

January 2002 PPERRIA Newsletter

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Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, please contact me at 623-3747 and either E-mail me at <pjwollum@hotmail.com> or provide content on floppy disk. – Pam Wollum

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our January PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 28th, 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. Motions for Consideration:
4. New/Old Business.
5. Adjourn.

Decision	Light Rail Transit Options for Central Corridor
Information	Bedford Townhomes to break ground by April 1st

Minutes of November PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

The 11/26/2001 Prospect Park East River Road Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Orlin/ Malcolm SE) by Steve Cross, PPERRIA President. A quorum of the BOD was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda available at the meeting." There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. See attached Item 1.

2) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the minutes of the 9/24/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting, copies available at the 10/22/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting and at this meeting." There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. See attached Item 2A. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes to accept the minutes of the 10/22/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting, copies available at this meeting." There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. See attached Item 2B.

3) David Kaar, PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator, introduced himself and indicated that the Prospect Park Block Club Network continues to be rejuvenated A Co-Block Club Leader program is being expanded. Individuals interested in the Block Club Program, contact him at 612-331-9105. The Minneapolis Policed apartment SAFE program representatives for this neighborhood should restart their status reports at the 1/28/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. Being implemented is a neighborhood e-mail neighborhood crime alert network.

4) Announcements: A) Lois Willand, PPERRIA Calendar/Events Committee Chair, provided flyers for the 12/2/2001 Prospect Park Community Choir concert at 2 PM at the PPUMC. See attached Item 4A. B) Pam Wollum, PPERRIA Newsletter Editor, circulated a sign-up list for those who would receive the monthly PPERRIA Newsletter via e-mail rather than US Post. Saved would be about 50 cents on each newsletter and avoided would be the occasional delivery delay of the newsletter that is the downside of using bulk mail. Cost of sending the newsletter by first class mail is up to double the cost of bulk mail. Contact her at <pjwollum@hotmail.com>. Those who, for whatever reason, do not provide an e-mail address will continue to receive the newsletter via the US Post. C) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, referred all to copies of the financial status as of 10/8/2001 of the PPERRIA/NRP Phase I Action Plan. See attached Item 4C. D) Steve Cross announced that there will be a Special Central Corridor Light Rail Transportation (LRT) PPERRIA B/M/N meeting on 12/3/2001 at 7 PM at the PPUMC at which will continue the information/discussion regarding the proposed LRT route through the neighborhood. The goal is to arrive at a statement regarding the neighborhood's position on LRT and Prospect Park. This meeting is the result of a motion passed at the 10/22/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. See the 11/2001 PPERRIA Newsletter and the 10/22/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N minutes as well as earlier PPERRIA Newsletters. E) Steve Cross announced that there is no scheduled 12/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting to avoid conflict with the winter holidays.

5) Motion made by Joe Ring, PPERRIA Vice President, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA acclaim past/current presidents of PPERRIA." Certificates were presented to those neighbors. See attached Item 5. See Item 12 regarding the PPERRIA Centennial Program.

6) Motion made by Steve Banks, PPERRIA Vice President, seconded, and passed without noes: "To PPERRIA acclaim long term residents of the neighborhood and those born in the neighborhood who continue/returned to live in the neighborhood." Certificates were presented to those neighbors. See attached Item 6. See Item 13 regarding the PPERRIA Centennial Program.

7) Florence Littman, PPERRIA Zoning/Planning Committee Chair, reviewed items before the committee: A) The owner of the Great Brakes Properties has finally, two years after the original request, provided the city with a site plan. It is being reviewed by the City Planning Department/Committees. The site is at 3200

University Avenue SE. The city had canceled the owner's license to do business on the site. B) JPL has provided revised plans for the proposed student housing on the Wool Growers site, 27th Avenue and between I-94 and Essex SE Avenue. The committee considers this plan much worse than earlier plans: street level

parking, no elevators, suburban industrial style building, stick construction, intrusive signage, less than minimal green spaces, etc., and comes nowhere near the earlier plans and photographs presented by JPL to the neighborhood. The committee recommends that the required variances not be given. C) The committee recommends that the city not make a zoning exception for the pedestrian overlay zoning in Dinkytown for a proposed remodeling of the McDonald's restaurant drive-in facilities. The exception goes against the reasoning for the current zoning: facilitating pedestrian, not vehicle, traffic.

8) Susan Gottlieb introduced current PPERRIA/NRP contractors: Paula Dennman, Buckthorn Removal Coordinator; Susan Gottlieb, Action Plan Coordinator; David Kaar, Block Club Coordinator; Jerry Stein, Education Committee Coordinator. She referred all to the 11/2001 PPERRIA Newsletter for further information. See attached Item 8.

9) There were no further laid-over items needing to be addressed at this meeting.

10) See attached handouts (Item 10) available at this meeting.

11) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting that lasted for twelve minutes!"

