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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 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,

Please consider attending this month's meeting which will discuss preparations for National Night Out in August and decide to release funds for a Neighborhood Learning Center at Pratt. The latest information about developments on SE 4th Street, SE Bedford and SE University Avenue will also be presented. See you there!

Thanks, Steve Cross

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our June PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 26th, 7 - 9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (ground floor) SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

1. Introductions. 2. Approve minutes from last meeting. 3. Presentations/Informational items.

4. Motions for Consideration:

Decision	Motion to release \$105,000 for Pratt Community Center/School
Decision	Loan Policy for PPERRIA-owned Canopies
Information	Update on Bedford Townhomes and Fraser School Projects

5. New/Old Business. 6. Adjourn.

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-liasons 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	Karen Murdock	340-1338
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

Motions for Consideration at June PPERRIA Meeting

Motion: To release up to \$105,000 from Education and Human Services A.1.a. Neighborhood Learning Center to develop the school at the Pratt site.

The NRP Action Plan originally provided \$200,000 for strategy A.1.a. Neighborhood Learning Center. A total of \$45,000 has been released from this strategy to date. The Education Committee recommends the release of an additional \$105,000 to be used for start-up costs associated with the Pratt School component of the Pratt Community Center, play area improvements, library enhancements, and community curriculum workers for the next two years.

Motion: That PPERRIA adopt the following policy: PPERRIA will loan any of the canopies (owned by PPERRIA) to any neighborhood resident for the resident's non-commercial, one-day use upon payment by the resident of a \$10 use fee and the resident agreeing 1) to assume all liability relating to the canopy and 2) to replace the canopy if it is rendered unusable while in their possession.

Minutes of May 22 PPERRIA Meeting - Dan Patenaude

1. The 5/22/2000 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (BMN) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, PPERRIA President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the BOD was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the meeting agenda as available at the meeting." There were no additions and/or corrections to the agenda.
2. The crime statistics report will be presented at the 6/2000 B/M/N meeting.
3. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept with clarification of Item 13/14 by Neal Simons, that "they were not from New York;" in minutes of the 4/24/2000 PPERRIA Annual meeting as published in the 5/2000 PPERRIA Newsletter.
4. Jan Morlock, Director of Community Relations for the Twin City Area, University of Minnesota (UM), circulated copies of a University of Minnesota Community Relations Newsletter. [See attached.] Questions/comments/requests to her at 612-624-8318 or >morlock@mailbox.mail.umn.edu<. Of immediate concern for the UM and especially the neighborhood is the displacement of existing parking and the increase of needed parking. The neighborhood is experiencing a large increase of UM staff and students using parking spaces needed by neighborhood residents and/or local business. PPERRIA is encouraged to develop and/or update its position regarding the position(s) of UM light rail stations. The UM is encouraged to examine the relationship of its existing transitway and proposed light rail transit routes. There seems to be an increasing need for a Southeast wide area contact group, a role provided by the former SEMPAC (Southeast Minneapolis Planning and Action Committee). The UM has requested proposals for student housing projects in the Dinkytown area. Specific information soon to follow.
5. Linda Donaldson, Brighton Development Corporation (Brighton), provided updated information on the status of the Bedford Townhomes at Fourth Street and Bedford SE. The purchase of the property (partial funds provided by an earlier PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Strategy of Housing funds release) has got "off the dime" which was caused by the unwillingness by the probate court to sell the Fourth Street lot of the Gopher Machinery site, a situation that developed after the death of the owner of Gopher Machinery. Fraser School is now to purchase the University Avenue Gopher Machinery site and will relocate their existing program from a Minneapolis site. This also removes the possibility of the sale of the other three sites to other owners and/or developers with the resulting development not as desirable to the community as the Proposed Brighton Townhome project. These sites were either no longer willing to extend their purchase agreement dates or have had their reallocation issue resolved and are ready for purchase. Acting on authority, of the earlier PPERRIA B/M/N motion to release the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan funds of oversight of the ongoing non substantive nature, the PPERRIA Executive Committee approved at its 5/8/2000 meeting the change of the construction dated to 12/31/2000 from 9/1/2000 and the redevelopment agreement date to 9/1/2000 from 10/1/1999 of that motion. This change is due to the after motion development regarding the Gopher Machinery Site and the possibility of other developers purchasing the other sites. There are no other changes in the proposed twelve townhome development or the use/amount of PPERRIA/NRP funds and PPERRIA will have review of the redevelopment agreement that now can be produced. Concern was expressed regarding traffic patterns and the possibility of moving at least one of the houses on University Avenue to another site.
6. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA adopt the conditions outlined in the letter dated 4/10/2000 sent by the PPERRIA Environment Committee to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding a request for intervention regarding the air pollution permit for the Pechiney Packaging Group's (formerly National Can and earlier Rap-in-Wax) facility at Essex and 27th Avenue SE." [See attached PPERRIA Committee letter and MPCA reply.] PPERRIA has not earlier had a position regarding this specific

