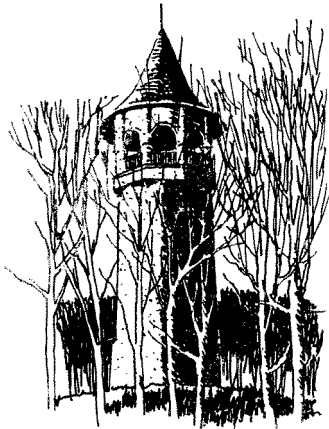


June 2008 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, June 23rd

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.**

Come early for treats and talk

6:30 – 7:00 pm.

**If you have special needs requiring accommodation,
please contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.**

The June 2008 meeting agenda will include:

- A presentation by Bill Kahn on recent local energy generation initiatives
- A report from Jim Forsyth (of CPED, and chair of the SEED committee) on recent progress in the SE Minneapolis Industrial Zone, including plans for Granary Road
- A report and proposal from the Livability Committee on the enforcement of review requirements by the City's Historic Preservation Commission for the Prospect Park historic district. (Questions? Call Joe Ring, 612.379.4587 – or – jring@visi.com)
- Final consideration and voting on the remaining proposed changes to the PPERRIA Bylaws. A copy is enclosed.

Notes from the president

WHY JOIN PPERRIA?

Now that we have revised some of our by-laws, our application for a Citizen Participation Contract has been approved by the City of Minneapolis. So what does this mean?

In return for a grant of \$2000, PPERRIA will: "...provide information on neighborhood activities to area residents and property and business owners through regular open public meetings, notices and mailings... (and) provide opportunities on a regular basis for residents and property and business owners to participate in the decision-making process by attending meetings and serving on committees and task forces."

For its part, the Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) shall provide for: "...an advisory role for citizens .. in the activities of CPED which directly impact on, or are carried out in, the neighborhood. ...CPED will submit all necessary information to PPERRIA in a timely manner (at least 45 days) prior to any consideration by the City Council."

The grant is renewable for each calendar year.

PPERRIA has fewer than 100 current members. That's because the membership year (from May to May), has just begun. All memberships for 2007-2008 expired at the Annual Meeting in April. Last year we started with 114 members and we reached 216 by the end of the year. This compares to an average annual membership, for the past five years, of 235.

Why is it so important that you become a member? You probably keep up on local issues through the E-list, and you read *The Bridge*, and you may attend some PPERRIA meetings. But the reason your membership is so important is that PPERRIA is increasingly being asked to take an official position on a number of issues. And this neighborhood input becomes a part of the official record. It provides a rationale for many proposed developments that will have an impact on the neighborhood.

In the past few months, for example, we submitted two position letters to the Metropolitan Council on the LRT, one letter to the Federal Transit Authority on the impact of the LRT on the Prospect Park historic district, and one to the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority on the need to continue resident social services at Glendale. We also submitted a position letter to the City Coordinator on the changes proposed for the NRP.

Although PPERRIA is legally acknowledged to speak for the Prospect Park neighborhood, a membership of 100 to 200 is not a full representation of the neighborhood. Please consider joining PPERRIA, or renewing your membership today. There are no dues, and an application can be downloaded from the PPERRIA website.

Or, you may contact me (378-9242) or Joyce Barta (378-9268) and we will send you an application.

.....Dick Poppele

Minutes of PPERRIA Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 19th, 2008, 7 pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. following a social gathering .

President Poppele welcomed visitors and new members.

1. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without noes.
2. A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Karen Murdoch. Passed without noes.

A motion to approve the March minutes, as amended, was made by Susan Larson-Fleming. Passed without noes.

3. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud announced that the renovations on PPUMC are proceeding with the new kitchen almost finished, and some more changes to come. She also announced that she will be taking a new position at Hamline University as their chaplain and Director of Wesley Center for Spirituality and Social Justice. She expressed her appreciation for PPERRIA's assistance with the renovations and PPERRIA's appreciation for her participation in PPERRIA and the community was expressed.

