

September 2004 PPERRIA Newsletter



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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, September 27th, 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 7/26/04
3. Items for Consideration:
 - Motion to Amend By Laws Membership Article
 - Resolution regarding Financial Accounting
4. Update on Luxton Park, Kris Hammes, Director
5. Announcements: NRP Phase 2 Kick-Off meeting
NRP Policy Board Neighborhood Representative Election
4. New/Old Business
5. Adjourn

A Letter From The President

As PPERRIA president I am urgently asking all of the residents of Prospect Park/East River Road to get involved in the process of decision making that is now taking place in and around our community. There are 4 items in particular that are on the agenda.

1) A planning study is being compiled by the city and county for any future changes in land use around the Central Transit Corridor (University Avenue) and the SEMI Industrial Area.

Changes in land use along University Avenue may determine whether or not Prospect Park (including 4th St. SE) remains a viable low density residential neighborhood. We must be actively involved in this study.

2) We will have both as a community and as individuals, the opportunity to make comments and have input on the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the LRT planning process for the Central Corridor.

We know our community better than any consultant. We must make sure that the EIS is accurate and that our community will not be sacrificed for transit (as it was for the building of I-94).

3) The kick-off meeting for NRP Phase II will be held October 13.

NRP Phase I enabled us to complete the historic survey that qualifies Prospect Park for the National Register of Historic Districts, giving us protections and considerations that are guaranteed by federal law. We need to fund the actual application to the Register so that future generations will be able to enjoy our community as much as we do now.

4) There are also some major building plans in progress that will have significant impact on our neighborhood, including the University of Minnesota's intention to possibly tear down several blocks of student housing in the area near the University Hospital so they can build more medical facilities. And apparently the Hubbard Corporation is developing a plan to build high-density housing on the property to the north of KSTP. How will these projects affect our neighborhood? And what can we do to have a say in the planning process as a whole?

I know that many of you think, "Why should I get involved because they will do whatever they want anyway?" But you are wrong. And I have seen over and over how a community or a group with a goal or issue can make a big difference as to what goes on in their neighborhood.

In order to prove this to you, I would like to tell you a few stories of events I have witnessed first hand that will demonstrate the power you have if you would only use it. I will start with the Midway Area in St. Paul. A planning process similar to the one proposed for us began a couple of years ago and the Midway Chamber of Commerce wanted to have the single family housing zoning changed to high density. In response, the home owners came out by the hundreds to meetings and focus group get-togethers and the message was clear; Leave our homes alone. The proposal by the very powerful Midway Chamber for rezoning was not included in the new plan.

The second event also took place in St. Paul when St. Thomas College announced it wanted to tear down 12 single family houses they owned along Summit Avenue in order to build more student housing and class rooms. The problem for the College was that some 20 years ago the Community Council around St. Thomas worked with the Summit Avenue Preservation group to have all of Summit designated a historic district and under city law no building could be demolished without the approval of the City Council. The project was in limbo for five years until just last month when a compromise was reached whereby the College agreed to rehab 30 homes that had been used as student rentals and then sell them as single family dwellings with a covenant that they could not be used as

rental properties in the future. For this concession the College was allowed to take down 6 of the 12 homes with the stipulation that the architecture of the new buildings would be the same style and materials as the original campus buildings facing Summit.

The last of the three events I would like to share with you is about a community in Minneapolis that had the foresight to begin a plan to preserve and enhance its commonwealth assets very early on. It was this early planning that empowered them to have amended a large industrial planning project so that it would no longer threaten some 40 residential homes. They were able to foil the possible plans to demolish a significant public building that had been a centerpiece of their community for over 100 years. All this while they added an additional 50 or so new homes.

The name of this neighborhood is Prospect Park East River Road, the industrial planning project was the SEMI, and the public building is Pratt. The empowerment of which I speak came about because of goals and objectives put forth in their NRP Phase I.

To close I would like to ask you to get involved in setting the future course of your neighborhood. Remember that decisions are made by those who show up.

Joseph W. Ring

Motion

A motion will be made to amend the By Laws of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, Article III B as follows:

Any natural person over [17] 18 years of age is eligible for membership in PPERRIA if the [permanent and primary] registered voting residence of the person is within the boundaries of PPERRIA. The person must complete and submit to the Executive Committee the adopted PPERRIA membership application.

(The bracketed language will be deleted, and the underlined language added.)

