

June 2004 PPERRIA Newsletter



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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, June 28th, 7-9 p.m.

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

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approve agenda and minutes from 5/24/04**
- 3. Items for Consideration: Motion to Approve Letter to Minneapolis School Board**
- 4. New/Old Business**
- 5. Adjourn**

Minutes from 5/24/04

- 1) The 05/24/04 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Joe Ring, President, at 7 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E. Minneapolis Minnesota 55414) A quorum of the BOD was present. Introduced were new members, first time attendees and visitors. Motion made by Dick Kain, seconded by Phil Anderson and passed without noes: "To accept as the agenda for this meeting the agenda amended and available at this meeting."

Added were additional items to Item 6, Announcements and one item to Item 10, New business. See attached Item 1. The meeting is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. There were no additional items added to this agenda.

Note: Minneapolis Council Member Paul Zerby was in attendance at this meeting as he lives in this neighborhood. He abstained from any votes.

- 3) Motion made by Steve Cross, seconded by Dick Kain and passed without noes: "That the minutes of the 04/26/04 PPERRIA B/M/N Meeting as published in the 05/04 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting be accepted." See attached Item 2.
- 4) Amended motion made by Tom Kilton, seconded by Steve Cross and passed with one no and one abstention: "That PPERRIA, as the fiscal agent, approve the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I Review." See attached Item 3-A. Steve Cross reviewed the document. As there are 42 pages to the review, the use of e-mail was encouraged. Individuals could print hard copies of the review and hard copies were available. The review is a compilation and consists of reports done starting 07/1995 of PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I, the Reallocation of Funds approved at neighborhood meetings since 2000 and the Evaluation Survey done by the University of Minnesota Carlson Graduate School of business during 2003. This motion is for PPERRIA to approve the report. There will be a neighborhood meeting later this summer for neighborhood consideration of approval and then to NRP for their consideration of approval. NRP procedures are that the neighborhood either approves or not approves the report. An extended discussion followed with several motions: A) A question of a quorum being present was asked. A quorum of the 40 member PPERRIA Board of Directors (BOD) is 14 (1/3 +1) and there were 15 BOD members present. The BOD is the official decision body for PPERRIA, but at BOD/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meetings vote counts are those who vote and it is assumed, unless a BOD count is asked for, that the vote represents the BOD. B) That the above motion for PPERRIA to approve the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I Report be tabled until there is community review. See attached Item 3-B. Motion by Steve Ficker and seconded by Michael Atherton and not passed with one yes vote and one abstention. The vote was the result of a calling of the question. There was extensive discussion with amendments resulting in a substituting motion by Steve Cross and seconded by Ann Munt and passed with one no and one abstention: "That minority reports be attached to the original report if they are received by PPERRIA by 07/02/2004." Both majority and minority reports will be considered for approval at this summer's neighborhood meeting and if approved will be forward to NRP for their consideration and approval. The 07/02/2004 date will permit a neighborhood meeting this

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summer. NRP policy requires that the Action Plan Phase I Report be approved by NRP before NRP can approve the Action Plan Phase II; C) Michael Atherton will be adding one sentence to the Sidewalk Lighting action statement. He is to forward it to PPERRIA by 07/02/2004.

Note: As the discussion of the motion for Item 4 started, a PPERRIA member who had left this meeting after approving the motion for Item 3 reentered the PPUMC meeting room and indicated that her husband, "was assaulted" in front of the PPUMC by another PPERRIA member, Michael Atherton, who had also left the meeting at the same time they did. She stated that words were exchanged by the member and M. Atherton regarding M. Atherton's earlier comments at this meeting and then M. Atherton spit in his face. Several members in attendance, including Phil Anderson, went outside to investigate. At this writing the exact nature of the occurrence is not available.