issue. Bill Kahn, PPERRIA Environment Committee Chair, reviewed the motion. The conditions are: 1) Emissions are to remain the same of all hazardous air pollutants (HAP) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) below a risk-based criterion approved by the Minnesota Department of Health(MHD); 2) HAP emissions must be reduced to zero by May 1, 2005; 3) No HAP with a De Minimus of less than ten tons per year under MPCA's rules be used.

The PPERRIA Environment committee has continued to work with Pechiney to reduce releases of their solvents in our neighborhood with some success but has had a notable broken promise to reduce HAP's to zero this year. This permit for the whole plant is our only opportunity to legally bind Pechiney to reduce or eliminate the releases of dangerous solvents in our midst. Pechiney has volunteered to do tests to determine health risks addressed in condition one and we will later hear more about that and action on the other two conditions. Contact Kahn at 612-378-5287 for copies and/or for questions.

7. Motion made, seconded and passed with one no: "That PPERRIA adopt essentially the same process used by the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Improvement Association to notify residents and property owners of complaints of noisy parties at their addresses." Paul Scheurer will review Minneapolis Police Department 911 reports and send the letters. Although this issue occurs throughout the entire neighborhood, it is of more concern in the Motley neighborhood. At present there is not an active PPERRIA Livability Committee to handle this and other livability issues.

8. Announced were:

Information regarding the "Prospect Park Summer Concerts" on 6/20/2000 and 7/20/2000 and the "St. Frances Cabrini Series" on 6/15/2000, 6/22/2000 and 7/6/2000 was circulated by Lois Willand, PPERRIA Community Events Committee Chair. Contact her at 378-9697. Watch for public announcements.

Circulated was a sign up sheet for the 6/2/2000 Pratt Ice Cream Social. Needed are cakes for the cake walk and plants for the plant sale. Call 668-1122.

All were reminded of the Southeast Angle 25th Anniversary gathering at Van Cleve Park on June 17, 12-5 PM.

A "Labeler" is needed for the monthly mailing of the PPERRIA Newsletter. Mary Huss the current labeler for the past three years is moving. Note, this is a "no committee" job, only you. Call Andy Mickel, PPERRIA Vice President-Newsletter, at 331-8396 or andym@mr.net

A PPERRIA Task Force for Neighborhood Revitalization (NRP) phase II is being formed. It will review PPERRIA/NRP Phase I, follow developments of NRP Phase II and make recommendations regarding PPERRIA' actions regarding NRP Phase II. Those interested contact SteveCross at 376-0094 or cross@isd.net
The Seventh Annual Prospect Park Neighborhood clean up was again a success thanks to all who contributed trash to pick up, good stuff to be sold, themselves to pick up or sell, and those who provided support for the event (watch for a listing so they can be individually thanked). This event is one of the neighborhood activities that increases the livability of this neighborhood. The city provided seven compactor trucks (we got two extra when another neighborhood did not provide helpers.) Our event is high on the drivers' list to be a part of. Three of the compactors were used to pick up brush. In addition, picked up were two truck loads of metal, thirteen tons of concert and 73 tires! The sale of good stuff added \$550 to PPERRIA's bank account.

9. Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, referred all to the April 2000 PPERRIA/NRP Contractor Activities information published in the May 2000 PPERRIA Newsletter. The two contractors, Paula Denman and Susan Gottlieb, provided support for the remaining PPERRIA/Activities. Their contracts expire 10/31/2000. Total contractor expenses 10/18/1995 to 5/5/2000 is \$116,419 with \$3,104 remaining in the account.