4. Bylaws: Paul Zerby reviewed the remaining proposed changes to the PPERRIA Bylaws by the Committee, which will be voted upon at the June PPERRIA meeting: Those proposed changes are on the PPERRIA website and include: changes to the makeup of the Executive Committee; manner of voting at meetings and; raising the meeting quorum to ½ from the present 1/3. There will also be a proposal from Steve Ficker to have all votes be by the members with no separate board vote.

5. Committees: President Poppele presented the various committees and charges for approval:

Executive Committee – Dick Poppele, chair

Charges: Manage the business of the corporation. Receive reports of PPERRIA committees. Set the agenda for the Board of Directors.

Members: (Officers of the corporation, elected by Board)

President Dick Poppele

Immediate Past President: Joe Ring

Secretary: Betts Zerby

Treasurer: Lois Willand

Vice President (newsletter editor) John Holmquist

Vice President (membership): Julie Wallace

Vice President (Website/Database) Andy Mickel / Cheryl Vollhaber (shared)

Vice President (Zoning): Florence Littman

Vice President: (Finance): Tony Garmers

Vice President: (Zoning co-chair) Phil Anderson

Vice President: (Transportation) John DeWitt

Moved approval by Paul Zerby. Passed without noes.

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Personnel – Susan Larson-Fleming, chair

Charges: Review and select PPERIA staff.

Members:

Dan Patenaude

Susan Larson-Fleming

Moved approval by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without noes.

Livability Committee – Joe Ring, chair

Charges: Variety of livability issues including crime, traffic, noise, historic district, community events, landscape, East River Gorge Park, etc.

Members:

Richard Adams

David Coats

Dorothy Davey

Kim Kensinger

Bonnie Herr

Dave Walter

Roger Kiemele

Joe Ring

Mary Alice Kopf

Subcommittees of the Livability Committee and chairs: (formed by a committee reorganization several years ago; current status is uncertain)

Community Events – Gratia Reynolds

Community and River Gorge clean-up – Tom Kilton

Environment – Dean Abrahamson

History Project – Betts Zerby

Landscape/Garden Club – Mary Alice Kopf

Tree Health Project – Paula Denman

Moved approval by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.

Zoning and Land Use – Florence Littman, chair; Phil Anderson, co-chair

Charges: Review zoning variance requests and proposed development projects.

Represent neighborhood interests to Minneapolis CPED. (Planning Subcommittee – currently forming)

Members:

Phil Anderson

Dean Lund

David Barnhart

Karen Murdock

Dick Brownlee

Daniel Peters

Richard Gilyard

Dick Poppele

Mary Alice Kopf

Rachel Ramadhyani

Clay Lambert

Joe Ring

Susan Larson-Fleming

Gary Shallcross

Florence Littman

Spencer Ung

Betts Zerby

John Wicks

Peter LaSha

Moved approval by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.

Planning – Dick Gilyard, chair

Charge: Develop a master plan for Prospect Park neighborhood including transportation elements. Represent a proactive stance toward development.

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Members:

John Wicks	John DeWitt
Tamara Johnson	Christina Larson
Karen Murdock	Peter LaSha
Tony Garmers	Dick Gilyard

Moved approval by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.

Membership – Julie Wallace, chair

Charges: Maintain membership records. Organize and execute annual membership drive.

Members:

Cheryl Vollhaber (database manager)	
Julie Wallace	Meredith Poppele

Moved approval by John Holmquist. Passed without noes.

Housing – Roger Kiemele, chair

Charges: Implement the housing section of the NRP2 Action Plan and other housing initiatives.

Members:

Steve Ficker	Dan Peters
John Kari	Dick Poppele
Roger Kiemele	Kari Simonson
Mary Alice Kopf	John Wicks
Andy Mickel	Gail Hughes

Moved approval by Dean Abrahamson. Passed without noes.

Education and Human Services – Susan Larson-Fleming, chair.

Charges: Recommend specific use of NRP funds for education and human services. Maintain liaison with neighborhood groups like Pratt Council and Pratt PTO, SE Seniors. Represent neighborhood interests to MPS, SEMCOL, Library and other public agencies.

