

June 2002 PPERRIA Newsletter

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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Our June PPERRIA Meeting is Monday the 24th, 7-9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues
Southeast

- 1. Welcome.
- 2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
- 3. Motions for Consideration:
- 4. New/Old Business.
- 5. Adjourn.

Decision	Motion on Pechiney Packaging proposal
Decision	Motion to release \$12,297 to SECIA for Environmental Coordination
Decision	Community Impact Statement for Southeast neighborhoods
Information	Public Works street improvement project for Motley area

Minutes from May 20th PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

1) The 5/20/2002 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc., [PPERRIA] Board of Directors [BOD]/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Banks, President, at 7:10 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC), Malcolm/Orlin Avenue SE Minneapolis. A quorum of the BOD was present. Guest and new members were introduced. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept this meeting's agenda as available at this meeting." There will be several items of old and new business. It was requested that the meeting start at 7 PM. There were no additional changes and/or corrections to this agenda. 2) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the minutes of the 5/22/2002 PPERRIA Annual meeting as published in the 5/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter." There were no additional changes and/or corrections to those minutes. 3) The neighborhood crime report was tabled to the 6/02 B/M/N meeting. 4) Joe Ring, announced that a University of Minnesota (UM) Carlson School of Management Summer 2002 class will assist in the assessment of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase One. The class will conduct written surveys and focus groups as well as make recommendations for PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase II. They should provide their report/recommendations by the end of 8/02. In addition to the availability of a knowledgeable group, there is the advantage of lack of pre-conceived notions and the modest cost of \$3,000. This is much less than the expected costs of other neighborhoods' action plan assessments. PPERRIA will provide the direction and UM faculty will supervise the assessment. The students will receive academic credit for the project. Specific information in 6/02. 5) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That there be a written opinion/statement from the City of Minneapolis regarding the aligning of the boundaries along University Avenue SE of the zoning of the Southeast Industrial Area (SEIA) and the Prospect Park Historical District (PPHD)." Joe Ring Historical, District Co-Chair, showed maps provided by the city, one showing alignment (See attached Item 5A) and one showing the south half of the south side of University Avenue SE as part of SEID (See attached Item 5B). This would open the possibility of this area for high resident/commercial use. Joe has been working with the city regarding the alignment of the two plans and was surprised when shown the map with alignment (See attached Item 5A) and he is uneasy that this alignment is not in writing as well as on the city maps, as there could be problems with this issue in the future. 6) Lois Willand circulated a sign-up list for three up and running neighborhood e-mail lists: PPERRIA, Crime Alert and Community Events. PPERRIA membership and e-mail lists are only available to members and only for neighborhood public business. Announcements: A) Joe Ring announced that the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I Historical Preservation Strategy was a recipient of a 2002 Minneapolis Preservation Award by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission. This was for the work on the Tower Hill and Neighborhood as Historical Districts. See attached Item A. B) Jere Purple circulated worker sign-up sheets for the Pratt Ice Cream Social on 5/31/02. See attached Item B. C) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA supports the petition of the Minneapolis Parks Legacy Society, that the Theodore Wirth building in south Minneapolis be used as a city park historical facility." D) Cheryl Vollhaber circulated a worker sign-up sheet for a neighborhood mailing on 5/25/2002 at Karen Murdock's, 1212 Yale Street SE. E) Cheryl Vollhaber announced that there will be a neighborhood garden walk of new gardens on 7/20/02. Watch for further information. F) Lois Willand circulated a worker sign-up sheet for a PPERRIA Information Table at the 5/31/02 Pratt Ice Cream Social. G) Lois Willand reminded all to pick up a Neighborhood Summer Concert schedule available at the sign in table. H) Mary Alice Kopf reminded all of the Bruce Graff, Director of Pratt Center, retirement get together on 6/9/2002, 4 to 8 PM. I) PPERRIA membership applications are available at each PPERRIA meeting and are on the sign-in table. Current membership occurs through submitting an annual membership application. 7) East River Gorge Committee: Tom Kilton, Chair, reported that by late summer 2002, the St. Paul to Franklin extension of the East River Parkway Bike and Walk Path should be completed. This will connect on the east to the completed portion in St. Paul. Affected will be current parking and bike lanes. He also indicated that there is a proposed archery range on the River Flats area, to replace on in Riverside Park (west end of the Franklin Bridge lost to the dog run area). The Friends of the Mississippi will be conducting public hearings on the upcoming 50 year

