

**Prospect Park East River Road  
Improvement Association Inc.  
66 Malcolm Avenue S.E.  
Minneapolis MN 55414**

## **January, 1999 Newsletter**

Dear members of PPERRIA:

Remember that there is NO December PPERRIA General Membership Meeting. In January, PPERRIA, in a combined PPERRIA/neighborhood meeting, will determine a plan for the reallocation of **\$26,051** in contingency funds. Hope your holidays are warm and bright!

Alison Katagiri, PPERRIA President

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THE NEXT PPERRIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS **MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 7p.m.**

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

### **Motion for January PPERRIA Meeting**

**Motion: To release \$2,000 from PARC A.1.c. (Luxton sports equipment) to purchase soccer equipment.**

**Motion: To return \$320,000 from Education A.1.a. (Neighborhood learning center) back to Housing A.1. (development of housing on specific sites).**

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### **Grievance Considered on Sidewalk Lighting**

A grievance was filed with the PPERRIA Executive Committee on the neighborhood sidewalk lighting plan. Mr. Steve Ficker who lives on the 1800 block of Franklin Avenue and Ms. Kay Teberg who lives on Barton Avenue filed the grievance. The Executive Committee at its meeting on December 14, 1998 considered it.

The grievance said that the entire sidewalk lighting process was invalid and requested that the process of approving the project be re-commenced from the beginning. The reasons for the grievance and the responses heard were:

The grievance failed to get any audible "aye" votes at the PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting with all members apparently voting "no." The decision to not sustain the grievance can be appealed to NRP. Mr. Ficker and Ms. Teberg indicated that they would appeal.

### **Fire & Ice Festival Coordinator Needed**

Luxton Park Council seeks an individual(s) to coordinate the 1999 Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park. Volunteers will oversee various aspects of the festival, from obtaining permits to entertainment and food. The Council needs someone to coordinate the volunteers to ensure another successful festival this coming year.

The festival is scheduled for February 6, 1999. Past Fire & Ice Festivals have included ice skating, a bonfire, horse-drawn wagon rides through the neighborhood, brats and other food, and other entertainment indoors. Without a coordinator, the festival will be cancelled. Please call Jeanne Moses at 379-1871 if you would like to volunteer.

## Nominations Sought for City Winter Wonder Awards

The Neighborhood Environment Committee (a sub-committee of the Committee on Urban Environment) announces the "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Wonder Awards." Winter Wonder Awards will be given to honor Minneapolis residents who have created innovative snow or ice sculpture in their yards, planted a winter garden, or anything that brings color/life to the winter landscape. These awards are designed to celebrate non-holiday decorations. The NEC believes that these projects deserve recognition because they not only celebrate our winter season, but enhance our neighborhoods as well.

Please feel free to nominate yourself, a neighbor, or any winter artisan. Please send their name, address, a brief description of the project and a photo, if possible, or give NEC a call at 673-2615. Mail nominations to: Winter Wonder Awards, CUE/NEC, Room 210 City Hall, 350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Judging will be done as nominations are received and nominations will close March 23, 1999. Awards will be presented at the Minneapolis Pride! Day Celebration held in the spring.

## PPERRIA NRP Fund Reallocation Planned

PPERRIA and the Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood will be reallocating \$26,051 in Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) funds. A reallocation proposal meeting in January will allow interested parties to present proposals and take questions from the audience. No vote will be taken at the meeting. Based on information from this meeting, the Reallocation Committee will then develop a plan proposal for use of these funds. The Reallocation Committee is composed of representatives from all areas of the neighborhood and all NRP committees. This plan will be presented to a joint meeting of PPERRIA and the neighborhood in January.

To make a presentation at the Reallocation Proposal meeting, you must submit a completed proposal form. Forms can be picked up at Pratt, Luxton, or Tower Grocery, and must be delivered to the PPERRIA mailbox in the Pratt Community Center office on or before Friday, January 8. Copies of the NRP plan may be obtained by calling Reallocation Committee co-chair Alison Savin at 378-9751. The Reallocation Proposal meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 13, in Room A at Luxton Park. Presenters will have a limited time to speak and take questions; the time allotted will depend on the number of presenters wishing to speak. The Reallocation Plan will be presented for a neighborhood vote at the January 25, 1999 PPERRIA meeting. We invite all residents of the neighborhood, as well as PPERRIA members, to attend to vote on the proposed plan.