Members:

Steve Banks	Sigrid Coats
Bridget Ferguson	Susan Gottlieb
Susan Larson-Fleming	Jerry Stein
Scott Johnson	Meredith Poppele

Moved approval by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.

Finance – Tony Garmers, chair

Charges: Manage corporation finances and prepare annual budget.

Members:

Tony Garmers	Christina Larson
Lois Willand (treasurer)	Kim Kensinger

Moved approval by Phil Anderson. Approved without noes.

Transit Committee – John DeWitt, chair

Charges: Light Rail corridor and transit issues. Represent the neighborhood interest on Central Corridor Group, University United and other transit related public agencies.
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Members:

Phil Anderson	Tamara Johnson
John DeWitt	David Coats
Steve Ficker	Susan Larson-Fleming
Bonnie Herr	Dan Peters
John Holmquist	Julia Wallace
Walt Jacobs	John Wicks

Moved approval by Richard Adams. Passed without noes.

4th Street Committee – Julia Wallace, chair

Charges: Monitor and help represent PPERRIA on all issues specific to the residential portion of 4th Street SE between Malcolm and the city limits, including but not limited to the Hubbard property.

Members:

Phil Anderson	Sally Bell
Bob Estes	Matthew James
Doug and Doreen Schulz	Kari Simonson
Jesse Vega	Julie Wallace
Aloida Zaragoza	

Moved approval by Paul Zerby. Passed without noes.

Task forces:

Bylaws - Paul Zerby, chair

Charges: Review the bylaws and make recommendations to the Board that will bring the bylaws into conformity with the current practices of PPERRIA.

Members:

Richard Adams	Dorothy Davey
John DeWitt	Steve Ficker
Dave Walter	Paul Zerby

Moved approval by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.

7. Zoning Report: Karen Murdock presented the Zoning Report in Florence Littman's absence. The demolition of the duplex on Yale, which a developer intends to replace with a four-plex with five bedrooms in each unit, has been delayed by the city. A house on Franklin Avenue at the intersection of Warwick has been demolished by the city after condemnation. Plans for a development on the block of Washington Avenue between Oak Street and Ontario Street are proceeding. The plans include buildings on the south side of Washington, but preserving the Campus Theatre and the Chipotle building.

8. Staff Report is available in the April newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Kilton. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

FORECLOSURE COUNSELORS AVAILABLE AT PRG

PRG, a local non-profit partner located at 2017 E. 38th St. has mortgage foreclosure counselors available to assist families who need advice about their mortgages. The counselors can help you understand exactly what kind of mortgage you have and can provide you with tools to work with your lender if you are behind on your mortgage payments. The counseling is free and confidential and is available to any one who is facing mortgage concerns. There is no lower or upper income limit.

Call our counselors at:

(612) 804-7025 or

(612) 805-7756.

Don't wait. The sooner you take action, the more options you have.

Renee Turch, Home Ownership Advisor, PRG

FREE!

SUMMER CONCERTS AT PRATT

FREE!

All performances at the Pratt Amphitheater – inside in case of rain

Tuesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m: ***Rugged Road***

An acoustic group, they cross musical boundaries and styles ranging from bluegrass to jazz to Latin to traditional.

Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m: ***Claudia Schmidt***

Nationally known singer/musician performing in a wide range of styles. She has appeared on the "Prairie Home Companion" radio show and at the Dakota in Downtown Minneapolis on the Mall.

These concerts are sponsored by PPERRIA, Pratt Council and Tom of Schneider Drug.

They are also supported by audience donations when we pass the hat.

Green Carpet Film Festival

A **city-wide** competition sponsored by Linden Hills Power & Light – funded by the City of Minneapolis – and promoting energy conservation and renewable energy.

Linden Hills Power & Light (LHP&L) invites residents to create a digital video 30 seconds to 2 minutes in length for a GREEN carpet event. There are three prizes of \$300, three prizes of \$150 and a grand prize of \$500. Videos should promote one of the following themes:

- The MN Energy Challenge (get information at www.mnenergychallenge.org)
- Organics Recycling – benefits or "how to"
(research on the web or get information at www.lhpowerandlight.org)
- Waste Reduction/Conservation or Anaerobic Digestion
(go to www.lhpowerandlight.org).