renewal of the Ford dam on the Mississippi river and reported that the recent Earth Day clean up of the neighborhood side of the Mississippi river bank area was a success. Rachel Ramadyani, neighbor and Minneapolis Park staff, indicated that the final reconstruction of the East River Parkway, west of Franklin to under University Avenue is under way and should be complete by late summer. The staging area used for construction of the UM dorm and parking construction on River Flats Park should be restored by mid summer. At this time there is not expected that a UM Crew facility will be constructed on the River Flats Park. During 2003 the Bridal Veil Bridge on East River Parkway will be replaced. Desnoyer Park, St. Paul neighborhood east on East River Parkway, is considering a historical designation project regarding the now flooded Meeker Island Dam on the Mississippi River. (Mr. Meeker had initial settlement effects on the development of Prospect Park.) Ramadyani will update the neighborhood as information is available. Education and Human Services Committee member Kathy Kahn reported that, counter to the statement by a Minneapolis School staff member, there will be added Fall 2003 Grade 3 at Pratt Community School with Grade 4 in 2004 and Grade 5 in 2005. This summer, Pratt will receive a plumbing upgrade and the Loft area will be returned to classroom configuration. The committee continues to plan for renovation of the third floor for usable space, before and after school programs and library facilities. It is expected that all grades will be full or close to full this fall. As there are more grades at Pratt, parents will be more inclined to have their children attend Pratt. Attendance is about even with children from the Glendale Community and the Prospect Park Community. Pratt is a community (not city-wide) attendance school. Environment Committee: Bill Kahn, Chair, reported that the committee continues to work through the SE Environment Committee (Prospect Park/Como/Marcy Holmes) regarding Good Neighborhood Agreements. Joe Ring indicate that the SEIA (Southeast Industrial Area) (The railroad area north of University Avenue.) Storm Drainage Area is considering a five year grant. There seems to be opposition. Also the proposal needs to be worked on. The strategy seems to be to get money and then to develop a proper plan. Neighborhood Historical Designation Committee: Susan Thrash, Co Chair, showed the several notebooks that hold individual resident data from the Hess Roisse Prospect Park Historical Designation Feasibility Study. Each individual property has an individual page with data and a photo. A goal is to have these available to individual property owners. There seem to be errors and a plan for review needs to be made. For the present, the committee will be keeper of the notebooks, although one copy has been sent to the Minnesota Historical Society. Plans continue to be worked on to include the East River Parkway and Terrace neighborhoods in the proposal. 8) "Then and Now: A Prospect Park Slide Presentation by Peter LaSha," the latest in comprehensive presentations by Peter. Prospect Park was platted as a railroad suburb in 1884. The tracks are north of University Avenue SE and a station was at Bedford Avenue SE. The plotting was by Louis Menage, an early entrepreneur, and fashioned after the 1860's Bedford Park neighborhood development of London. Many, many stories were retold. The early homes were of Victorian style that made the most of the use of shadows and light. Now that the trees have matured, even with the non Victorian constructions, Prospect Park looks very much as the drawings of Bedford Park. It seems that with the removal of the overhead street lights, the roadway trees are not trimmed back as much. Peter's next presentation should not be missed! 9) Florence Littman, Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, announced that on 6/26/02 at 5 PM, there will be an official groundbreaking on the Bedford Town Home site, Bedford Avenue and Fourth Street SE. Watch for announcements. 10) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contract Workers Report as published in the 5/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. 11/12) Old/New Business. Requested was that there be available during the meeting a microphone and that earlier funding had been authorized. The PPUMC has a built in audio system with a microphone available on request. It seems this is not working and a microphone will be purchased. Steve Cross, past President, is preparing a plan to update and maintain the PPERRIA Web Site. Watch for announcements.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary - Comments and/or changes to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or <marko029@umn.edu>

Motions for June PPERRIA meeting – Environment Committee

Motion: The Environment Committee moves, pending review of details, that PPERRIA not contest or oppose the issuance of the present draft of Pechiney Plastic Packaging’s plant pollution permit for a thermographic press and oxidizer.

PPERRIA Environment Committee Recording Secretary Chuck Holtman has provided the following background information from our last meeting with Pechiney Plastic Packaging (formerly American National Can Company). We are bringing the motion in anticipation of an agreement with Pechiney to adequately address our permit concerns.

1. The 5-year renewal of the facility permit is essentially ready for issuance. It requires an Air Toxic Review (ATR), but does not specify what chemicals must be included in the modeling/exposure assessment. That is to be indicated in the scope of work that Pechiney is to submit within 60 days. The study would be done in about a year and the permit authorizes the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to amend the permit if necessary to address health risks indicated by the ATR.
2. The matter that this motion concerns is Pechiney’s proposal to install a new flexographic press that will be controlled to 85% volatile organic compounds (VOC) capture & destruction by a thermal oxidizer. Two existing uncontrolled presses and an uncontrolled laminator will be removed within 90 days of startup. According to Pechiney, potential to emit (PTE) will go from 1539 to 989 tons per year (TPY) VOC, while actual VOC emissions will go from 461 TPY (2001) and 421 TPY (2000) to about 290 TPY. The MPCA is considering whether to wrap this into the existing renewal permit process and issue all at once or do them separately.
3. Pechiney would like to move quickly on the new press while corporate funds are available to purchase it and would like the neighborhood’s support or at least non-opposition. We discussed a package addressing issues in both matters together. This includes:
 - Elimination of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) except for small amounts in raw material mixtures (we are negotiating what constitutes a “small amount”).
 - Language in the permit prohibiting the reinstatement of HAPs or other problematic chemicals, at least without safeguards (e.g., an exposure assessment?). We’ll try to come up with language to articulate this meaningfully.
 - Qualitative ATR on all remaining Voices to allow for “order of magnitude” assessment of whether there are any exposure concerns. If so, then we’ll fight about how to assess those in the absence of established HIVs or equipment. Pechiney is hesitant about this piece but said they’d think about the options.
 - A once-a-year review of toxicological data to see if any new information on chemicals of concern.

