

PPERRIA News – September 2011

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting

Monday, September 26th

7:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Come early for treats and talk – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

*If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact
Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.
We will make every attempt to meet that need.*

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SEPTEMBER AGENDA:

- Prospect Park 2020 – Report on development workshop of 09/17/11
- Resolution regarding our local Conservation District
- Update on PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Your current PPERRIA officers:

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Visit the PPERRIA Office, at the corner of Arthur and University Avenues

Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 3pm

Come in and browse the wall exhibits showing the current Master Plan layouts

(And if you have questions or want further details – call project manager Brian Golberg at 612.710.2860)

Notes from the President

Around Stadium Village, new residential development is expanding rapidly. In the past year we have seen 75 new apartment units go up at Delaware and Huron (Solhaus), and construction started on another 120-unit apartment building on Washington Avenue at Ontario Street (the old Harvard market). A smaller apartment nears completion at the other end of Ontario Street near E. River Pkwy. On the drawing boards are another 50-60 units on Oak Street (the old Campus theater site) and a proposed high-rise apartment on the corner of Washington Avenue and Huron Boulevard. And driving all of this is the ongoing demand for student housing.

What does it mean for the rest of our neighborhood? Clearly we are considered ripe for student housing development. Not a surprise – after all we do live next to the University of Minnesota. However, overlooked both by developers and the City is the potential for a richer, more compatible development around the Prospect Park LRT station and on University Avenue around what is the Gateway to Minneapolis. Our community longs for a grocery store and other neighborhood amenities; amenities that need a greater residential density than we now have. More housing can bring those amenities. However, if it's only more student housing, we'll get only those amenities catering to students: essentially Stadium Village with more Pizza shops and convenience stores.

If we're to realize the Prospect Park vision of an urban village, with grocery, dry cleaner, florist, etc., we need to make the case that we're ripe for development that serves a different market from that generated by students and other short-term residents. Which is why we have focused on the University Avenue businesses that contribute to our historic neighborhood of long-term residents. One of those is the Textile Center, a neighbor for 10 years with a growing program. The Center must expand to accommodate their vision of creating a "destination for the arts" here on the Central Corridor LRT line. Other possibilities can take advantage of the fact that the Prospect Park station area is the most asset-rich site in the Central Corridor with its proximity to

the U of M, the arts, theater, sports, biomedical centers, and to the proposed Minnesota Science Park. Now, add transit that is also at the crossroads of I-94, I-35 and Hwy. 280. Near to the geographic center of the metropolitan area, it has easy access to both downtowns, and site potential for an arts center, a new library and the reuse of historic old buildings on the adjacent Harris property.

PPERRIA has taken the initiative to create a scenario for future development consistent with a neighborhood vision not dominated by student housing. We have acknowledged that residential density in our neighborhood will continue to increase, we also know there is a market here for work-force housing, for affordable housing, and for senior (alumni) housing that is real and documented. Our task now is to convince developers that those markets exist and that meeting those demands is both financially feasible, and will provide for the best future economic development of this area.

The PPERRIA initiative, funded last spring by the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative and by stakeholder partners including business and property owners, City, County, and University, has been actively laying the groundwork for finalizing a framework for future development. The results so far will be rolled out at a Workshop on Saturday September 17. Our intention is to update both private and public stakeholders about the previously endorsed vision for the LRT station area and University Avenue and about its current progress. It offers an opportunity for stakeholder input and tweaking. We anticipate endorsement of our approach, and consensus on the broad development framework.

The next steps include ensuring that as individual station area parcels are developed over time, they conform to the framework, and are in alignment with neighborhood aspirations for a vibrant, diverse community. Thus, it is essential that early investments be of the quality, type and scale that incorporates these goals, and sets high standards for future development.

.....Dick Poppele

PPERRIA Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2011, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Agenda for July meeting was approved unanimously by the PPERRIA Board of Directors (the Board).

Motion to accept June Meeting Minutes as amended (minor edits) was unanimously approved by the Board.

Motion to publish May Minutes as amended following the June meeting in full in the PPERRIA Newsletter was unanimously approved by the Board. The May minutes will be considered for adoption at the September Board meeting.

