

# January, 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter

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*Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, contact me at 331-8396 and either E-mail me at [andym@mr.net](mailto:andym@mr.net) or provide content on floppy disk using nearly any Mac, UNIX or Wintel text format. - Andy Mickel*

## Note from the President

Dear PPERRIA members and PPERR neighbors,

Happy New Year! This month let's get officially involved with Light-Rail Transit—a line is slated to run through our neighborhood—see the newsletter article. Also, I need to appoint the nominations committee. That committee develops a slate of people for the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Officers for elections during the Annual Meeting in April. So if you're interested, see the article on that subject also in this issue.

Thanks, Steve Cross

## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Our January PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 22nd, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (ground floor) SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.**

- 1. Welcome.
- 2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
- 3. Presentations/Informational items.
- 4. Motions for Consideration:
- 5. New/Old Business.
- 6. Meeting Evaluation
- 7. Adjourn.

Decision	<b>Appointment of ad hoc committee for PPERRIA policy on LRT</b>
Information	<b>Committee reports on upcoming projects</b>

## PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

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 Cross	376-0094
Glendale/Prospect Park	Jerry Stein	623-0588
History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
Holiday Cards	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Housing:		
Co-liaisons Housing	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Sally Bell	623-0390
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Fourth Street Housing	Mike & Mary Huss	379-3362
Unocal Oil Housing	Dean Lund	378-2486
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Membership	Dan Patenaude	378-3038
Safety & Security	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

## Minutes of November 27 PPERRIA Meeting - Dan Patenaude

1) The 11/27/2000 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Orlin/Malcolm SE) by Steve Cross, President. A quorum of the BOD was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the meeting agenda available at the meeting as amended." See attached. Steve Cross indicated that other than the meeting rules already in use and Robert's Rules of Order there are no other proposed meeting rules as proposed for the last several meetings. Individual item recommended time limits listed on the agenda will be used unless there is a majority motion to extend the time.

2) Nicole Magnan and Officer Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police Department Community Crime Prevention/SAFE, provided crime maps for 11/20/2000 to 11/27/2000: one robbery in the Motley neighborhood, one aggravated assault at a motel on University Avenue and two larcenies in the Southeast Industrial Park. Included were descriptions of the "Top Ten Party Houses" program developed to deal with that issue. A three part approach is being used: neighborhood meetings, officer visits to identified houses and the Minnesota Social Host law that allows individuals to sue those adults who provide alcohol to those not of age. One identified house is located on Superior Avenue SE. See attached.

3) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept as amended the minutes of the 10/23/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 11/2000 PPERRIA Newsletter." Added to Item 14, at the end of the first sentence: "...and excluded Citizens Commission. Concerned individuals are to contact the Minneapolis Park Commissioner for this neighborhood, Walt Dziedzic." See attached.

4) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: To recommend that up to \$5,000 in a Motley Homebuyers Assistant Loan/Grant to be administered by the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) to be issued to Ken Cassibo at SE 614 Erie St." Andy Mickel, Housing Improvement Committee Chair, indicated that Mr. Cassibo, an owner/occupant of the home at SE 614 Erie St. has expressed his desire to apply for a homebuyers assistance loan/grant under the existing Motley homebuyers program. The MCDA would determine qualifications and follow procedures as outlined previously by PPERRIA in the program guidelines. This is the third and last loan/grant under this program to be administered by the MCDA with each

individual recommended by PPERRIA. Any future loan/grants from this program will be administered by the agency that also administrates the Motley Homeowners Assistance Fix Up Loan/Grant Program.

5) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To reallocate \$20,525 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Business and Jobs (C.1) (Southeast Industrial Study) as follows: \$10,525 to Administration (1.a) (Implementation Coordinator) and \$10,000 to Administration (2) (Office/Resource Center)." Susan Larson-Fleming, PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I Review Committee Chair, provided copies of the motion with statements of recommendation by Dean Lund, Action Plan Financial Review Director, and Steve Cross. See attached.

Also see previous PPERRIA B/M/N meeting minutes for earlier information and discussion regarding this item. Funds for administrative support of the PPERRIA/NRP program have been spent at this time, yet there are action plan strategies not yet completed as the end of Phase I approaches. The Executive Committee has recommended that, with no definite plans in place for development in the Southeast Industrial Area, the funds remaining in this strategy be directed to the administration part of the plan in order to continue providing service support and resources to implement the plan. Currently there is one contract staff, Susan Gottlieb, who will continue as Implementation Coordinator. Among other expenses, office support includes providing a newsletter to publicize NRP and neighborhood activities and copies for meetings and PPERRIA/NRP committees. In response to a question as to why NRP funds instead of PPERRIA funds are used for the PPERRIA Newsletter, it was pointed out that the NRP requirements for public notice etc. are much greater than the policies of PPERRIA and the cost of the NRP requirements would require an increase in PPERRIA income. NRP related items make up the great bulk of the newsletter. The amount of administrative cost of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I is much less than most other NRP Action Plans.

