



PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

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APRIL PPERRIA BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The next PPERRIA meeting will be April 28th from 7-9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast).

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve agenda and approval of March 24th Minutes
3. Motion/Items for Consideration:
 - Decision: Election of officers and board members
 - Motion: Release \$10,919.85 for PARC projects
 - Information: Neighborhood Energy Consortium discussion of "hOur Car" program
 - Information: Meet new business owners in neighborhood
4. Old/New Business
5. Adjourn

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MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR PARC PROJECTS (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Motion: To release \$10,919.85 from PARC A.1.a. Luxton Park Staff & Programs to the following strategies:

- \$5,000 to PARC A.1.d. Luxton computer classroom supervision
- \$2,000 to Livability C.1. Gateways, signs, kiosks
- \$3,919.85 to PARC

A.1.c. Luxton sports equipment

Luxton Park Council would like to release the funds reallocated previously to these strategies. They would like to release the \$5,000 for computer classroom supervision to continue serving the people who use the classroom at the park. They would like to release the \$2,000 to com-

pletely fund a new kiosk at the park. They would like to release the \$3,919.85 to continue furnishing sports equipment at Luxton.

There are no competing proposals for these funds at this time.

Special Points

May Newsletter:

- 2nd—Articles Due
- 5th—Executive Board Meeting
- 6th—Newsletter to Printer
- 8-9th—Newsletter Mailed
- 19th—PPERRIA Meeting

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PRATT ICE CREAM SOCIAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (DEB CLARK)

Pratt Council, ECFE, and Prospect Park Cooperative Nursery School will work together to coordinate this year's Pratt Ice Cream Social: **Friday, May 30, 2003, Pratt Community Center, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

As usual, there will be games, food, entertainment, and the Tower will be opened from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. This is a much-loved community event and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you would like to volunteer to help or would like to reserve a table for your organization, please contact Pratt at 668-1122.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION SEEKING AWARD NOMINEES (AMY LUCAS)

The Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission and the Minneapolis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects are sponsoring the 12th Annual Heritage Preservation Awards to recognize projects, individuals, and organizations that celebrate and enhance Minneapolis' historic

character. The awards will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2003, during National Preservation Week. Last year, our own PPERRIA members Joe Ring and Susan Thrash won this prestigious award for the work they did on creating an historic district in Prospect Park.

If you have questions about the awards or need nomination forms, please contact Amy Lucas, Heritage Preservation Planner at 612-673-2422 or email: amy.lucas@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

MARCH PPERRIA MINUTES (DAN PATENAUDE)

1) The 3/24/2003 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, Inc. [PPERRIA] Board of Directors (BOD)/Members/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, Immediate Past President, at 7 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC—Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E. Minneapolis Minnesota 55424). A quorum of the BOD was present. First time attendees and guests were introduced and welcomed. **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda for this meeting as available at this meeting."** There were no additional items considered at this meeting. See attached Item 1.

2) A technical difficulty occurred that prevented the minutes of the 2/24/2003 PPERRIA B/M/N from being published in the 3/2003 PPERRIA Newsletter. They will be published in the 4/2003 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 2.

3) The Neighborhood Crime Report was tabled to a future meeting, as the Minneapolis Police representatives were unable to attend this meeting.

4) Linda Donaldson, Brighton Development Corporation President, updated on their two development in the neighborhood:

- A. Bedford Townhomes at Fourth Street and Malcolm S.E.: The first of the three buildings should be completed within three weeks, with an open house the first week of May and, weather permitting, the other two buildings done by June.

B. East River Mews Townhomes and single level condominiums at Franklin and Thornton S.E.: The marketing office is now open. The site pollution has been resolved and a report is now available. Construction is to start within two months on one of the four buildings, with further construction as units are sold. The cleanness of Franklin Avenue during construction continues to be an issue to address.

5) The update on the Central Corridor planning process was tabled to a future meeting as the presenter was unable to attend this meeting.

