



**Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association  
Housing, Land Use and Economic Development Committee  
Thursday, December 1, 2011  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
PPNA Office**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Mary Jo Leier, Shannon Piphon, Dick Pitheon, William Curtis Szabo

Guests: David Snyder, Adam Lares

PPNA Staff: Becky Timm

Mary Jo Leier, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Dick Pitheon made the motion to accept the minutes from the November committee meeting. Curt Szabo seconded. Motion passed.

Dave Snyder, a community organizer from Jewish Community Action made a presentation to the committee regarding his work with the Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition about home foreclosure prevention and loan modifications. He said that the coalition has been successful in identifying homeowners in the foreclosure process and assistance with resource referrals and in some cases, reversal of the process. Dave has been working with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization and would like to start working with PPNA. PPNA will have access to addresses of homes on the Sherriff's foreclosure list and volunteers can door knock these homes to offer information and referrals to resources. Discussion followed.

The committee was interested in volunteering to door knock. Dave will provide materials for door knocking. PPNA will modify the materials to make appropriate for the Powderhorn Park neighborhood. PPNA volunteers will door knock and provide referral information. Also, volunteers will ask the homeowners for permission to follow up with them after a few weeks to make sure they are getting the help they need. If necessary, PPNA and its volunteers can take additional steps to increase the pressure on lending institutions, in collaboration with Dave, to help the homeowners. Dave also asked that if a southside coalition is formed in the future, that

PPNA would consider joining. And finally, Dave asked if PPNA would help in the campaign to pass a city ordinance called the Responsible Banking Ordinance which would require financial institutions doing business with the City of Minneapolis to disclose information on their foreclosure processing. He thought that this campaign may begin in 2012.

Mary Jo asked for a motion from the committee to indicate its support for PPNA to move forward on the door knocking project. Shannon Piphon moved to have PPNA and its volunteers initiated a plan for a door knocking/ foreclosure resource referral program. Dick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adam Lares, the new director for the Powderhorn Park Recreation Center introduced himself to the committee. Adam has worked in the park system for six years and is very excited to be serving at Powderhorn Park. Adam said the hours of operation for the recreation center have increased and explained some of the programs offered at the center. He invited the committee to visit the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) website at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) for more information. Adam welcomed the committee to the park and said he welcomes comments and insights. Becky Timm said that Adam has been instrumental in helping PPNA secure meeting space during the remodeling project at PPNA's office.

Adam also added that he serves on the MPRB committee to reduce the park system's use of energy and emissions. The committee is currently collecting data on usage and will be able to make informed decisions based on the analysis of this data. Adam will be talking more about this issue at PPNA's March Monthly Gathering.

Mary Jo gave a recap of the community meeting held on November 29, 2011, hosted by PPNA and the Bancroft Neighborhood Association. The meeting gave the community an opportunity to hear from Kim Bartmann (owner of Barquette, Red Stag, Bryant Lake Bowl) about a proposed restaurant concept for 1024 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street. The property is currently zoned as residential and Kim is trying to get enough signatures to have the zoning changed to commercial. They are 2-3 signatures short. Kim plans to open a restaurant that will serve organic food and grow some of the food on site. There were about 50 people at the meeting. Many had questions, but overall the residents seemed in favor of the plan.

Becky gave a few updates (attachments were distributed to committee members):

Tax Forefeiture List – Becky received information from Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden's office which indicated that it would be easiest if the County would retain the property at 912 35<sup>th</sup> Street and offer it for sale to the adjacent property owner instead of, as recommended by the committee in November, having the City purchase the property and then offering it for sale.

17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bike Boulevard – Becky attended a community meeting in November regarding updates to this project.

3010 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue – PPNA received a notice of a public hearing for the application for a conditional use permit. The hearing will be on December 12, 2011.

Airport Noise – Becky gave a recap of the efforts of residents in South Minneapolis about the increase in airport noise.

Becky thanked Mary Jo and Shawne Fitzgerald for delivering 350 flyers for the Nov. 29 meeting.

New business - Becky asked if Shannon would be interested in talking to the committee about her research on housing in the Powderhorn Park neighborhood at the next committee meeting. Shannon agreed.

Mary Jo suggested that the committee not meet in January 2012.

Dick made an announcement about the Early Morning with Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden at 7:30 am the following day.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Timm, PPNA Executive Director.

Next Meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2012, @ 6:30 pm – Powderhorn Park Recreation Center