12) There followed a program and reception honoring the 100 year existence of PPERRIA. See attached Item 12

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Additions and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or < [marko029 @umn.edu](mailto:marko029@umn.edu)>

Minutes of December Special PPERRIA Meeting – Susan Gottlieb

PPERRIA President Steve Cross called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on 12/3/01. The motion to approve the agenda was seconded and approved. Jim Hall of Wall Companies presented plans for a research park in the Southeast Industrial Area adjacent to the University of Minnesota. The park will be located on the site of a grain elevator next to the rail lines and transitway, between approximately 23rd Ave. SE and Malcolm Ave. SE. It will be built in stages, with the first stage toward the University end of the parcel(s). Hall reported that Wall Companies is working closely with the city to make the research park a high quality development of glass and brick in an urban setting. They hope to appeal to light industrial businesses and established companies from the suburbs who would like to have a research and development arm at the University of Minnesota. The developer will seek TIF funds to help with cleanup and demolition of the elevators, which they estimate at \$1-2 million. In the first stage of development, the research park will supply surface parking, but as the project grows, the surface parking will give way to ramp parking and increased density. Wall Companies will return to PPERRIA once they move forward in the project.

Zoning Chair Florence Littman reported on the proposal by McDonald's in Dinkytown to have the city change the zoning code to allow a larger drive-through as part of their proposed renovation. Dinkytown currently has a pedestrian-oriented overlay zone, which disallows drive-throughs for area businesses. McDonald's had its current drive-through prior to the zoning designation and was allowed to keep it. However, any renovation to the current structure would need to abide by the pedestrian overlay zone rules, unless the code was changed. PPERRIA passed the proposed motion: PPERRIA supports the provisions of Chapter 551, Article 11 (re: Pedestrian-Oriented Overlay Districts) of the Minneapolis Zoning Code.

Joe Ring initiated a second discussion about the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) by giving a brief history of PPERRIA's positions toward the Central Corridor LRT since 1984. He explained that the Policy Board, composed of representatives from the counties and jurisdictions affected by the rail line, makes recommendations, but the Metropolitan Council has final authority over LRT decisions. The Policy Board's current proposal for the Central Corridor is that it be LRT (not buses) and that it move via University Avenue through St. Paul and into Minneapolis, turning northward at approximately 25th Avenue in order to go below grade on Washington Avenue and cross the river to downtown. The proposed stops in St. Paul are approximately 1-2 miles apart, with a stop at Westgate. Proposed stops in Minneapolis would include Berry St. (Westgate), 27th Avenue SE, and Stadium Village, before going downtown. Joe had facilitated discussion at a neighborhood meeting about LRT in September, at which a survey of 42 respondents indicated a preference for a more northerly route in Minneapolis, beginning earlier than the one proposed. He presented a resolution to that effect.

In discussing the merits of both the Central Corridor proposal and the proposed resolution, several members argued that Prospect Park would best be able to use LRT if it moves along University Avenue as planned, not taking a more northerly route along the transitway. Many stated that development that would ensue from LRT would be high quality, and that by LRT using a lane (each way) along an already narrow University Avenue, current truck traffic would be diminished. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone further debate on the proposed resolution until the January PPERRIA meeting so that one or more groups can convene to discuss further options. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gottlieb, Acting Secretary

Two Proposed PPERRIA Resolutions for Central Corridor Transit Light Rail Transit (LRT)

The membership of PPERRIA will be asked to approve a neighborhood resolution for the Met Council. It will be made up of either one of the following resolutions or a blending of the two.

Resolution #1

The following resolution has been proposed:

- 1) PPERRIA supports an LRT mode of transit for the Central Corridor.
- 2) PPERRIA supports an alignment for the LRT along University Avenue in St. Paul to Berry Street, then turning north to the U of MN bus transit way, following the busway to approximately Huron, then turning to meet Washington Avenue and begin the descent to follow Washington Avenue through the campus below grade.
- 3) PPERRIA supports an LRT station at Stadium Village and one at Berry Street to service Westgate and the Prospect Park-East River Road communities.
- 4) PPERRIA supports the development and placement of feeder or circulator buses along University and Franklin Avenues.

Resolution #2

The following alternative resolution is new and has not been proposed to PPERRIA before.

It is the PPERRIA position that in order to strengthen, serve, and protect the Prospect Park neighborhood, the alignment and function of LRT should be designed to meet the following criteria:

1. Route

- Continue LRT on University as far west as possible, at least as far as 27th.
- Include three stops between 280 and Oak Street.
- Central corridor LRT should be aligned to improve neighborhood transit options to maximize integration with buses.

2. Design and Development Criteria

PPERRIA wants to shape high-quality development along University Avenue to be compatible with the scale and character of the existing Prospect Park neighborhood.

a. Any development should be pedestrian-oriented and include:

1. Housing—mostly owner-occupied
2. Retail and services to support the neighborhood
3. Underground parking, mainly—restrict on-grade parking
4. Streetscape design should be pedestrian scale and include landscaping, bike racks, lighting, and benches.

b. To shape development, we will use tools such as:

1. Creation of a University Avenue Transit Corridor Overlay District
2. Moratorium on development on University Avenue (Note: This moratorium *does not extend to* development of Granary Parkway Research Park.)