Featured Business: Eddington's, located near on 4th & 29th. Provides take-away salads, sandwiches, etc. Also does catering.

Treasurer's report: Distributed as a handout, and unanimously adopted.

Motion made by Executive Committee to increase the LRT Planning item in the PPERRIA budget from \$5000 to \$6500 to purchase a marketing study from the James McComb Group for the LRT area. Seconded by Dick Kain. Unanimous Board approval. The motion was published in the PPERRIA meeting announcements prior to the July 25th meeting.

Motion made by Executive Committee to move \$1,699.07 of NRP 1 funds to the administrative section of NRP 2, per NRP request. Seconded by Tom Kilton. Unanimous Board approval. This motion was also published in advance of the meeting in the PPERRIA meeting announcements.

Motion made from the floor: "Add to the current PPERRIA budget \$250.00 for Luxton Sports Equipment." Seconded by Dick Kain. Unanimous Board approval.

Information Item: NRP will release \$15,382 currently allocated for LRT Planning under the NRP1 action plan, and already allocated for consultant work on the station area planning, for the current station planning effort. The background is that these funds were originally allocated for the PPERRIA's LRT planning in 2005 for the 29th Ave LRT Station. However, Hennepin County paid for that contract. As a result the allocated funds were left in the NRP1 account with no way to transfer the money to the County as the PPERRIA share of the contract. The funds will now be applied to the current LRT Planning contract instead.

Informational Item: Christina Larson is proposing a possible orientation for new Board Members. A binder that had been given to new board members in the past contained information such as roster, history of PPERRIA, committees, and finances. For a new member orientation, it sounds appropriate to use those old categories and add a "current concerns" section, perhaps the strategic planning from last winter's retreats. Propose to have a New Board Member Orientation on August 22, the night we are NOT having a monthly PPERRIA meeting. Suggestions from the floor included: a) Have committee chairpersons attend, to explain a bit about their committees, b) add tabs for Finance & Meeting Minutes for people to add their own copies of handouts, c) have long-standing Board Members attend the orientation to give more history, d) include information on past successes of PPERRIA to show what we can do, e) offer orientation on multiple occasions, and f) keep track of which new board members have been oriented or not.

Admin Committee report from Christina Larson: No news. Dick Poppele added, "See Treasurer's Report, produced from Admin Committee, which will be presented at all Board meetings going forward."

Historic District report from Joe Ring: PPERRIA is a consulting party to the Federal 106 agreement regarding impact on historic areas. The federal government requires that all potentially negative impacts from federally-funded projects be studied and remedied. As a result, a traffic & parking study is required both in advance of Light Rail Transit (LRT) as well as after its implementation. A subcommittee is in the process of drafting the scope of work, which will be presented to PPERRIA for approval.

The Hess-Roise study to support the Prospect park application for listing on the National; Register of Historic Places ran into a snafu—the work required by contract is being re-done. This work is now back on track.

Representatives from four neighborhoods (PPERRIA, Marcy-Holmes, Lowry, and the Isles) met to consider preservation district ideas and all four are interested in pursuing the concept with the city. Proposals will be circulated within each group and presented to the city.

Dick Poppele notes: Because Prospect Park has applied for historic recognition to the federal government it has the full status of a Historic Place pending a final decision on the application. This is why Prospect Park has legal status regarding neighbor impacts by the LRT.

Organizational Development: Rob Norden. Good Neighbor Fund granted PPERRIA money for a strategic planning process. Final step for PPERRIA is to make a report back to the Good Neighbor Fund about how we spent the \$11,000 grant.

Announcement by Tom Kilton: Fall Clean-Up, to clean up the neighborhood. In its 17th year. Meet at the Kiltons' house on Sept 24th at 8:30 am for breakfast, and then pick up items in the neighborhood until 11 am. Tom says it is to be hoped that one day the neighborhood will be picked up for good and then people can simply come over for breakfast once a year!

Summer Concert announcement: July concert postponed, probably to August. The St Paul Postal Band is working with the concert committee to find an alternate date in August, possibly a Monday. Once finalized, concert announcements will be via website, Prospect Pack e-list, and neighborhood signs.