6) Announcements: a) Susan Larson-Fleming provided copies of the Fall 2001 registration materials for Pratt Community School (kindergarten, first and second grade). As per the agreement with the Minneapolis School System, one grade is being added each year, for 2001/2002 a second grade. See attached. b) Lois Willand provided copies of the 12/3/2000 Winter Holiday Choir Concert by the Prospect Park Community Choir. See attached. c) Susan Gottlieb announced that the community calendar for 2001 is soon to be published, contact her if you have an item to be included: 331-2104 or <susansmg@aol.com>

7) Susan Larson-Fleming provided copies of several documents: a) PPERRIA/NRP Contracted Funds Expected by Spring 2001 as of 10/2000. b) Plans to spend the Remainder of PPERRIA/NRP Funds as of 11/2/2000. c) The PPERRIA/NRP Proposed Action Plan Modification as of 1/2001. The PPERRIA/NRP Review Committee has received from the Action Plan Committees their fund status and recommendations. Reallocation recommendations will be published in the 11/2000 PPERRIA Newsletter and in articles in the 11/2000 and 12/2000 Southeast Angle. In addition, there will be copies of the recommendations along with a form for additional suggestions at several places in the neighborhood. On 1/9/2001 at 7 pm at the Luxton Park Building there will be a neighborhood information meeting. Articles will be in the 1/2001 and 2/2001 PPERRIA Newsletter and Southeast Angle. On 2/27/2001 at 7 pm at the Luxton Park Building the neighborhood will vote on the proposed reallocations

8) Florence Littman, Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair, indicated that there are two large projects that will affect the neighborhood but that there is little the neighborhood can do other than try to make them more neighborhood friendly. a) A proposed Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor between downtown St. Paul and downtown Minneapolis. This issue has been before PPERRIA several times over the last twenty years and this time seems to be driven by Ramsey County with all signs for a University Avenue route. Although there is no official Minneapolis position, the Southeast Industrial Area report lists the city position as in favor of a University Avenue route. Concern is that the neighborhood in general supports the concept of public transit but that the price it pays to get better area wide transit is that the neighborhood gets less service. As with items of this type, the neighborhood needs to be proactive; otherwise, when the proposal is announced it is too late for the neighborhood to have a substantial effect. A concern that PPERRIA has not determined what are the neighborhood concerns and preferences. A committee will be formed to review the issues history with PPERRIA and to develop information and possible proposal(s) for the neighborhood to consider and adopt.

b) Phil Anderson, Zoning and Land Use Committee member, reported that the proposed development of student housing by JPI on the Wool Growers Site (west of the railroad track, between 27 Avenue/ Huron Boulevard/I-94 and one block south of Essex Avenue) is now 174 units or 624 residents with a four story parking ramp for 385 cars, seems to be on track with the city with a 9/2001 construction start up and completion fall 2002. All that JPI proposes is allowed under the current site zoning. JPI has developed similar projects at similar university settings and JPI tends to manage the projects. The units seem not to be convertible to family use from the proposed dormitory use. Dinnaken is the current owner of the property and seems not interested in developing the site. This is the third, with a possible fourth, development of student dormitory type housing on the neighborhoods west side that provides service for the University of Minnesota (UM).

9) Susan Gottlieb reviewed the PPERRIA/NRP Staff report as of 11/10/2000 as published in the 11/2000 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached. From 10/7/2000 to 11/10/2000 there were \$752 of PPERRIA/NRP Contractor billings. See Item 5.

10/11) No old business was brought forward. a) Steve Cross indicated as per PPERRIA tradition and as there is no immediate decision items there will not be a 12/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. b) Jerry Purple requested all to review and respond to the mailing from the Neighborhood Block Nurse Program. c) The "Julie Wallace" house is still "lot-less" and is still looking for a home. See the 12/2000 Southeast Angle article.

12) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: “To adjourn.”

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Comments and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko001@po.metrostate.edu

## **LRT Policy Debate Scheduled – Steve Cross**

At the November Board and Membership meeting, a new member of PPERRIA said that if we waited until a specific Light Rail Transit (LRT) proposal was “on the table,” then it was too late to do anything effective. As a result, we are advancing the discussion to determine our policy regarding LRT going through our neighborhood. While we obviously can’t react to a specific proposal, we hope to have at least a high-level policy. Once that is determined, it will guide our reaction when a proposal is “on the table.”

