



**Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association
Housing, Land Use and Economic Development Committee
Thursday, October 6, 2011
6:30 - 7:15 pm
PPNA Office**

MEETING NOTES

Present: Mary Jo Leier, Shawne FitzGerald, Dick Pitheon, Dave Garland and Councilmember Gary Schiff

PPNA Staff: Becky Timm

Mary Jo Leier, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmember Gary Schiff made a presentation on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code which would eliminate the need to file a conditional use permit (CUP) when establishing five or more dwelling units because the CUP is viewed as a duplicative regulation. Gary said that this would only involve residential zoning not commercial. He also said he would delay action on the amendment until he met with every neighborhood organization which would like to know more about the proposed amendment. Discussion followed and the committee was in support of the proposed amendment. Shawne Fitzgerald said the committee would delay taking action until the November meeting. Mary Jo said that she would bring this matter to the board.

The committee also discussed with Gary issues concerning a home on 11th Street, a new sign at the Bancroft School and notification of neighborhood organizations and neighbors regarding requests for zoning changes and development sites. Becky said she would contact Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden's office for more information on the home on 11th Street. Mary Jo and Shawne said they would schedule a meeting with additional councilmembers about the exemption for Minneapolis schools and parks for electronic signs.

Shawne gave an update on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) proposed Community Engagement Policy. Discussion followed. The committee would like to ensure that the MPRB's policy also applies to contractors. Shawne made a motion to support the proposed MPRB Community Engagement Policy. Dick Pitheon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jo gave an update on PPNA's Home Emergency Grant Program. She spoke to the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation who said that several applications have been received and the

money will be used up shortly. Becky read an email from a senior citizen resident who is benefiting from the program.

Dick shared with the committee that he had heard about federal legislation pertaining to home foreclosure prevention and counseling. He said that the committee and PPNA should be on the lookout and become a part of the program.

Shawne made the motion for the committee to write letters to local, state and federal elected officials encouraging them to dedicate money in the form of grants and loans for home emergency repairs and rehabilitation programs for low to middle income urban families. Dick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mary Jo said she would write the letters.

Becky gave the Director's Report which included plans for a new restaurant at 1024 E. 38th Street, a new single-family home at 3428 Cedar Avenue, an update on the Problem Properties Caucus and PPNA's Façade Improvement Grant Program. Discussion followed. Becky said she would invite the developer of the Cedar home to the committee's November meeting. Becky said she would work with the Bancroft Neighborhood Association to host a community meeting about the proposed restaurant. Shawne and Mary Jo offered to help with flyering and meeting set up.

Dave Garland made the motion to accept the minutes from the August 24, 2011, committee meeting. Dick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Jo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Dick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Timm, PPNA Executive Director.

Next Meeting – Thursday, November 3, 2011, @ 6:30 pm