven? Should it be located at Cabrini? Should it be located at Luxton?

Paul Zerby pleaded to hear out *Liz Wielinski* and Park Board position. Volunteer labor on Park Board property is not allowed. If on park, could community manage the facility?

5. Luxton book exchange. *Meredith Poppele* made a plea for strong backs for sorting, and lifting. Only about three volunteers currently in *Rebecca Shockley*, *Meredith*, and *Lois Willand*.
6. Adjourn. The meeting was concluded at 7:40 pm.

PPERRIA Board of Directors Meeting

September 30, 2013 7:46 pm.
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1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 7:46pm by chair Christina Larson.
2. Quorum. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
3. Consent Agenda. Correction for July minutes are: *Evan Roberts* pointed out incorrect vote tally. *Karen Murdock* was present. The July minutes were approved with those changes.
4. Approval of regular agenda.
5. Community Oven. Previous to meeting, a motion was formed and moved by Executive Committee:

The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Associate (PPERRIA) is resolved to construct and operate a community oven within the neighborhood. Its Executive Committee must appoint a task force to implement this decision. The oven should be in the side yard of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church. There must be approval from more than half of those property owners within 300 feet. If that site proves to be impossible, then the Task Force will consider and recommend another site.

The purpose of the community oven is to:

- 1) *Assist many individual people in the neighborhood to produce nutritious bread and other food for their consumption: and*
- 2) *Create a well-used community gathering spot.*

The task force must seek grants from foundations to cover the cost of implementation. However, the sum of \$500 is allocated immediately from any funds available to PPERRIA to pay any cost associated with the design of the community oven.

Motion was seconded. Floor opened for discussion.

Richard Adams believes should address the concerns of neighbor on parking, excessive use, etc.

Karen Murdock said she does not mind public private nexus.

Roger Kiemele takes exception with improving the private property. He cited the \$1,000 annual cost of wood at \$325-\$350 a cord. Grants could be used for Ash trees.

John Cushing wishes the Board to not turn down the concept. Would like to approve in concept and charge the task force to address the raised questions. Believes this a partnership with Cabrini community, as they will contribute as well.

Amended motion proposed by *John Cushing*:

The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Associate (PPERRIA) approves the concept of a community oven. Its Executive Committee must appoint a task force to

address concerns raised at the September Neighborhood meeting and report back to PPERRIA before any further action can be taken.

Comments were made on the amendment:

Dick Poppele said that this is an amendment to defer. A large report has been written. Need to be specific items. *John Cushing* responded that issues are raised on parking as well as what is the ACTUAL agreement with Cabrini. Material details on responsibilities need to be worked out.

For the record, *Paul Zerby* totally agrees with Dick Poppele for once [said *Paul*]. *Paul* sees vast hang-ups with the park approach.

Dorothy Marden said a sense of urgency is raised in neighborhood. Issue is to say community oven wonderful, let's explore location more carefully.

Phil Anderson said the park not viable as it will be years to decide and union labor will not be viable for construction.

Ken Hampton said that anything creating a hardship for a neighbor is not all right with him. Does not like the distress imposed on neighbors.

Dick Kain doesn't like the word "must".

Dick Gilyard supports exploring the concept as a next step. Examine why Luxton does not work.

Steve Cross said the next grant cycle begins on 1 January 2014.

Sally Jorgenson asked about the oven at community garden. Several indicated that it was smaller and less substantial.

Susan Gottlieb has read report. Traffic will be an on-going concern on many fronts. Does not want to tie traffic issues to oven issue.

Evan Roberts points out that this is the best site in regards for parking. *Tamara Johnson* is in favor of the proposed amendment, as it will mandate the conversation on parking.

Christina Larson called a vote on the amendment: Yea:13; Nay: 14 [Christina voted against to break tie] Abstained: 0; Amendment failed to pass.

Further discussion on the original motion at hand [*Christina* read the motion again and pointed out that the motion did not mandate the site would necessarily be Cabrini, and that she would insist that a clear agreement with Cabrini would be a mandate.