Resolution

A resolution will be proposed as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that:

- (1) Separate funds shall be maintained for community events, the Garden Club, the Historic District, and for professional expenses as follows:

Community Events in the Community Events Fund

Garden Club in the Garden Club Fund

Historic District in the Historic District Fund

Professional Expenses in the Professional Expenses Fund

Choir in the Choir Trust Fund

- (2) The funds collected by the Prospect Park History Committee and for the neighborhood cleanup shall be maintained in the general fund.

- (3) Annual budgeting and accounting for any activities involving separate funds presumes that funds are spent first from funds received or collected by the responsible committee and only after exhausting those funds from funds budgeted from the PPERRIA general fund.
- (4) The activities and budget of each committee maintaining separate funds must be reviewed each year by the Executive Committee prior to the presentation of the budget for the following year to determine whether the budget must include returning any money in separate funds to the general fund.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Meeting to Kick-Off NRP Phase 2

The Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood will hold a meeting to formally start the process of allocating NRP Phase 2 funds to neighborhood projects. The meeting will be held at:

**Luxton Park Community Center Gym
Wednesday, October 13, 2004
7 PM – 9 PM**

All persons connected with the neighborhood are invited to attend and participate. That includes residence owners, residence renters, businesses, students, and others.

At this meeting, the process will begin to provide for the allocation of approximately

\$348,000

to neighborhood purposes. At the meeting, the following events will occur:

- (1) Presentation of a summary of the Report on NRP Phase 1
- (2) Approval of the NRP/PPERRIA participation agreement
- (3) Explanation of the requirements on use of funds for "housing" in Phase 2
- (4) Voting on requests, if any, for funds to be devoted to early-access projects.
- (5) Election of a Neighborhood Steering Committee for Phase 2

Complete details on the meeting will be mailed to every address in the neighborhood. Details are also available on the web at: <http://www.pperr.org/>. Not later than October 6, 2004, requests for early access to funds, which must include a project description and statement of cost, must be received at:

PPERRIA
66 SE Malcolm Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Child-care during the meeting will be available on-site.

Translation services into Somali will be provided.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTIES IN PROSPECT PARK/EAST RIVER ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD

Once again, Prospect Park had a fun and lively National Night Out evening on August 3rd. There were 12 separate block parties throughout the neighborhood, with many of them combining two or more blocks to make organization easier and turn-out higher. Overall, almost 400 people attended a block party that night.

Lots of rain earlier in the day made turnout lower for some parties, although the weather finally cooperated and stopped raining right around 5:30 p.m. when many parties were scheduled to begin. Once again, it turned out to be a lovely night to be outside visiting with neighbors. Block leaders reported that the nametags provided by the City of Minneapolis were helpful for meeting new neighbors, and the numerous Minnesota Twins ticket vouchers donated by the Twins were a fun giveaway item.

Unfortunately, some blocks that traditionally hold a party did NOT have one this year due to a lack of neighbors willing to help out the block leaders. The NNO parties are relatively simple to organize - register with the city, put up some flyers and door hangers - but it can be tiring to be the only one doing these tasks year after year with no other neighbors offering to help. If your block did not have a party this year, please consider volunteering to help organize one for next year. Or find out if your block already has a leader who just needs some extra help for next year.

The National Night Out Block Parties are held every year on the first Tuesday night in August. For more information, please contact Kari Simonson at 612-331-2776 or 612-331-2772.

THANKS TO ALL THE BLOCK CLUB LEADERS!!

A very big THANK YOU to all of the people who helped make the National Night Out parties a success. This important neighborhood event could not have happened without their time and effort. Their help in creating a fun event for neighbors to meet each other contributes greatly to the safety of the neighborhood as a whole.

The following people all put in a lot of time and effort to make the National Night Out parties happen this summer. In addition, these neighborhood volunteers help out with other jobs like putting up flyers for neighborhood events. If you see these neighbors out in their yards, please take the time to thank them personally for their volunteer work, and offer to help out next year!! Many of these people have been organizing the party on their blocks for years now, and they need some fresh helpers. My apologies to anyone missing from this list:

Ann Anderson, Rob & Joyce Barta, Jane Burnam, Charles & Cheri Dawes, Paula Denman, Kathy Frank, Tony Garmers, Jean Gilette, Brooke Hart, Barbara Karkie, Mary Alice Kopf, Peter LaSha, Rachel Levitt, Vera Marshall, Andi Marvey, Andy Mickel, Jeff Moran, Karen Murdock, Harrison Nelson, Doug Parry, Mimie Pollard, Gratia Reynolds, Mary Schneider, Mary Skelley, and Jenny Smith.