Entries due September 15th, with a screening date of mid September. A great summer project for kids and families! Here's some Ideas:

- An ad for the MN Energy Challenge –imagine you're trying to get as many people as possible excited about signing up.
- The benefits of recycling organics material, and how easy it is
- What you can, and cannot, compost.
- What is anaerobic digestion?
- How can we reduce waste?
- A music video featuring your original music

Find entry forms and full details at: www.lhpowerandlight.org

Questions? Don't have a video camera? Call LHP&L at 285-6557

or e-mail info@lhpowerandlight.org

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Linden Hills Power & Light

2720 W 43rd St, #101

Minneapolis MN 55410

June 2008 NRP Contractor Activities 5/3/08 – 6/3/08

This month, part of the contractor's services was paid by PPERRIA as per the 2008 - 2009 budget. Total budgeted: \$1000. Previously billed: \$966. Billed this month: \$34, which is payment for 1.4 hours. Amount remaining is \$0. The remainder of the contractor's services was paid with PPERRIA NRP funds this month, as shown below.

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
05/03/08 – 06/03/08	34.25	\$ 822.00	0.4 %
10/18/95 to 06/03/08	10,970.91	\$191,901.15	95.2 %
10/18/95 to 06/03/08	11,005.16	\$192,723.15	95.6 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$201,661.45. \$10,351.15 remains, including \$9000 in NRP 2 funds which was recently contracted.

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs			
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
Livability (Subcommittees listed below, designated by *)	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Membership	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu	331-2970
Zoning Subcommittee: Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
4 th Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Forces			
By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	pgzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Nominating Committee	Formed each February, as per PPERRIA Bylaws		
The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives			
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)		Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman	
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)		Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Scott Johnson, Susan Gottlieb	
Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Committee (SEMI)		Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari	
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)		Phil Anderson	
University District Partnership Alliance		Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard	

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 by **Thursday, July 10th**

Date and Time		Event and Location	Whom to contact	
		Pratt Council does not meet during the summer.	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
		Luxton Park Council does not meet during the summer.	Jim Widder	331-6129
Tuesday, June 17	7:30 pm	Community Concert at Pratt featuring Rugged Road - Sophisticated bluegrass. (House band at Cafe Erte in NE Mpls.)	Gratia Reynolds	331-5312
Saturday, June 21		Prospect Park Garden Walk	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
Saturday, June 21	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Plant Sale at Pratt	John	341-3641
Monday June 23	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, June 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club at the home of Abby and Kent Petterson, 908 E River Terrace, 332-1821.	Kent Petterson Mary Alice Kopf	332-1821 379-7436
Tuesday, July 8	7:30 pm	Community Concert at Pratt Claudia Schmidt - Nationally known folk singer for 35 years and frequent guest on A Prairie Home Companion.	Gratia Reynolds	331-5312
Wednesday, July 9	5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrishia Collins	342-1952
Monday, July 14	noon - 1:30 pm	JOY Picnic at Luxton. Bring some food to share or \$3.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Monday, July 14	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, July 15	7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970
Wednesday, July 23	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club at the home of Mary Alice Kopf, 137 Warwick, 379-7436.	Kent Petterson Mary Alice Kopf	332-1821 379-7436
Monday July 28	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242

Prospect Park East River
Road Improvement
Association, Inc.
66 SE Malcolm Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55414
612/331-2970 (voice mail)



EVERY BOARD MEMBER COUNTS

Along with the agenda outline (see the cover page) it is important that we have a full Board of Directors participating at this June meeting. We plan to vote on the remaining proposed changes to the bylaws. If any of the changes are to be adopted, they must receive an affirmative vote from 27 Board members.

In other words, if there are fewer than 27 Board members in attendance we cannot even pursue that agenda item.

.....Dick Poppele

..... *Our path to the future is chosen by those who show up*