- 5) Motion made by Tom Kilton, seconded by Ann Munt with a friendly amendment added and passed with one no: "That PPERRIA, as the fiscal agent, approves the PPERRIA/NRP Phase II Participation Agreement." See attached Item 4. Added to the document was the NRP Conflict of Interest Policy. An earlier motion to call the question passed without noes. Betts Zerby discussed the motion. Staff at NRP had recommended the wording of the document and that it followed the policies and procedures adopted for the PPERRIA/NRP Phase I Participation Agreement. There will be a neighborhood meeting later this summer regarding the development of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase II. The amount of NRP Phase II funds are expected to be \$347,866.00 of which 70% is to be related to housing. This should result in a brief Action Plan II. Comments made were regarding: A) The grievance process. It to follow the NRP Grievance Process; B) The conflict of interest process. It to follow the NRP Conflict of Interest Process; C) That the borders of the neighborhood be elaborated. Although the city of Minneapolis establishes the borders; D) That the three recent student rental buildings have added 792 rental units to the neighborhood.

5) Motion made by Steve Cross, seconded by Susan Larson-Fleming and passed without noes: "To release \$14,412.00 in Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase II development funds to pay for costs related to completing PPERRIA/NRP Action plan Phase I and developing and implementation a PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase II Participation Agreement and Neighborhood Action plan." Steve Cross reviewed the motion. The NRP Policy board allocated funds to the neighborhoods to assist in NRP Phase I review and Phase II Participation Agreement and Action Plan development. \$14,412.00 was allocated to Prospect Park and approved by the NRP policy Board at its 04/19/2004 meeting." See attached Item 5. It is the policy of PPERRIA/NRP that the PPERRIA Board of Directors (BOD) also approve the release of PPERRIA/NRP funds. An earlier motion by Paula Denman and seconded by Rachel Ramadhyani to call the question was passed without noes.

- 6) Announcements: A) Tom Kilton, Neighborhood Clean Up Chair, indicated that the city and county has agreed on 09/11/04 as the neighborhood clean up day. As per last year, the pick up will be in the A.M. of items that are not normally picked up in the weekly city trash pick up; brush, concert and metal; and the county will have a hazardous waste drop off along the I-94 wall on Arthur Avenue S.E. between Melbourne and Arthur Avenues S.E. The city now charges for a truck and driver: B) Joe Ring reported that the Sawyer art glass lecture and auction at Pratt raise \$3,400.00. Around 200 bought tickets and 125 attended: C) Joe Ring indicated that one of the strategies of dealing with the proposed sale of the Pratt Building by the Minneapolis School Board,

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is to have the building declared a historical site. The federal process is moving along. The city process requires a city-wide school building/site study. The study will put Pratt in context with all city schools and not as an exception. The study will cost \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00 that at first the school board was not going to allocate, but now the city has come up with the funds. Once the process has started, the issue of Pratt Building will be under the protection of the process required to alter/destroy historical buildings/sites; C) Paula Denman, Dutch Elm Disease Coordinator, reminded all that starting with Memorial Day, 05/31/2004, the symptoms of Dutch Elm Disease are most noticeable. See attached Item 6-C-1 and 6-C-2. Contact her at 612-338-1871 or pjdenman@mn.rr.com ; D) Paul Zerby announced a Minneapolis Police Department Safe Summer Strategy meeting this Thursday (05/27/2004) at Hope Lutheran Church at 6PM. Also a SEED meeting 06/01/2004 at 7PM at Van Cleve Park regarding the proposal by Union Pacific Railroad to establish a multi-modal, containers, yard on their property in the remaining rail lines/yards in the Bridal Vail Industrial Area. Burlington Northern Santa Fe already has one. Of concern is noise, light and traffic. The proposed yard would be a barrier to the proposed Kasota Street extension that would facilitate truck traffic north rather than south out of the area; E) It was announced that PPUMC now has enough funds to replace the carpeting in the meeting room, where we are now setting. The community was thanked.