Master Planning: Dick Gilyard. One of the current roles of the Master Planning Committee is to participate on a neighborhood Steering Committee around the LRT planning and construction. This Steering Committee is comprised of PPERRIA Board members, neighborhood business owners, representatives from the city of Minneapolis, and representatives of the University of Minneapolis. The LRT Planning committee is working on two plans: One, the retention/expansion of a treasured neighborhood asset, the Textile Center, and two, the overall LRT planning. Currently, the Textile Center has concluded planning with James Dayton Design, resulting in several different proposals which were shared at a Textile Center open house. The open house drew about 80 participants, about half of whom were neighbors and the other half Textile Center persons. The Textile Center's next step is to have its board of directors evaluate the proposals and choose which one(s) to pursue with their fundraising and development efforts. The consultants for the second, larger LRT Planning project are gathering our data and developing scenarios. Neighborhood coffee meetings will be held at homes around the neighborhood to gather consensus for preferred development scenarios. The McComb market research will play a part in that.

The Master Planning Committee is also paying attention to the interim and near-term parking needs that the neighborhood businesses will have during LRT and immediately following. Lastly, the Master Planning Committee is following up on the neighborhood's interest in Alumni Housing, and have met with a developer who has said, show me the sites and I'll show you how it could go.

Membership & Communication: Lois Willand reporting. Outreach workers have been interviewed & selected. Steve Cross will be recruiting and building up Block Clubs. Jim Witter will be connecting PPERRIA with the business community. Elisabeth Miller will be finding ways to bring in renters and landlords so that they feel connected and invested in the neighborhood and its activities.

Transit: John DeWitt. Some of the committees are starting to blend a little as efforts are focused on one problem from different angles. For instance, regarding the short-term parking problem mentioned earlier--there is the possibility to establish parking on surface lots for less than 5 years without a site plan provided that it serves area businesses rather than commuters. For the Textile Center, the Transit Committee is working on nudging the City to install a temporary stoplight on University Ave at their corner, so their patrons can more easily cross the street from their parking areas. The LRT construction calls for one there anyway. Another reminder: See the www.prospectpark2020.org website for additional great information on the work that the Prospect Park 2020 grant is funding.

Question from Dick Kain to our councilman Cam Gorden: Any progress in getting the LRT station renamed to the Prospect Park Station? Cam says it appears to be going that way, as it is now being referred to as the Prospect Park/29th Ave Station, but it's not the city's decision, it's the Central Corridor folks. Dick Poppele interjected that he was told that all name changes were on hold for now and that stations were supposedly named after their street intersections. However, he notes, the 29th Ave Station is the only Central Corridor station in Minneapolis that is named after a street.

Zoning & Land Use: Dick Brownlee. This committee will be adopting "Rules of Conduct" to prevent / mitigate conflicts of interest. These Rules of Conduct will be available, should other subcommittees wish to use them as well. 1515 Huron is a project that proposes a ~65-70 unit apartment building; the Zoning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday July 26th with the developer. The Zoning Committee is also following up on a couple of complaints. There has been a request for Metro Petro to add a couple of pumps, for which the Zoning Committee recommends approval. Cupcake has requested a beer and wine license, for which the Zoning Committee also recommends approval.

Staff Report: Published in the July PPERRIA Newsletter. All of Joyce's hours are being paid out of PPERRIA funds this year, preserving the NRP 2 funds that are allocated for Staff Support for future years.

Announcement: Glendale's National Night Out party will be held in front of Luxton Park, closing a couple of streets from 4-9 pm on National Night Out in early August.

Announcement: Glendale's Farmers Market is running from 1-5 pm on every Wednesday through October!

Announcement: On Saturday, August 13th from noon to 6 pm, a free event will be held at the McCarthy Gymnasium on the University of St Thomas campus. It is IgboFest. Igbo is one of the three main languages (out of hundreds of languages and dialects) in Nigeria, and this event promises to be exotic and wonderful! Please come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Larson

Amended minutes for PPERRIA meeting of May 23, 2011

(Editor's Note: Approval of the minutes of the PPERRIA Board meeting of May was postponed until the requested amendments to the minutes could be resolved. The amended version will be presented for the board's approval at the PPERRIA meeting on October 24, 2011.)