3. Process

It is the neighborhood expectation and intent to be involved by having official representation with each of the agencies/ authorities planning the LRT system and development of affected property or land.

If these principles and criteria are pursued through full and continuous neighborhood participation, the introduction and incorporation of LRT into the fabric of the neighborhood will be a positive force in our continued vitality and ongoing regeneration.

Thanks to PPERRIA Centennial Volunteers – Susan Gottlieb

Please be sure to thank the volunteers who made the PPERRIA Centennial Celebration happen:

Lois Willand, Florence Littman, Peter LaSha, Susan Gottlieb, Gratia Reynolds, Steve Banks, Joe Ring, Tom Kilton, Mary Alice Kopf, Ralph Rapson, Phyllis Kahn, Jean Gillette, Steve Steury, Douglas Munro, Margarita Smith, Bruce Graff, Janet Kenney, Donald Kahn, Dick Kain, David Kaar, Dan Patenaude, Paul Zerby, Betts Zerby, Steve Cross and son, Susan Larson-Fleming, John Holmquist, John Dewitt, Tony Garmers, Paula Denman, John Kari, Rob Nordin, Ann Jaede, Vera Marshall, Ginia Klamecki, Janet Lund, Jane Burnham, Cheryl Vollhaber, Julia Wallace, Eleanor Montgomery, Susan Thrash, and Executive Committee Members

Textile Center to Host February PPERRIA Meeting – Steve Cross

The newly opened Textile Center of Minnesota will open its remodeled space for PPERRIA to hold its February Membership and Board meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, February 25, 7-9 p.m. The Textile Center will offer a tour and possible demonstration prior to the meeting, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to get to know a new neighbor and area resource a little better. Please join us.

Environmental Meetings/Events Are Upcoming – Justin Eibenholtzl

There are several upcoming events and meetings available for people interested in environmental issues. Xcel Energy will hold a public meeting to discuss the Metro Emissions Reduction Project on Thursday, January 31, 2002, at the Citizens Bank (intersection of Broadway and Marshall St. Northeast). The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rasmassum Room. This is a follow-up meeting to discuss the Riverside plant meeting held by Xcel earlier. A follow-up meeting to discuss the Highbridge Plant will be held on January 23rd.

The Center for Neighborhoods is having a sustainability conference on Saturday, January 26, 2002, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Blvd, Minneapolis. This is a free conference and our Southeast Environmental Coordinator, Justin Eibenholtzl, will present a workshop at 10:45 a.m. To register, please call 339-3480 or www.center4neighborhoods.org.

If you are interested in finding out more information on these events, please call me at 676-1731.

NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: November 10, 2001 through January 11, 2001. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites		
Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood	Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contractor Budget
Totals 12/8/01 to 1/11/02	16.0	\$256.00	.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 12/7/01	7,583.35	\$129,333.88*	87.6%
Totals 10/18/95 to 1/11/02	7,599.35	\$129,589.88*	87.7%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$147,646.15; **\$18,056.27** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, and 6/25/01 and adds in funds from Livability B.2.b. Landscaping Projects – Buckthorn removal program, from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker.

NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03, Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02, David Kaar, whose contract expires 8/31/02 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/02.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs/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 Cross	376-0094
Glendale/Prospect Park	Jerry Stein	623-0588
History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
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	378-3038
Safety & Security	David Kaar	331-9015
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, February 8, 2001.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm January 23	Garden Club meeting at 110 Bedford St. SE (Mari Leete's house)	Mari Leete 378-2652
Monday, 7:00 pm January 28	PPERRIA Board and Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Saturday, 5:30-8:30 pm February 2	Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, 7:30 pm February 6	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. February 7	Community Meeting at Luxton Park to discuss parking/traffic flow on East River Parkway	Jenifer Ringgold 661-4864
Saturday, TBA February 9	Cabin Fever Event at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Dinner/music/admission	Lois Willand 378-9697
Monday, 7:00 pm February 11	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Tuesday, 6:00 pm February 12	Black History Month Dinner at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, 5:30 pm February 13	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Monday, 7:00 pm February 18	Public meeting re: Brighton Development of Gopher Oil site at Prospect Park Methodist Church	Linda Donaldson 332-5664 Brighton Development
Tuesday, 7:00 pm February 19	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6-8 pm February 21	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Thursday, 6-8 pm February 21	Black History Month Celebration at Luxton Park building – food and entertainment	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm February 25	PPERRIA Membership and BOD Meeting at Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE	Steve Cross 376-0094

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 – 4 pm	Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 4 – 5 pm 1 st Monday 11:15 am 4 th Wednesday 9:45 am	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC	Curt Oliver 331-3713

PERRIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>

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