Keep in mind, there are lots of people *not* on this list who contributed their time, yard space and, of course, FOOD to help make this a great event. National Night Out is truly a group effort that exemplifies the best part of living in a neighborhood as involved and friendly as Prospect Park/East River Road.

If you have any questions about the Block Club program, or if you would like to find out how you can help with the National Night Out block parties next summer, please contact Kari Simonson at 612-331-2776 or 612-331-2772, or e-mail kari.simonson@juno.com.

by Kari Simonson

NRP Neighborhood Representative Selection Set

The date for the NRP Neighborhood Representative Election has been set for Thursday, November 18, 2004. If you are interested in filing to be a vital member of the NRP Policy Board, forms are available at the NRP office, all Minneapolis Public Libraries, the Minneapolis City Clerk's office and on the NRP website at www.nrp.org, or call Joyce Barta at 378-9268 for a form. Forms must be received by the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis by noon on Friday, September 17th.

Annual Mostly Weaving Sale

Mostly Weavers, the neighborhood weaving group, will hold its annual sale on Saturday, October 9th from 10 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, October 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Joy and Phil Thompson, 27 Melbourne Ave SE. There will be a variety of items available: household items such as rugs, placemats, and pillows, wearable items such as shawls, vests and jewelry, as well as pottery. All items are hand made and if weather permits, there will be demonstrations so you can see how some of it is done. The group has been in existence since the 1970's.

Neighborhood Information Available

For current information on the status of Pratt School, see the Save Pratt! website at <http://44clarence.com/pratt>. Also, check out the PPERIA 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.

PPERIA 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	331-2970
	Dean Lund	378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436

Landscape subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	338-1871
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

August NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period July 01, 2004 through August 6, 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 07/01/04 to 08/06/04	106.25	\$2,125.00	1.2 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 07/08/04	9,756.85	\$164,988.34	93.5 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 08/06/04	9,863.10	\$167,113.34	94.8 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$188,873.46*; **\$9,187.02*** 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

September NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period August 6, 2004 through September 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 wind up 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 08/06/04 to 09/10/04	102.75	\$2,055.00	1.2 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 08/06/04	9,863.10	\$167,113.34	94.8 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 09/10/04	9,965.85	\$169,168.34	96.1 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$188,873.46*; **\$6,801.19*** 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

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, 6-8 pm September 16	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-971
Saturday, 8:30 am - September 18 1:00 pm	Pratt Boot Sale at Pratt Community Center. Pancake Breakfast at 9 am.	To reserve a spot 668-112
Tuesday, September 21	JOY Outing to Red Wing	Kris Hammes 370-492 Roberta Mark 331-662
Tuesday, 7:00 pm September 21	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-297
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm September 22	Garden Club meeting location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-743
Monday, 7:00 pm September 27	PPERRIA BOD & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-458
Friday, 11 am-1 pm October 1	JOY Book Club at Pratt	Kris Hammes 370-492
Wednesday, 7:30 pm October 6	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-612
Saturday, Oct 9 10am-4pm Sunday, Oct 10 1-4pm	Annual Mostly Weaving Sale at 27 Melbourne	Joy and Phil Thompson 378-239
Saturday, Oct 9 5:00-6:30 p.m.	Fine Italian Dinner and Live Auction at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, free childcare during auction	Becky Sechrist
Monday, noon -2 pm October 11	JOY Pot Luck at Pratt	Kris Hammes 370-492
Monday, 7:00 pm October 11	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-458
Wednesday, 7-9 pm October 13	Neighborhood Meeting to Kick-Off NRP Phase 2 at Luxton Park. Childcare and translation provided.	Steve Cross 376-009 Joyce Barta 378-926
Wednesday, 5:00 pm October 13	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet 342-195
Thursday, 6-8 pm October 21	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-971
Monday, 7:00 pm October 25	PPERRIA BOD & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-458
Sunday 6-8 pm October 31	Halloween Party at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-492

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, October 9, 2004.**

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
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Monday-Friday 10am-4p	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- 4:30p	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
Fridays 10am - noon	Luxton Painters at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925

Minutes July 26, 2004

- 1) The 07/26/04Prospect 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, seconded 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 5, Announcements: A) Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast on 09/18/2004; B) Light Rail and development density; C) #8 bus and the neighborhood; D) Request for information regarding the Minic Triangle Park. See attached Item 1.