LRT MUSINGS:

An across-the-Border view of St. Paul's Light Rail Construction

Julie Wallace

By the time you're reading this, the promised rail may be showing up at our end of the project – rail is piled near Hamline, and is dragged up the street at night since the length of the rail sections can require temporarily closing intersections. Also, the Berry Street intersection is being paved and will remain closed until all of its intersection work is done. The new University Avenue bridge deck over Hwy. 280 is being poured and the bridge has been reinforced to accommodate trains.

For almost the entire University Avenue from Emerald, east to Hamline, traffic has been switched to the new pavement on the south side. The stretch under the railroad bridge west of Prior will have two sets of retaining walls – one for the roadway, another for the LRT tracks.

Good news followed the shift of traffic from the north to the south side of University: Despite the narrowing of the avenue in Minneapolis, some parking was maintained for businesses along University east of Bedford, and the heavily-used bus stop in front of KSTP remained. Both of these

issues were “iffy” until the switch, but the contractor and the CCLRT staff heard, and responded to neighborhood concerns.

The new sidewalks are bordered on the street side by small pavers with crushed granite between them, making a permeable surface. When first installed, the chips can scatter and cause problems for anyone wearing heels. The contractor has crews sweeping them back into the cracks. They should interlock and stay in the cracks after a few weeks.

Every construction project in Minnesota reaches a “fall panic” after Labor Day. As more crews are added to finish before winter, the city can be left with too few inspectors to promptly check on work. However, all relevant entities are working together to meet a late November deadline. By then we'll have two traffic lanes in each direction.

Julie Wallace represents Prospect Park on the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Construction Communications Committee

PPERRIA NEWS DELIVERY –

Our local bulk mail facility has moved to the suburbs making it unfeasible to continue with bulk-mail delivery. We're now sending the newsletter as first-class mail. To keep costs down we're appealing for more of you – if you are able and willing – to accept electronic-only delivery. To opt solely for electronic delivery, contact Betts Zerby at <ejzerby@yahoo.com>. You will also find it on our Website, *(And you will always receive a print copy by mail if that is what you need and want.)*
.....the editor

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PROSPECT PARK ELIST – TEN YEARS ON

Set up in September 2001, announced in the PPERRIA newsletter of September 2001. Established under the auspices of PPERRIA, the guidelines were:

- open to anyone who has a legitimate connection to Prospect Park (or wants to have one, such as prospective renters)
- there will be no spam
- there will be no list sharing

First members came from PPERRIA lists, or those who signed up at neighborhood events (community concerts, neighborhood meetings, Pratt ice cream social, etc.) Others learned of it through friends, neighbors, or landlords.

Member numbers have grown from 194 in 2003, to 747 as of September 2011.

Types of communication varies widely. Through the pplist database, Lois has set up various groups which allow mailings from PPERRIA to neighborhood groups such as PP Businesses, social agencies & youth group leaders, churches, PPERRIA members, neighbor-to-neighbor recommendations, services wanted, services available, apartments for rent, houses for sale, etc. Also through the elist database, Lois has set up lists of service providers based on list members' recommendations. They cover topics from alarm systems, animal control, babysitters, contractors, furnace repair, plumbers, roofers, to window washers. List members can request the lists by contacting pplist@gmail.com.

Stories and outcomes

- Law officers have provided crime information and advice.
- Lost pets, and personal items, have been found and returned
- Wild critters have been tracked in their amblings through the 'hood.

And for you Techies: From 2001 to 2006, the elist was done through Roadrunner as ISP. In February 2006 it was switched to Googlegroups when the number of subscribers grew too large to send single messages. All former members then had to resubscribe to Googlegroups.

(The source of the above information is our venerable Webmaster Andy Mickel)

Editor's note: From its inception, the PPElist has been Lois Willand's baby. She has done it ALL. And she says that if you, or anyone you know, wishes to take over – or at least train to relieve her occasionally – she will be happy to hand it off. Caution: It'll be a tough act to follow.