10/11. Old and new business. Paul Scheurer reported that the status of PPERRIA's recommendation to name the park area on River Road and Ontario SE in Motley is now up to the Minneapolis Park Board. Paul indicated he will report on anything that happens. Eleanor Montgomery, Transportation Committee Chair, indicated to watch for an announcement of an information meeting of the Transportation Committee regarding the long unresolved issue of a south side Highway 94 sound wall between the highway/railroad tracks (?) and the East River Terrace and Road neighborhood. There was no further announcements or old/new business.

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

It is Time to Create Your Rain Garden

- Bill Kahn

From: Nassauer, Halverson, & Roos. "Bringing Garden Amenities into Your Neighborhood: Infrastructure for Ecological Quality A Guidebook for Cities and Citizens"

The PPERRIA Environment Committee urges you to take advantage of whatever excavation has been done for the lighting project on your boulevard to create rain gardens. We have two thousand dollars earmarked for a model rain garden but a suitable public site could not be found; we are discussing how to use this money to buy plants and materials for boulevard easement rain gardens, as visible as any public site. You can, of course, start now.

A rain garden (or small bio-retention area) is essentially a ditch or swale with plantings tolerant of alternating dry and wet conditions. Rain gardens retain run off water and can be as simple as a hole filled with gravel, covered with mulch, and bordered by day lilies; or a complex network of interconnected ditches filled with native shrubs, forbs, and grasses. Which plants one picks depends on the sun exposure and drainage of the site.

You can determine if your boulevard strip is suitable for a rain garden by observing run off during a rainstorm. If you observe moderate sheeting of water towards your strip or a line of sediment bordering your boulevard strip following a storm, chances are you can detain some run off water from the storm sewer through planting a rain garden. If you have a torrent of water flowing along your boulevard strip, you may have a run off problem greater than a rain garden will solve; in this case, look for ways to reduce the run off at the source or do some more extensive drainage work.

If you decide to create a rain garden, place instructions to the sub-contractor on a lawn sign saying you don,t want the soil level raised over the curb level and you don,t want grass seeded or sodding done. After they have done their work drop a weed barrier or mulch down, choose your plants, grab your shovel, and create that garden.*
*Gopher One Call; call before you dig.

Summer Concerts and Programs Happening - Lois Willand

The PPERRIA Community Events committee is happy to announce Summer Concerts 2000, which begins on Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. with the Café Accordion Orchestra. This is the music of French bistros, Argentine bodegas, vintage swing, foxtrot, tango and rhumba. It will be held at the Pratt Community Center/School, with partial funding by Pratt Council.

A second concert by Dick Hensold and Karen Mueller will be held Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. at the Minnich Triangle, 1307 E. River Parkway. This concert will feature Celtic folk music with Northumbrian pipes, dulcimer, autoharp, recorder and some original tunes. Donations accepted at both concerts.

St. Frances Cabrini presents a series of performer/audience dialogues called "Art and the Human Spirit" on June 15 (Susana de Palma, Zorengo Flamenco Dance Theater), June 22 (Dan Dressen and host Brock Portmann), and

July 6 (Ranee Ramaswamy, Ragamala Music and Dance Theater). All performances will be held at 1500 Franklin Ave. SE, with food shelf donations requested. To register call 339-3023.

Ideas to Make Our Neighborhood Even Safer - Harrison Nelson

As the new Safety and Security Sidewalk Lighting is being installed in most of the residential areas of Prospect Park, here are some actions each of us can take to enhance the benefits of this improved lighting and make our neighborhood even safer:

1. Keep a light on near a window in your house all night (so it will appear to a would-be criminal on the street that someone is awake in your house and may be watching the street).
2. Take an evening walk around Prospect Park with two or three of your neighbors. Use a cellular phone to report any suspicious activity.
3. Get to know your neighbors, and learn who belongs in your neighborhood and who doesn't. (Join your Block Club.)
4. Ensure that the paths to and from your home are well lit (motion-sensing lights, lights-on-timers or simply keeping your outside lights on all the time will work and is inexpensive).
5. Trim back tree branches and bushes that prevent your neighbors from clearly seeing a burglar breaking into your house via each door or window.
6. Make your house "look occupied" when you are away, by having a radio on and by leaving some lights on or using light timers.
7. Keep your doors and windows locked.
8. Secure easily stolen items such as grills, bicycles, tools and especially laptop computers.
9. To prevent or reduce the chance of your car being vandalized or stolen:
 - a) park your car in your garage,
 - b) If you can't park in a garage, park your car on a well lit street and consider a car alarm,
 - c) don't keep anything of value in the car (at least put it in your trunk),
 - d) also don't put a blanket over "some stuff" you keep in your car (car windows have been broken by thieves who think there may be valuables under the blanket).
10. Contact Nicole Magnan (at CCP/SAFE) (E-mail: Nicole.Magnan@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for a free Security Audit of your home and property. Her telephone number is 673-2874.

YWCA Minneapolis-Midtown Job Openings - Sue Gottlieb

The new YWCA Minneapolis-Midtown opening at 2121 East Lake Street on August 1, 2000, has a number of job openings available, including Membership and Sales Coordinator Assistant, Field House Coordinator Assistant and Summer Camp Counselor. To apply or for more information, please contact Deanna Hamilton at 215-4182.

NRP Phase II Planning Meetings Scheduled - Sue Gottlieb

The NRP Policy Board distributed a draft plan of NRP Phase II (years 2001-2009) for public comment in early June. Eight neighborhood-area meetings are scheduled for citizen input before the Policy Board votes on a final plan July 24. The meeting for our area will be on Thursday, June 22, at the Brackett Neighborhood Center, 2728 39th Ave. S. at 6:30 p.m. If you have ideas about how NRP Phase II should unfold, please plan to attend this meeting (or send written comments to Bob Miller, NRP, 105 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 425, Minneapolis 55401).

June 22, 2000 Safety and Security Committee Meeting - Harrison Nelson

The Neighborhood Safety and Security Committee will meet on Thursday, June 22, 2000 at 7 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. The primary agenda item is planning for National Night Out (on August 1st). Several other items relating to safety and security will also be discussed.

June 2000 PERRIA NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: May 6, 2000 through June 9, 2000. Major activities and results:

Supported communication between Housing Committee & city on Bedford Townhomes project		Supported various PERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood		Maintained the neighborhood calendar	
Supported production of PERRIA newsletter		Worked to implement signage in neighborhood	
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contr. Budget
Totals 5/6/00 (6/9/00)	22.0	\$ 352.00	.3%
Totals 10/18/95(5/5/00)	6,985.60	\$116,418.80	97.4%
Totals 10/18/95(5/5/00)	7,007.60	\$116,770.80	97.7%

Total PERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$119,522.69; \$2,751.89 remains.

*Note: These amounts correspond to Treasurer's Report of 11/9/99.

NOTE: THE ONLY REMAINING CONTRACTORS INCLUDE SUSAN GOTTLIEB AND PAULA DENMAN. THEIR CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE 10/31/00.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, 7-9 pm June 22	Southeast Neighborhood Mtg about NRP Phase II at Brackett Neighborhood Center, 2728 39 th Ave. S.	NRP 673-5140
Thursday, 7-9 pm June 22	Dan Dressen & Brock Portmann at St. Frances Cabrini Church	339-3023
Monday, 7:00 pm June 26	PPERIA General Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day	
Thursday, 7-9 pm July 6	Ragamala Music and Dance Theater at St. Frances Cabrini Church	339-3023
Monday, 7:00 pm July 10	PPERIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, 5:00 pm July 12	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1965
Tuesday, 7:00 pm July 18	Zoning & Planning Committee (tentative) meeting Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970

Thursday, July 20	7:00 pm	Dick Hensold & Karen Mueller concert at Minnich Triangle	Lois Willand	378-9697
Monday, July 24	7:00 pm	PPERRIA General Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross	376-0094
Tuesday, August 1	6 pm - ??	National Night Out Block Parties at various block club locations in neighborhood	Harrison Nelson Pam Wollum	378-5377 623-
Day and Time		Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact	
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 to 4 pm		Food donations 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 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	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm		Community Choir at PPUMC	Connie Balcom	332-5239

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, July 7, 2000.**

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

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