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Grievance:	Response:
The NRP action plan included two "options." The first listed was for an increase in wattage of existing lights and the addition of several additional lights. The second "option" was for the sidewalk lighting. The neighborhood was not given the chance to choose between the two options.	The two "options" in the NRP Plan were not either by the Plan's own words or by common understanding meant to be alternatives of which only one was to be chosen by the neighborhood. In fact, both the additional lighting and the sidewalk lighting are being implemented. The fact that work started first on the sidewalk lighting option isn't affected by lack of simultaneous action on a separate option.
The action at the June, 1997, PPERRIA meeting to proceed with the sidewalk lighting without voting on the two options and without action on the first option was a change in the NRP Action plan that had to be approved at a neighborhood meeting.	The NRP action plan has never been changed either explicitly or implicitly. The action at the June 1997, meeting was a "release of funds" for the sidewalk project not a change in the plan by adopting sidewalk lighting to the exclusion of additional street lighting.

<p>The vote at the June 1997, meeting was not widely promoted in advance. As a result, the required neighborhood support of the project that is required by NRP does not exist.</p>	<p>The vote took place at the regular monthly meeting. The meeting and the issue of whether to release funds were publicized by neighborhood signs, advertisements in Neighborhood newspapers, and in the PPERRIA newsletter.</p>
<p>The approval vote in June 1997 was restricted to PPERRIA members. Non-members should have been allowed to vote in order for it to be required broad neighborhood support.</p>	<p>PPERRIA is only the "fiscal agent" managing the NRP money. The NRP Steering Committee that existed through the neighborhood adoption of the NRP Action Plan was dissolved once the plan was approved. The original approval of the Action Plan was voted upon neighborhood wide. Since then, PPERRIA has followed the plan. There is no requirement for general neighborhood vote on every action of the "fiscal agent's" administration.</p>

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, January 8, 1999.**

To add any news or information to the newsletter, contact Steve Cross at [cross@isd.net](mailto:cross@isd.net) by Friday, January 8, 1999.

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event and Location</b>	<b>Who to contact</b>
<p>Tuesday, 7:30 pm January 5</p>	<p><b>Luxton Park Council</b> meeting at Luxton Park building</p>	<p>Jeanne Moses 379-1871</p>
<p>Friday, 12:00 pm January 8</p>	<p><b>Reallocation Proposals</b> due at the PPERRIA mailbox at Pratt</p>	<p>Alison Savin 378-9751</p>
<p>Monday, 7:00 pm January 11</p>	<p><b>PPERRIA Executive Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</p>	<p>Alison Katagiri 331-5279</p>
<p>Wednesday, 5:00 pm January 13</p>	<p><b>Glendale Resident Organization</b> meeting at 92 St. Mary's</p>	<p>Darlene Edwards 342-1986</p>
<p>Wednesday, 7:00 pm January 13</p>	<p><b>Reallocation Proposal</b> meeting in Room A at Luxton Park building (Invormation; No Vote)</p>	<p>Alison Savin 378-9751</p>
<p>Tuesday, 7:00 pm January 19</p>	<p><b>Zoning &amp; Planning Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</p>	<p>Florence Littman 623-2740</p>
<p>Thursday, 7:00 pm January 14</p>	<p><b>East River Gorge Committee</b> meeting at Shriner's Hospital</p>	<p>Tom Kilton 339-3064</p>
<p>Wednesday, 7:00 pm January 20</p>	<p><b>Reallocation Proposal</b> meeting in Room A at Luxton Park building (Vote)</p>	<p>Alison Savin 378-9751</p>
<p>Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm January 21</p>	<p><b>Pratt Council</b> meeting at Pratt Community Center. Childcare/rides available.</p>	<p>Kathy Kahn 378-0779</p>
<p>Monday, 7:00 pm January 25</p>	<p><b>PPERRIA General Membership/Neighborhood</b> meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</p>	<p>Alison Katagiri 331-5279</p>
<p><b>PPERRIA Committees</b></p>		

	<b>Education &amp; Human Services Committee</b>	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
	<b>Environment Committee</b>	Bill Kahn 378-5287
	<b>Landscape Committee</b>	Karen Murdock 340-1338
	<b>Safety &amp; Security Committee</b>	Harrison Nelson 378-5388
	<b>Tower Hill Park Committee</b>	Susan Thrash 379-4587
	<b>Transportation Committee</b>	Eleanor Montgomery 378-2714
	<b>Zoning &amp; Plan Review Committee</b>	Florence Littman 331-2740
	<b>Recurring Community Events</b>	<b>Who to contact</b>
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm	<b>Food donations</b> can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Contact Ginia Klamecki at 331-7056 for options
Tuesdays, 4 - 5 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 11:15 AM 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9:45 AM	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center <b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ. Good Samaritan Ctr.	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 379-4958