The meeting is conducted according to Robert's Rule's of Order. In addition, Joe Ring reminded all that: A) All additions and/or corrections to items that are to be included in the agenda are to be done at the time the agenda is accepted. Items proposed later are to be considered "out of order"; B) All discussion, points of order, etc., occur before the vote is taken to accept or reject the motion. Continued action(s) on the motion are considered "out of order"; C) All motions, amendments, etc., are to be received in writing by the chair and secretary before any action taken is included in the minutes other than a reference in the minutes; D) The "Announcement" item is "Point(s) of Information" without action and/or comments at this meeting. E) Any proposed agenda changes after the agenda has been approved are subject to a motion by those attending this meeting: e.g., additional time.

Attached Items to the minutes were available at this meeting. 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; except Item 3, Pratt School/ Building Position Paper.

- 2) Motion made by Dick Kain, seconded by Bill Kahn and passed without noes: "That the amended minutes of the 06/28/04 PPERRIA B/M/N Meeting published in the PPERRIA 06/2004 Newsletter be approved." See attached Item 2. The secretary received amendments prior to this meeting regarding: A) Item 2, "Rachel Ramadhyani," maker of the motion and "Chris Phillips," seconding the motion; B) Item 6. added start of the sentence was "All were...." Deleted was "Joyce Barta" and "all".

- 3) Motion made by Betts Zerby, seconded by Steve Banks and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA supports the position and analysis paper that has been prepared by the neighborhood 'Save Pratt Committee' be forwarded to Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Superintendent Thandiwe Peebles, with copies to the members of the Minneapolis Public School Board of Education." Pratt should remain in the Pratt Building as part of the Pratt/Tuttle school; A) budget analysis, at full enrollment, shows Pratt will operate at a surplus; B) The outcomes from Pratt warrant no change of site; C) Pratt has remarkable community support; D) Pratt has a unique partnership with Tuttle School and Community Education; D) Pratt demonstrates its success of the community school model; E) By undermining a superb partnership between MPS and the Southeast Community, closing Pratt will hurt Tuttle school and drive many students out of MPS altogether. Betts Zerby reviewed the document and the process. The cover letter will be signed by the presidents of the Pratt Council, Pratt PTO, Save Pratt Committee and PPERRIA. The Como Neighborhood Association also supports the position. There is included a five page discussion of the above points as well as a nine page analysis of the Pratt School Budget and physical plan. Included is a statement of the alternate school options for the Pratt Building: F) A MPS sponsored Charter School; G) An independent Charter School; H) An independent Charter school with neighborhood responsibility for the Pratt building; I) An independent Charter school with the neighborhood having ownership of the Pratt Building. It is an assumption that there will be some type of elementary school in the neighborhood. Also all of the options include continued operation of Community Education in the Pratt Building. See attached Item 3.
- 4) Motion made by Bill Kahn, seconded by Ross Carlson and passed with some noes: "That PPERRIA table the issue of the proposed University of Minnesota (UM) Crew Boat House located on the Minneapolis Park Board property at East River Flats Park adjacent to the Mississippi River for further information." An earlier motion regarding this issue was being discussed when the motion to table was made. A motion to table takes precedence and is to be, without debate, voted on immediately. Representatives from the University of Minnesota, Joel Maturi (Athletic Director), Jan Morlock (Community Relations), Regina Sullivan (Project Coordinator) and Orin Miller (Planning) reviewed the project. Several years ago there was an earlier Crew Boat House project on the same site. The UM imposed a moratorium on building additional athletic facilities which delayed the project until now. The Minneapolis Park Board will make the yes/no decision regarding the facility as it will be built on their property. The UM Athletic Department will be solely responsible for obtaining non- public funding for the project. The issue regarding the earlier proposal is the same as now, "The use of Minneapolis Park Board Property other than as open space." The East River Park is part of a public open space along the east side of the Mississippi River within the metro area, much of which is currently in use as a park. The PPERRIA Zoning and Planning Committee has been presented the current proposal and has recommend that there be additional information and discussion. An extensive discussion of the proposal occurred. Comments: A) The central issue is of the area being "Natural-Benefit the Many" or "Managed-Benefit the Few ?"; B) Is the area that has become Minneapolis Park Board Property to be used other than for open land?; C) Are a few individuals, approximately 100 UM Crew members, rather than the "public" to use the site that the proposed Crew Boat House is to be built on?; D) The part of the east Mississippi River that is in public ownership has undergone many changes that have increased the use of the area by the public, e.g., construction of a pathway and walking bridge system, clearing of vegetation, construction of public roadways and stairways to the area. E) The proposed project is to be on the site of the earlier UM Showboat and will use the existing concert apron into the Mississippi River; F) The river portion between the Lake