6) Announcements:

A) Bill Kahn, Environmental Committee Chair, announced several meetings:

B) Lois Willand, Neighborhood e-mail Coordinator, indicated that there is a necessity for the neighborhood to be proactive due to the possibility of a closing of the Southeast Community Public Library. See attached Item 6B:

C) Announced was the Annual Prospect Park Cooperative Rummage sale on Saturday 4/26/2003 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the PPUMC:

D) It was announced that the city will no longer provide at no cost, trucks used during the Annual Neighborhood Clean Up. A committee is considering alternatives:

E) Work continues on the PPERRIA www site. At present the site is being devel-

oped to send out the Newsletter, publish minutes and update items on the site.

F) Mary Alice Kopf, Past President, referred all to the wrought iron gate recently installed at the Performance Circle at Pratt, corner Sidney Place and Malcolm. The gate is dedicated to Bruce Graf and his 31 years of service to the community through the Minneapolis School system.

G) Florence Littman, Zoning Committee chair, reported that there is pending a set back variance for 168 Orlin for a second story addition and garage. There seems to be no reason to oppose the request.

H) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor report as published in the 3/2003 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 8.

There was no new or old business brought before this meeting.

7) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting at 7:55 P.M." No additional business was considered at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary
Written comments and changes to 117 Arthur Avenue S.E. or marko029@umn.edu

FEBRUARY PPERRIA MINUTES (DAN PATENAUDE)

The 2/24/03 PPERRIA Board of Directors (BOD)/ Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) Meeting was called to order by Steve Banks, president, at 7 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Malcolm and Orlin Avenues SE, Minneapolis Minnesota 55414). A quorum of the BOD was present. First time attendees and guests were introduced. **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** "To accept the agenda for this meeting as amended, available at this meeting." Amended was: Item 5B. Dean Lund and PPERRIA NRP motion: Item 6 Announcements; Lois Willand re e-mail and Summer Concerts, Jane Starr re League of Women Voters Meeting, Joe Ring re Central Corridor Consulting Status, Paul Zerby re Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting, Steve Banks re University Avenue Corridor Planning Committee. See attached Item 1. There were no additional items considered at this meeting.

Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the minutes of the 1/27/03 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 2/03 PPERRIA Newsletter." See attached Item 2.

John Stedland, MWMO representative, reviewed a grant program available through the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO). Through its Stewardship Plan, there are grants up to \$40,000 available to neighborhoods in their watershed area, areas directly draining into the Mississippi River within Minneapolis, for projects that relate to watershed issues. There currently is a grant to the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Area (SEMIA), the railroad track area north of University Avenue and south of the Como Neighborhood. Eligible community interests and organizations will be examining this grant possibility.

Jan Morlock, University of Minnesota (UM) Office of Community Relations, reviewed several issues that affect this neighborhood: A) The Minnesota Vikings have withdrawn from the proposed joint Vikings/Gophers Football Stadium located on the UM Campus. B) The Current UM position is that if planning for a UM on-campus football stadium resumes, it will be a long term plan for Gopher use only, on-campus site and facility using non State of Minnesota funds. C) The current UM contract with the Metrodome runs through 2011. D) Any planning probably would require a six-year cycle. E) There are current plans to upgrade the athletic facilities around the current UM Baseball Park. F) The earlier proposal for a boat house on the Mississippi River at the current entry to the Minneapolis River Flats Park is on hold. G) The UM is in discussions to address the concerns of the Marcy/Holmes and Como Neighborhoods regarding their relationship with UM students who live and use the facilities of the neighborhoods. Although the Prospect Park Neighborhood does not have the level of concerns regarding this issue as the others, Prospect Park should be part of the discussions. See Item 6-J.