7) Phil Anderson, Zoning Committee Member, reviewed the items that have come before the committee; A) The issue of a proposed CVS Pharmacy at 25th and University Avenues S.E. continues. The St. Paul city Council has approved the modifies urban design of the proposed CVS Pharmacy at Snelling and University Avenues in St, Paul; B) There have been proposed at least two and probably more adult related business in the Snelling and University Avenues area of St. Paul. They are considered to have a negative impact on the area. University United, a consortium of University Avenue interests of which PPERRIA is a member, is working against the establishment of these business.

8) Joyce Barta referred all to the "PPERRIA/NRP Contractors Activities Report" as published in the 05/04 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting. Billed 04/05/04 to 05/07/04 was \$2,008.00 for PPERRIA/NRP support especially the Pratt School Outreach, the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I Final Report and Phase II activities. Billed 10/18/95 to 05/07/04 was \$160,188.34. \$8,952.02 remains for future billings. See attached Item 8.

9) Old Business: At the start of the meeting there were not item(s) mentioned to be added to the agenda. See Item 1. Steve Ficker, PPERRIA member, indicated that the some old business regarding the grievances filed regarding the sidewalk lighting process that must be addressed. He stated an abbreviated statement regarding this issue. There were no further discussions or motions.

10) New business: Amended motion made by Bob Streck, seconded by Paula Denman and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA support the residents of the east end of Minneapolis East River Road S.E., East River Terrace S.E. and the part of Cecil Avenue S.E. south of the I-94, in their requests to the Minneapolis Traffic Department and the Minneapolis Park board to reduce the hours of street parking on these streets to no later than 9 PM for all and several other changes." Amended were parking times. See attached Item10. Bob Streck, resident of the area, indicated that there has been discussion with the city, park and police on the issue of non-neighbors parking on these streets beyond the 10 PM closing time of the East River Flats Parks. The paved down entrance to the park is the center of the late night parking. There continues to be

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11) use of the park after the 10 PM closing time. The issues of after hours use of the park and late night neighborhood street parking has been addressed a number of time is the recent past yet there continues to be problems. The Minneapolis Police Department has indicated that neighborhood resident and guest parking after the posted no street parking can be dealt with on individual basis. Council member Paul Zerby indicated that he will also look into the issues.

11) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That this meeting be adjourned." There was no additional business conducted at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary

Written changes and/or comments to 117 Arthur Avenue S.E. or <marko029@umn.edu>

Motion for the June PPERIA Board of Directors/Membership meeting

Motion: Approve a letter to the Minneapolis School Board and new Superintendent regarding the proposal to close the school program at Pratt Community Education Center .

The letter will urge the School Board to keep Pratt open as a Minneapolis Public School. If the School Board decides it cannot do that, the letter will urge the Board to sponsor a Charter School at Pratt, continuing the Community Education programs there. If the School Board determines that it must sell the Pratt Community Education Center, the letter will urge the Board to give the Prospect Park Neighborhood a right of first refusal to purchase the school for the price of the NRP funds the neighborhood has invested in the school. A full copy of the letter will be available at the meeting, or by request from Betts Zerby at ejzerby@yahoo.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Public Meeting – June 29, 2004, 7 p.m.

Discussion of the study of replacing the East River Parkway Bridge over Bridal Veil Falls

The bridge that is part of East River Road just North of Franklin Avenue is scheduled for repair and or replacement by the City of Minneapolis. A study is being made by the City about the options. A public meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 7pm at St Francis Cabrini Church on 1500 Franklin Ave SE in Garvey Hall. Through the CLIC process, the it was questioned whether replacement of this bridge would be the best solution based on it's location over the falls. Minneapolis Public Works has hired a consultant to do a study to determine the best option for this project. The neighborhood meetings will be a part of the study process to determine the best

solution. The study is to look at options for replacing the structurally deficient bridge while preserving the natural environment of the falls.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3RD National Night Out Block Parties

Come together with your neighbors for a fun-filled block party with food, music, visits from the police and fire departments, games – whatever your block wants to do!!

- ** Are you willing to help out your existing block club leader??**
- ** Are you not sure if your block has a block club leader??**
- ** Are you just curious about what a block club is and what it does??**

THEN CALL!!