It has also been discovered that, technically, PPERRIA already has a policy on LRT. That policy was adopted about 15 years ago. We will recover a copy of that policy and make it available to everyone. Following is the process and schedule we will follow to determine our policy now:

*January 22, 2001 PPERRIA Board and Membership Meeting*

Anyone having an idea on what PPERRIA’s policy should be/is should have a written copy of the proposed policy and deliver it to PPERRIA’s President at this meeting. There will be no debate on any of the proposals; just turn them in.

The President will appoint an ad hoc “sifting committee” to go through all the proposals and try to put them together and create other possible policies. The goal is to provide a range of options for the Board and membership to consider.

*February 19, 2001 PPERRIA Board and Membership Meeting*

The range of options developed by the sifting committee will be given to everyone who attends the meeting. Depending on length and number, either a summary or the entire list of proposed policies will be published in PPERRIA’s monthly newsletter. Brief statements of explanation will be offered, but there will be no debate.

*March 19, 2001 PPERRIA Board and Membership Meeting*

Full debate on adopting a policy will occur. In addition to the Board and members, notice of the debate will go to everyone in the neighborhood so that everyone may observe or participate. An entirely new proposed policy may still be offered at the meeting. However, everyone won’t have had notice of the nature of the proposal. So, if that policy is adopted, a motion will be made to reconsider it at the next meeting. That way, everyone can receive notice of the nature of the proposal. Minor and perfecting amendments will not have to follow that process. The debate will be first on the agenda (after the usual preliminary matters). Hopefully, there will not be other matters that also require significant time.

## **Neighborhood Meeting Produces Alternative Plan Changes**

## - Susan Larson-Fleming and Susan Gottlieb

Members of the community met at Luxton Park on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed modifications to the NRP Action Plan. Proposals had been submitted by PPERRIA/NRP committees and neighborhood groups such as Luxton Park Council and published in this newsletter and the *Southeast Angle* in November and December, 2000. Community members offered additional, and in some cases alternative, proposals at the neighborhood-wide meeting.

### The original plan modifications included the following:

<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From Transportation A.4. (signage to reduce noise) and Environment A.4.c. (wetland restoration)To Transportation B.1.a. (traffic calming program) – <i>for 3-4 sets of speed humps</i>	\$ 2,500
From Education A.1.d. (bookmobile) and A.3.a. (coffee cart) to Educ. A.1.a. (neighborhood Learning center) – <i>for interior/exterior improvements at Pratt</i>	1,132
From Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) to S&S A.1. (block club work) – <i>for hiring a block club coordinator &amp; installing motion lights &amp; signs</i>	20,000
From Safety & Security A.4.c. to S&S A.4.b. (sidewalk lighting assistance) – <i>for additional assistance on lighting assessments for all non-profit businesses</i>	700
From Business/Jobs B.1.c. (youth employment) to Livability A.3. (neighborhood directory) – <i>to reprint the directory and distribute in welcome packets to new neighbors</i>	700
From Livability B.2.d. (landscape trainings) to Liv. B.2.b. (landscaping projects) – <i>to continue neighborhood landscaping projects in 2001</i>	10,603
From Safety & Security A.5.b. (park lighting) to Liv. B.2.c. (Tower Hill Park projects) – <i>for installation of a fence on Tower Hill Park near the school</i>	3,000
From PARC A.1.b. (Luxton sports camps) to Livability C.1. (gateways/signs/kiosks) – <i>for additional help in installing a kiosk at Luxton Park</i>	2,000
From PARC A.1.a. (Luxton Park staff/programs), A.1.b. (Luxton sports camps) and A.1.c. (Luxton sports equipment) to PARC A.1.d. (Luxton computer classroom) – <i>to hire staff to manage the computer classroom</i>	11,952
From Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) & A.5.b. (park lighting) to Administration 1.a. (implementation coordinator) – <i>to continue having effective implementation of NRP plan &amp; help in writing summary of Phase I</i>	2,600
From Bus/Jobs B.1.b. (employment opportunities) & B.1.c. (youth employment) to Administration 2 (office/resource center) – <i>to support NRP office expenses</i>	2,800
<b>TOTAL RECOMMENDED PLAN MODIFICATION:</b>	<b>\$ 58,027</b>

Additional/counter proposals were as follows:

From Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) to PARC B.2. (historic landmark & Preservation) – <i>to hire an editor for the neighborhood history book</i> (Brought by PPERRIA/NRP History Committee)	\$ 5,000
From Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) to Transportation B.1.a. (traffic Calming) – <i>for additional speed humps on neighborhood street</i> (Brought by Michael Atherton)	15,000
From TBA to Livability B.2.c. (Tower Hill Park landscaping) – <i>to help with erosion, remove weed trees and restore Tower Hill park to natural beauty</i> (From Dorothy Davy)	TBA
From TBA to TBA – <i>to create a home repair grant program for Prospect Park residents</i> (From Dorothy Davy)	TBA
From Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) to PARC A.1.a. (Luxton Park staff/Programs) – <i>for additional programming at Luxton Park</i> (From Judy Gallas)	10,000
From Safety & Security A.4.b. (sidewalk lighting assistance to non-profits) to PARC A.1.a. (Luxton Park staff/Programs) – <i>for additional programming at luxton park</i> (From Judy Gallas)	4,300
For \$9,000 currently available in PARC A.1.b. (Luxton sports camps) to REMAIN in that strategy (not be reallocated) – <i>to increase the number and duration of sports camps at Luxton Park</i> (From Romola Madsen)	

For \$700 currently available in Safety & Security A.4.c. (bikeway lighting) to REMAIN in that strategy (not be reallocated to additional sidewalk lighting assistance for non-profits)  
(From Steve Ficker)

All recommendations will be considered and discussed at another meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, 7:00 p.m. at Luxton Park Building, Room A. A final, amended plan modification, will be voted on by all present and will be forwarded to the NRP for final approval. If you have questions, please call Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 or Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 for clarification.

## **PPERRIA Needs Volunteer to Coordinate Anniversary Celebration - Susan Gottlieb**

In the year 2001, PPERRIA will become 100 years old. To celebrate this centennial milestone, the PPERRIA Executive Committee has set the date of Saturday, September 15, 2001, with a picnic/party at Tower Hill Park in the afternoon (the Pratt Neighborhood Sale and Pancake Breakfast will be that morning at Pratt Community Center). Volunteers are needed to coordinate the celebration, including soliciting additional volunteers to handle food, program, publicity, historical summary, and possibly arranging for a couple of speakers. If you have interest in volunteering, please contact Steve Cross at 376-0094.

## **Board Members May Attend NRP Neighborhoods Conference**

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) will host the "NRP Neighborhoods Conference: Celebrating the Past and Building the Future--Together" on Saturday, February 24, 2001 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. There are still a few available applications to attend. The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. and will feature 15 workshops designed to prepare neighborhood volunteers for NRP Phase II. Continental breakfast, lunch and an awards dinner and celebration are planned and are provided free to participants. To receive an application, please call Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104.

## Nominations Committee Members Needed - Steve Cross

In February, the President needs to appoint the nominations committee. That committee develops a slate of people for the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Officers for elections during the Annual Meeting in April. Because of a Bylaw change last year, any PPERRIA member can now serve on that committee. This is an important volunteer position that only involves a limited commitment of time. It's important because the nominations committee finds the people who will do much of the neighborhood's work over the next year. Anyone interested in serving, should contact Steve Cross at 612-376-0094.

## PPERRIA NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: December 9, 2000 through January 5, 2001. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation effort	Maintained the neighborhood calendar		
Supported Housing Improvement committee on Motley home improvement loan program	Created neighborhood calendar for 2001		
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contractor Budget
Totals 12/9/00 to 1/5/01	<b>12.0</b>	<b>\$192.00</b>	<b>.1%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 12/8/00	<b>7,173.85</b>	<b>\$122,781.88*</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 1/5/01	<b>7,185.85</b>	<b>\$122,973.88*</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

Total PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$130,047.69; \$7,073.81 remains.

\* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00.

*NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 12/31/01.*

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2001.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, 7:00 pm January 16	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6-8 pm January 18	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center, childcare and rides available	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Monday, 7:00 pm January 22	<b>PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094

Wednesday, January 24 6:30-8:30	<b>Prospect Park Garden Club</b> meeting, location to be announced	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Saturday, February 3 1-4 pm	Profile Music Cafe offers free coffee drink, soup and muffins to Prospect Park residents	2630 SE University Ave.
Saturday, February 3 5:30-8:30 pm	<b>FIRE &amp; ICE Festival at Luxton Park</b>	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Wednesday, February 7 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council</b> meeting at Luxton Park Building, Room A	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Monday, February 12 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, February 14 5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO)</b> meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Travis Emdin 342-1952
Tuesday, February 20 7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, February 26 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Tuesday, February 27 7:00 pm	<b>Neighborhood Vote on NRP Plan Modification</b> at Luxton Park Building, Room A	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
<b>Day and Time</b>	<b>Recurring Community Events</b>	<b>Whom to contact</b>
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 - 4 pm	<b>Food donations</b> can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 4 - 5 pm 11:15 am	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9:45 am	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 332-5239

**PPERRIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>**



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