5-A) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** "To reallocate \$10,920 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I Strategy Parks and Recreation

(PARC) A.I.a Luxton Park Staff and Programs to the following Luxton Park Strategies: A) \$5,000 to PARC A.I.d. Luxton Computer Classroom Supervision; B) \$2,000 to PARC C.I. Gateways, Signs, Kiosks; C) \$3,920 to PARC A.I.c. Luxton Sports Equipment." Jim Widder, Luxton Park Council member, reviewed the motion. He reported that the Luxton Park Council has decided to reallocate its remaining PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I funds as described in the above motion for the following reasons. A) To reallocate the \$5,000 to computer classroom at Luxton in order to continue serving the people who use the classroom at the park. We have depleted our funds to staff the room at this time, and we would use this money for continued staffing. B) Currently, we have allocated \$4,000 for a Luxton Park kiosk. However, the cost for producing such a kiosk is \$6,000. Therefore, to add the needed funds (\$2,000) so that we can complete this project as planned. C) Our PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I funds for sports equipment has been depleted. We would like to continue to be able to purchase needed equipment for Luxton Park sports teams over the course of the next several years. We believe this is a greater need at this time than additional staff and/or programming. There are no competing proposals for these funds at this time, there remain funds for this reallocation, it is a reasonable request and it is in compliance with NRP procedures. See attached Item 5-A.

5-B) **Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes:** "That PPERRIA is committed to the value of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to the Prospect Park neighborhoods and to Minneapolis as a whole. PPERRIA hereby rejects any effort to eliminate NRP and directs its BOD and Officers and encourages its members to vigorously oppose any attempt to eliminate NRP and to work closely with the city mayor, city council and city officials to ensure that NRP funding is continued." Passed were earlier motions from the floor to: A) Add the word "encouraged" before "its members"; and B) Delete the last clause reading "regardless of budget and other considerations". Council member Paul Zerby abstained in this vote. Dean Lund, BOD member, reviewed the motion. The motion was referred at the 1/27/03 BOD meeting to the PPERRIA Executive Committee for review. See 1/23/03 PPERRIA BOD Item 8 minutes. At this time, the Executive Committee and other committees' opinion is that due to the unclear nature of the NRP within the city's structure and the bleak picture of city finances, the motion's position is in order until there are presented specific changes and funding amounts for a further city NRP. At present there is only hearsay. The current NRP has provided "real" opportunities for neighborhoods to have a say to the city in what happens to and in the neighborhoods. Much more to follow on this issue. A comment from the floor was made that PPERRIA decision issues need to be indicated in the PPERRIA Newsletter before a PPERRIA vote is taken even though the 1/23/03 motion implies that there is to be a later vote.

Announcements: A) Announced was Dean Lund, BOD Member, as Nominating Committee Chair; B)

Steve Cross, Immediate Past President, circulated a sign up sheet for the Prospect Park Clean Up, See attached Item 6-B; C) Susan Gottlieb, Member, circulated a sign up sheet for a Taste Test Fund Raiser, sponsored by Pratt School; D) Lois Willand, Community Announcement Committee Chair, circulated a sign up sheet for e-mail; and E) Notice of a theater presentation at Pratt; and F) a sign up sheet for the summer concert committee; G) Jane Starr, BOD member, announced a League of Women Voters meeting with area legislators; See attached Item 6-G. H) Joe Ring, BOD member, announced that The Federal Transit Administration considers PPERRIA a Consulting Party on the proposed Central Corridor LRP Project. See attached Item 6-H. Also see earlier minutes for further information; I) Paul Zerby, area Minneapolis Council Member, announced a meeting at the University of Minnesota of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) to gather concerns from this area. The CJCC is to coordinate justice within Minneapolis and Hennepin County. See attached Item 6-I. Also see earlier minutes for further information. J) Steve Banks indicated that there is progress in putting together the proposal regarding land use along the University Avenue corridor and the joint Livability Grant Application with St. Paul's St. Anthony Park is being put together. See earlier minutes for further information.

Florence Littman, Zoning Committee chair, reported that in Stadium Village, The Chinese Village Restaurant and a Korean restaurant is planned. Owners plan to attend a future PPERRIA B/M/N meeting to introduce themselves.

See the 1/11/03 to 2/7/03 PPERRIA/NRP Contractor Report as published in the 2/03 PPERRIA Newsletter. Billed was \$552 for support of PPERRIA/NRP Committees. See attached Item 8.