4. The new press installation appears to be a positive action emission-wise. Once that was accomplished, the biggest VOC emitters by far would be the two rotogravure presses. We'd like to know from Pechiney what the medium- to long-term game plan is with respect to these two presses and the level of facility VOC emissions. Also, we'd like some effective constraints on increased VOC emissions from increased production, particularly with respect to these presses, which remain uncontrolled.

Motion: To release \$12,297 remaining in NRP Action Plan Environment section A.2. Protect sites from contamination to Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) to use for Environmental Coordination.

The Environment Committee has voted to assign remaining strategy implementation of Environment A.2. to the Southeast Environmental Coordinator (EC), a position formed after our project partners (Citizens for a Better Environment) became inactive on these local issues. The EC is currently funded through a contract with both PERRIA and the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) with NRP and matching grant funds. PERRIA's share of funds has so far been \$14,000 over a two-year period; SECIA has contributed well over twice that amount and may reallocate funds to extend the position. Both environment committees have found the position effective in achieving the goals of both organizations and will continue to seek matching funds to extend the position.

Motion for July PERRIA Meeting – Executive Committee

Motion: To reallocate \$10,000 from Housing A.1. Redevelop sites for housing to Administration 1.a. Implementation Coordination.

These additional funds are necessary to complete the NRP Phase I Evaluation, including several focus groups, random sample survey and final report, as well as to continue implementation of the NRP Phase I plan and planning for Phase II. Although funds may become available through the next phase of NRP, there is no assurance of continued support at this time, and these funds are needed for immediate continued work.

Newsletter Editor Wanted for PERRIA – Executive Committee

The PERRIA Executive Committee and Board of Directors are seeking an editor for the monthly newsletter. Duties include gathering and editing articles and information submitted by the middle of the second week of the month (after the Executive Committee meeting on the second Monday of each month) and bringing to the printer. Time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month. Editor should have Microsoft Word and preferably access to a PC and e-mail. For more information or to volunteer, please call Steve Banks at 321-9064 or Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104.

Community Impact Statement Offered – Gordon Kepner

Marcy-Holmes and Como neighborhoods have written a preliminary Community Impact Statement to be presented at the upcoming PPERRIA BOD/Membership meeting on June 24th for advice and approval. This statement, which is currently being revised, expresses frustration and offers remedies for continued problems with public disorderly behavior in neighborhoods surrounding the University of Minnesota, including illegal and unacceptable alcohol-induced behavior and crimes which impact all residents both financially and in quality of life. The statement asks the courts to take the following actions: 1) send a message that these alcohol-induced behaviors are not acceptable in the community; 2) uphold strong sanctions, 3) charge significant fines, offering cost recovery, 4) enact probation/stay of sentence (subject to good behavior) with MANDATORY counseling, community service and apology to neighborhoods at neighborhood organization meeting.

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 Banks	321-9064
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
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: May 4, 2002 through June 7, 2002. 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 ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center	Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for spring, 2002		
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 Budget
Totals 5/4/02 to 6/7/02	187.25	\$2,996.00	.3%
Totals 10/18/95 to 5/3/02	7,737.85	\$131,805.88*	89.3%
Totals 10/18/95 to 6/7/02	7,925.10	\$134,801.88*	91.3%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$147,646.15; **\$12,844.27** 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 6/15/03.*

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, July 5, 2002.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, 1:00-4:30 pm June 18	Summer Splash program begins at Luxton Park and Pratt Center for youth completing K-6	Deb Clark 668-1122
Wednesday, 8:00 am June 19	Urban Tennis sign-up at Tower Hill Park	
Monday, 7:00 pm June 24	PPERRIA Membership and BOD meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Tuesday, 7:30 pm June 25	Community Concert featuring Dakota Dave Hull & Kari Larson at Pratt Performance Circle	Lois Willand 378-9697
Wednesday, 5:00 pm June 26	Groundbreaking ceremony for Bedford Townhomes corner of 4 th St. & Bedford St. SE	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm June 26	Garden Club meeting at 125 Cecil St. SE	Del Hampton 379-8876
Wednesday, 7:30 pm July 3	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Monday, 7:00 pm July 8	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm July 10	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Saturday, 10am-3pm July 20	Prospect Park Garden Walk featuring new gardens	Cheryl Vollhaber 379-7234

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 4 – 5pm 1 st Monday 11:15-12:15 3 rd Monday 2:30-3:15pm 4 th Tuesday 3:15-3:45pm	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

2002 New Garden Walk

The Prospect Park Garden Club is organizing the 7th annual Prospect Park Garden Walk this year to be held on Saturday, July 20th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This year we will be featuring new gardens in Prospect Park plus those gardens that were not on the Garden Walk last year. The event is FREE and open to the public. Maps will be available at Tower Grocery and Schneider's Drug store. For more information, contact Cheryl Vollhaber at (612) 379-7234.

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

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