

# February 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast. Come early to chat with neighbors & have a treat!

**If you have special needs that require accommodations please contact Joyce Barta at 612-378-9268 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.**

### Nominating Committee

Joe Ring has appointed Paul Zerby to chair the Nominating Committee for next year's PPERRIA Board of Directors. He will choose a committee. If you have any suggestions, call him at 379-8095, or e-mail to [pgzerby@yahoo.com](mailto:pgzerby@yahoo.com).

### River Clean Up April 21

Hard to believe, but spring is coming. This year's Earth Day River cleanup is scheduled for April 21. Volunteers badly needed. Call Tom Kilton, 339-3064, or e-mail [tom@tomkilton.com](mailto:tom@tomkilton.com) to sign up. Gloves & coffee & rolls provided!

### Three Homes in Prospect Park on Minneapolis Home Tour

The Minneapolis Home Tour on April 28 and 29, 2007, will feature three homes in Prospect Park. The Whitehurst/Sorenson house at 135 Arthur, the Wallace house at 3212 Fourth St., and the Kopf house at 157 Seymour will be open for inspection on both days.



1. President Susan Joe Ring called the meeting of the Association to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda, as corrected, was made by Dick Poppele. Passed without noes.
3. The minutes were not approved as the newsletter did not reach members prior to the meeting.
4. **Announcements:** Volunteers are needed to provide the pre-meeting refreshments.  
The annual East River Gorge cleanup will take place on April 21. Volunteers are needed.
5. **Release of NRP Funds:** Mary Alice Kopf moved to release \$35,000 to SWIM (Somali Women in Minnesota) for a program to prepare Somalis for home ownership. Passed.  
Mary Alice Kopf moved to release \$14,000 to Southeast Seniors to provide services allowing seniors to stay in their homes.
6. **SAAG Report:** Dick Poppele reported on the completion of the report to the legislature prepared by the Stadium Area Advisory Group mandated by the legislation approving a University of Minnesota football stadium. Dick described the process used by the group in preparing the report, and summarized its recommendations, which include:
  - (1) Continue the good work already underway.
  - (2) Initiate organizational steps to create a new alliance that brings together the University, the City, and the neighborhoods and empowers them to act collaboratively. Provide start-up funds to begin this work immediately (\$500,000).
  - (3) Take immediate action on first priority initiatives (Phase I) needed to reverse the neighborhood decline. Provide an initial capital grant to begin this work in 2007 (\$5,000,000).
  - (4) Capitalize an endowment to provide sustained funding for alliance activities, including development of a long-term plan (\$20,000,000).
  - (5) Provide additional endowment funds, to be matched by alliance fundraising, to implement Phase II project arising out of long term plan.The complete report is available on the pperr.org website. The report will be presented to the Intergovernmental Relations committee of the Minneapolis City Council on Jan. 23, and to the City Council on Friday January 26. Councilman Cam Gordon wants neighborhood approval before he gives his support to the report. Dick Poppele moved approval of a resolution: Prospect Park and East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) endorses the report on the impact of the University of Minnesota on neighborhoods ("Moving Forward Together") and fully supports the recommendations it makes to the State Legislature. The report enumerates many issues and action plans that have been part of the PPERRIA agenda for many decades." Passed with one abstention.  
Dick reported that in conjunction with the report the City of Minneapolis had already endorsed an inspections sweep of rental properties in the Marcy-Holmes and Como neighborhoods.
7. **Sound Wall Resolution:** Dorothy Davey moved approval of a resolution: Be it resolved that Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association endorses and actively supports public financing and construction of an extension of the existing sound wall (or some other form of freeway noise abatement equally or more effective) from the northwest corner of East River Mews eastward on a line north of East River Terrace as far as Cecil St. SE. PPERRIA will, on behalf of the residents of East River Terrace and East River Mews, notify public officials including State Representative, State Senator, Hennepin County Commissioner, Mayor of Minneapolis and Second Ward Councilman of its support. PPERRIA will provide advice and lend strategic assistance to the residents of East River News and East River Terrace in the pursuit of their objective. Approved without noes.
9. **Livability Report:**  
**Crime:** Joe Ring reported a 2% drop in crimes in the area from 2005. All of the student housing projects have the same company providing security for their properties.  
**Conditions:** The St. Anthony Park District Council has developed a set of conditions to attach to the development of the student housing project proposed by JPI. Joe Ring requested that the Zoning and Livability Committees review those conditions with a goal of attaching conditions to new projects proposed in the area.

8. **Community Engagement Report:** Florence Littman reported that final comments were due to the City of Minneapolis on its Community Engagement Report on February 8. A questionnaire is on the City's website, and is available at Schneider's Drug. Residents are urged to complete. A meeting will be held at Marcy School on January 31. Florence's main concern is to change the city's policy of administrative review of certain requests for approval of plans.
9. **Zoning Report:** The **Stadium Village Plaza** (site of former Blockbuster) which has requested an additional parking variance, has agreed to the conditions that PPERRIA requested.  
**Citgo:** The planning Commission rejected the plan for reconstruction of the Citgo filling station at University and 25<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, denying all of the requested variances. The owner has not decided whether to appeal. Dick Poppele moved that we send a letter of support if the owners decide to appeal. Approved without noes.  
**M Flats:** The Planning Commission approved the revised plan for 44 units of student housing at University and Arthur Ave. SE.

A motion to adjourn by Tom Davey was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Elizabeth Zerby

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 Secretary

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 Joe Ring, President

**February NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 01/04/2007 – 02/08/2007**

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
01/04/07 to 02/08/07	<b>21.00</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
10/18/95 to 01/04/07	<b>10,661.16</b>	<b>\$183,805.15</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
10/18/95 to 02/08/07	<b>10,682.16</b>	<b>\$184,225.15</b>	<b>95.4%</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89\*; \$8,694.22 remains.

**PPERRIA Committees and Chairs**

Community Events	Lois Willand	loiswilland@mn.rr.com	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Environment			
Executive	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman Dean Lund	littm005@umn.edu djlund@usfamily.net	331-2970 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
Landscape subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871

Livability	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
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Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970 627-9471

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, March 8, 2007.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, February 20 7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, February 26 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, February 28 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> location TBA	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Friday, March 2 11:00 am- 1:00 pm	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Wednesday, March 7 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, March 12 11:30 am- 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Monday, March 12 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, March 14 5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Thursday, March 15 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt	Greg Bernstein 378-3489
Tuesday, March 20	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
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Wednesday, March 28 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Saturday, April 21 8:00 am	<b>East River Gorge River Cleanup</b>	Tom Kilton 339-3064

**PERRIA Web Site: <http://www.pperr.org>**

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