9/10) Old and New Business: Daniel Patenaude, Personnel Committee member, reported that the committee has interviewed eight applicants for the contractor positions of PPERRIA/NRP Implementation Coordinator and PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator. It is the committee's recommendation that the two positions be staffed separately rather than be one position. The Implementation Coordinator position tends to be rather even paced and ongoing whereas the Block Club Coordinator position requires up-front work and then the development of a low maintenance ongoing model. The positions were offered to two applicants each of whom has accepted. Details at the 3/24/2003 PPERRIA/NRP B/M/N meeting.

11) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** "To adjourn this meeting." There was no additional business conducted at this meeting.

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NRP/PPERRIA CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES—03/08/03 THROUGH 04/11/03 (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

- Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee
- Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center
- Supported NRP Reallocation Committee in efforts to redistribute NRP funds within NRP Plan
- Worked on editing history book
- Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
- Worked on transition in NRP leadership and staff to being this spring
- Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn Removal Project
- Worked to strengthen Block Clubs

EXPENSE FOR CONTRACTORS' SERVICES:	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL EXPENSE	% OF BUDGET
Totals 03/08/03 to 04/11/03	205.0	\$3,278.46	.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 03/07/03	8,297.35	\$134,461.88*	90.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 04/11/03	88,502.35	\$142,740.34	92.3%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$154,674.15: **\$11,933.81** remains.

*These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/23/02 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, PARC B.2, History editor and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker. *NOTE: NRP Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03, Dean Abrahamson, whose contract expires 6/15/03 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/03. PPERRIA Contractor is Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/03.*

New contractors beginning March include Kari Simonson, Block Club Coordinator, and Joyce Barta, Implementation Coordinator.

Total PPERRIA funds available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00. PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$120; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,280.00

PPERRIA COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND CONTACTS

Community Events	Lois Willand	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	331-8819
Environment	Bill Kahn	378-5287
Executive	Steve Banks	321-9064
History Project	Betts Zerby	379-8095
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman; Dean Lund	331-2970; 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Membership	Dan Patenaude; Karen Murdock	378-3038; 340-1338
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation and Land Use	John Dewitt	338-1871
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR* (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7 p.m.	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Thursday, Apr. 17, 6-8 p.m.	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center—childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Saturday, Apr. 19, 9 a.m.-Noon	Mississippi River Cleanup at East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton, 339-3064
Sunday, Apr. 20, Sunrise	Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Becky Sechrist, 378-2380
Wednesday, Apr. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Garden Club Meeting , location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf, 378-7436
Saturday, Apr. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Prospect Park Cooperatives Nursery School Rummage & Bake Sale	Merry Olson, 331-6138
Monday, Apr. 28, 7 p.m.	ANNUAL PPERRIA BOD & MEMBERSHIP MEETING at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.	Pops and Pie Benefit at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Becky Sechrist, 378-2380
Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.	Prospect Park Community Choir Concert at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Lois Willand, 378-9697
Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.	Luxton Park Council Meeting at Luxton Park building.	Jim Widder, 331-6129
Wednesday, May 14, 5 p.m.	Glendale Resident Organization Meeting at 92 St. Marty's Avenue	William Tweet, 342-1952
Thursday, May 15, 6-8 p.m.	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Center—childcare and rides available	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Monday, May 19, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA BOD & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m.	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Friday, May 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Pratt Ice Cream Social at Pratt Community Center	Deb Clark, 668-1122

*To include items in PPERRIA Calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **FRIDAY, May 2, 2003**.

RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Day and Time	Event	Whom to Contact
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Avenue.	Ginia Klamecki, 331-7056 Shirley Davis, 342-1952
Tues. 4 to 5 p.m. 1st Mon., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 3rd Mon., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. 4th Tues., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Cmty Center Bookmobile at University Good Samaritan Center	
Tues., 7 p.m.	Community Choir at Prospect Park	Curt Oliver, 331-3713
Fri., 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Adult badminton at Luxton Park. \$2	
Sat., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Aerobics for adults. Luxton Park.	
All	Labyrinth at Franklin Oval always open. Franklin Ave. S.E. between	

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