Street and University Avenue bridges is considered one of the premier crew courses in the country; G) There exists on the west river bank at the Lake Street Bridge, the Minneapolis Rowing Club facility; H) The proposed building is to be two stories of textured concrete construction with boat storage on the first floor and training/locker facilities on the second floor. Crew members who are not on the river use the dry land training facilities; I) The UM will construct a separate public toilet and water facility; J) Parking will be provided by the Minneapolis Park Board, who are reviewing changes within the entire park; K) The UM Athletic Department proposes to have staff provide services available to the public; L) It was mentioned that these types of outreach services were usually the first to be cut during budget decisions; M) What will the UM give to the public for use of the site?; N) The proposal came from the UM Athletic Department several years ago and now again; O) Undecided is having the site available for private individual boat storage; P) There were questions about the design review process and the current design; Q) The building is below the tree line and the sight line from Coffman Union; R) The building is above the 100 year flood line but the whole park is on the existing flood plain; S) The current Women's Varsity Crew Team and the Men's Club Crew Team operate out of questionable facilities; T) There is proposed a public viewing deck on the top of the proposed building; U) Any utilities needed are already on the site and would only require hookups; V) The building would be under the Minneapolis Park Board jurisdiction.

- 5) Announcements: A) Tuesday 08/03/2004 is the National Night Out. See PPERIA 06/20004 Newsletter; B) The city and county has agreed on 09/11/04 as the neighborhood cleanup day. As per last year, the pickup will be in the A.M. of items that are not picked up in the weekly city trash pick up; brush, concrete 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. A sign-up sheet was circulated; C) John Holmquist reminded all that 09/18/2004 is the Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast. D) Joe Ring referred all to statement by Ronald Reagan Federal Transit Administration Director Jennifer L. Dorn at the opening of the Hiawatha LRT line: "...and how zoning policies can make for a dense environment that will enhance ridership. We also think it's important to have even more support for park-and-ride lots...." See attached Item 5. The relevant words are "dense" and "park-and-ride lots" as to their impact on any LRT Stations located in or adjacent to this neighborhood. Motion made by Dean Lund and seconded by Susan Larson Fleming and passed without noes: "That at the 09/27/2004 PPERIA B/M/N meeting there be an Information/ Question/Answer agenda item regarding this issue"; E) Motion made by Bill Kahn and seconded by John Holmquist and passed without noes: "That PPERIA supports the letter regarding the #8 bus." Dorothy Marden reviewed the issue. Last year she was active in the continuation of the #8 bus service within the neighborhood and its connection to downtown Minneapolis. With the completion of the Franklin Avenue LRT station, there have been changes in the #8 bus operation that in her opinion have resulted in a decline of ridership and to expect further containment of service. She recommends a change in the layover area at the Franklin Avenue LRT station, a return to east movement of the bus to Franklin Avenue S.E. and a one morning and evening trip each way along the East River Parkway; F) Steve Cross requested any information anyone may have regarding the actions several years ago regarding the Minic Trangle Park, East River Parkway/Franklin Avenue/27th Avenue S.E., and the Minneapolis Park Board in the proposed installation of a park identification sign at the park. Contact him at steven@mn.rr.com or 612-376-0094.
- 6) 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. CVS is requesting a zoning change to permit suburban type building and parking with drive-in service. The city planner is not recommending the zoning change in that it would not be in compliance with the existing Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan nor the zoning of the area. One problem is the questionable changes made during the previous council member's term to accommodate the developers of the University Village site, across the street from the proposed CVS site. The issue now goes to the City Zoning and Planning Committee and then to the full city council; B) The new owner of 625 Erie Street S.E. needs the expansion of the existing non conforming use of two resident structures on one lot so he can expand and update the existing structures. This is an early example of building a separate living structure for relatives on the same lot of your own living structure. Existing examples of this were grandparented in when the zoning law was changed not to allow such on single building lots. The city planners have recommended the variance needed. The issue now goes to the city Zoning/ Planning Committee and the full council.

- 7) Joyce Barta referred all to the "PPERRIA/NRP Contractors Activities Report" as published in the 06/2004 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting. See attached Item 7. Billed 06/10/04 to 07/08/04 was \$2,350.00 (Outreach at Pratt and support of PPERRIA/ PPERRIA-NRP Committees).

8/9) Old Business: New business: There were no items on this agenda.

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

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Joe Ring, President

At the 09/27/04 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting the above minutes as amended were accepted.

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