A motion to amend the original motion was proposed that would bring back a Cabrini agreement to the PPERRIA board by adding language to the end of the motion that reads: "the legal agreement between PPERRIA and the property owner will be brought back to the board."

Christina Larson called a vote for the amendment. Yea: 27; Nay: 1-*Roger Kiemele*; Abstained: 1-*Peggy Rejto*, Amendment carried.

Christina Larson called a vote for the motion as amended. Yea: 23; Nay: 2- *Peggy Rejto, Dorothy Marden*; Abstained-3 *Dick Kain, Dean Lund, Christina Larson*. Motion carried.

6. Motley Critical Area Parking. Moved to approve letter of support. Seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion. *Karen Murdock* said the proposal was too restrictive for public rights. Public streets are public.

Christina Larson called a vote on the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. Yah: 28; Nay: 1-*Karen Murdock*; Abstained: none.

7. Approval of Memorandum of Understand with Barnhart Properties. Moved to approve memorandum as written. Seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. No discussion. *Christina Larson* called a vote on the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. Yah: 29; Nay: none; Abstained: none.

8. Letter regarding Ambulatory Care. Moved to approve letter as written. Seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. No discussion. *Christina Larson* called a vote on the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. Yah: 29; Nay: none; Abstained: none.

9. PPERIA Alcohol Policy Task Force. To be co-chaired by *Tamara Johnson* and *Phil Anderson*. *Christina Larson* requested volunteers to serve on the task force. *Richard Adams* volunteers. Others are invited to attend. Oct 9th is first meeting date. The charge is to craft a new policy.

10. Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was presented. There was no discussion. Report is filed for audit.

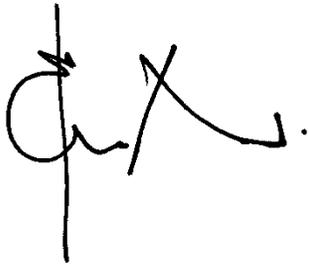
11. Administration Committee Report. No Administration Committee report is available, as the committee chair has stepped down.

12. Zoning & Project Review Committee Report.

- a. Franklin Ave Bridge (*F. W. Cappelen* Memorial Bridge) deck will be rebuilt. It is a two-year project.
- b. *Peter LaSha* property future concerns were raised.
- c. A proposal for new signs at Dinnekin House was made. A letter of support is being drafted.
- d. *Evan Roberts* is working on a proposal for residential critical parking overlaid with public pay and display. *Evan* will be meeting with *Cam Gordon* to get city input.
- e. So, feedback welcome at any point, but a more formal proposal and presentation to follow in months ahead.
- f. *Dave Barnhart* properties report. The work is already near complete as per plan.
- g. Letters of support for Surly brewing to be presented next month's Board meeting.
- h. Boeser site and Cornerstone Group.
- i. *Dick Brownlee* encouraged folks to attend workshop on city process.
- j. Question on Good Samaritan site and the Fine Associates. Groups are in discussion to get informed.

13. Other business. The floor was opened to other business.
14. Sound Wall. Sound Wall task force reported at July meeting. PPERRIA voted for aesthetics over speed to implementation. *Ken Mowll*, speaking for 30 neighbors along the freeway, favors a quicker timeline. Wrote a letter and met with *Cam Gordon* as to the status. *Cam* via email reported that MnDOT schedule is beyond for work this year. The letter states MnDOT will proceed with art if approved in spring. If not, will implement in a two-step process with the acoustic occurring as soon as possible. MnDOT has landscape group. *Cam Gordon* committed to help organize a community/MnDOT engagement meeting.
15. Board Attendance. *Roger Kiemele* commented in favor of the current format to list the Board members attending the monthly meeting. Roger asked if there are consequences. *Christina Larson* said that State statutes outline a process.
16. Adjourn. *Roger Kiemele* made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Amel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Amel
PPERRIA Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, 28 October 2013.