The Prospect Park/East River Road Block Club Coordinator is Kari Simonson. She can answer all your questions. Call her at 612-331-2772 or 612-331-2776, or e-mail her at kari.simonson@juno.com

NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING!!

The application deadline to get your street barricade for only \$25 is June 29. After that, the cost goes as high as \$200. You can get all the information at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/checklist.asp or contact Kari Simonson.

For current information on the status of Pratt School, see the **Save Pratt!** website at <http://44clarence.com/pratt>. Also, check out the PPERRIA website at <http://www.pperr.org>. To subscribe to the community e-list and receive current neighborhood news and events announcements, send an email to jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net.

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 Banks	321-9064
History Project	Betts Zerby	379-8095
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 Tom Kilton	378-3038 339-3064
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation and Land Use	John Dewitt	338-1871
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	331-2970 627-9471

June NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period May 7, 2004 through June 10, 2004. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Worked to establish and strengthen Block Clubs	Worked to evaluate Phase I of NRP		
Worked with students, parents, and teachers at Pratt	Worked to begin planning Phase II of NRP		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 05/07/04 to 06/10/04	127.00	\$2450.00	1.4 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 05/07/04	9,511.35	\$160,188.34	90.8 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 06/10/04	9,639.35	\$162,638.34	92.2 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$188,873.46*; **\$13,662.02*** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/22/02 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, PARC B.2. History editor and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker and Neighborhood Education Worker, \$15,000 from Education A.1.a Pratt Liaison (contract 12/3/03) and \$7,250 of Phase II Development funds. *NOTE: Current NRP Contractors include Kari Simonson, Block Club Coordinator and Joyce Barta, Implementation Coordinator, whose contracts expire 10/30/04, and Janet Madzey-Akale, Education Worker, whose contract expires 12/15/04.* Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$168; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,232.00.

-Joyce Barta

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Friday, July 2, 2004.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Mon and Wed, 7-10:30 pm June 21 - Aug 11	Phat Summer at Luxton Park for ages 12-18. Free.	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm June 21	Joint Environmental Committee meeting (SECIA, SAPCC and Prospect Park) at SECIA's new office, 837 15 th Ave SE Minneapolis	Bill Kahn 378-5287
Tues, Jun 22- 1- 4:15 pm Fri July 30	Summer Splash at Luxton Park	Deb Clark 668-1122
June 22 7:30 pm	Summer Concert: Barra at Pratt (inside in case of rain)	
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm June 23	Garden Club meeting location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday, 7:00 pm June 28	PPERRIA BOD & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587

Date & Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Tuesday, 11 am-1 pm July 6	JOY Book Club at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, 7:30 pm July 7	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, 7:00 pm July 12	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm July 14	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet 342-1952
Thursday, 6-8 pm July 15	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
July 20 7:30 pm	Summer Concert: Dan Chouinard and Peter Ostroushko at Pratt (PPUMC in case of rain)	
Tuesday, 7:00 pm July 20	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Friday, 1-4 pm July 23	Aquatennial Festival at Luxton Park. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm July 26	PPERRIA BOD & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm July 28	Garden Club meeting location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Tuesday, 11 am-1 pm August 3	JOY Book Club at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Tuesday time varies August 3	National Night Out - Block Club Parties throughout the neighborhood. Contact your Block Club leader.	Kari Simonson 331-2772 kari.simonson@juno.com
Tues - Thurs 10am-12pm August 3-5	Art in the Park at Luxton Park for kindergarten through grade 5. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Mon – Thurs 1-4 pm August 9-12	MN Adventures Camp at Luxton Park for ages 7-12. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925

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 Shirley Davis 342-1952
2 nd & 4 th Tues. 4- 4:30pm	Bookmobile at Luxton Park	Bookmobile 630-6630
2 nd Mon 11:00-11:25am	Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	
2 nd Mon 11:30am -12:00	Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556

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