<http://pperr.org>

Have you visited our PPERRIA Website lately? We benefit from the work of some very bright volunteers, led by our venerable WebMaster Andy Mickel. While on the subject, the Website could use more photos. Andy says: Submit them on CDs, flashdrives, or other device amenable to electronic transfer.

YOUR SHORT-NOTICE INVITATION – *RSVP by Thursday September 15th*

WHAT: A Workshop on emerging plans for the Prospect Park / 29th Avenue LRT station and Gateway area of University Avenue, SE.

WHEN: Saturday September 17th – from 9 AM to noon

WHERE: Tierney Bothers, at 3300 University Avenue SE

WHO: All stakeholders • Prospect Park residents • University of Minnesota • City • County • Metro • potential developers.

ORGANIZED BY: *PROSPECT PARK 2020* - A PPERRIA-initiated project to guide development along University Avenue SE, and the Prospect Park LRT Station at University and 29th Avenue SE

PURPOSE: To update all stakeholders about Prospect Park's previously endorsed vision of the LRT station area and University Avenue – An opportunity for stakeholder input and recommendations. Our aim is to endorse the approach and get consensus on the development framework .

PROGRAM:

8:30 - 9:00.....Refreshment and social

9:00 - 9:25.....Welcome & Purpose of the Workshop

9:25 - 10:00.....Overview of Planning

10:00 -11:00....Break-out sessions

- Residential Housing Development • Retail and Commercial Development
- Public Domain and Parking • Textile Center, Arts, Library

11:00 - 12:00....Reports and Wrap-up

12:00 - Where do we go from here?

Come early for coffee, pastries and visiting. Stay as long as you can.
Free Child Care • models to see and work on •
drawings to mark up with your ideas • consultants to explain our thinking.
Bring your creative energy for a community-building morning

RSVP – With your preference of a break-out session to attend, and whether you need child care (and for how many)

You may also visit www.prospectpark2020.org to register.

Dick Poppele
PPERRIA President

Brian Golberg
Prospect Park 2020 Project Manager

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as “the PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar”)

*To include items in the PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wednesday, Oct 5th** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 859-4960*

Fall Clean-Up: Saturday, Sept 24th. Meet at Tom Kilton’s house, 1933 East River Parkway at 8:30 for breakfast, trucks roll at 9, finished before lunch. Any questions, call Tom at 612-339-3064.

Garden Club Potluck meetings: Wednesday, September 28th at the home of Jean Bauer, 209 Bedford St. SE. Phone 612-379-7380 – Call Kent Petterson at 332-1821. No meetings October through December.

Communications Committee meeting: Thursdays, September 22nd and October 27th, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697.

Glendale Residents Council meetings: Fridays, September 23rd and October 28th, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net.

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Mondays, September 26th and October 24th, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative): Tuesdays, October 4th and November 1st, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting: Mondays, September 12th and October 10th, 7 pm. PPERRIA Office, Arthur & University – Call President Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

July/August 2011 PPERRIA Staff Report 7/1/2011 – 8/31/2011

Staff hours for regular PPERRIA tasks from July 1 through August 31, 2011 totaled 36.75 hours for a cost of \$882. This was paid out of PPERRIA funds budgeted for regular staff.

“Do more than belong: participate.”*William Arthur Ward*

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

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<i>The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:</i>			
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)			
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)		Susan Gottlieb	
Southeast Economic Development Committee (SEED)		Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari	
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)		Phil Anderson	
Central Corridor Construction Communication Committee for University Avenue West		Julie Wallace	
University District Partnership Alliance		Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard, _____ (Alt.)	

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We're on the Web!
See us at:
<http://pperr.org>

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



***FYI:* On September 24th PPERRIA hosts its 17th neighborhood clean-up**

WHEN/WHERE: 8:30AM breakfast at 1933 East River Parkway. Trucks will roll at 9AM.
We'll be done before noon.

WHAT DO WE PICK UP: brush (no need to tie into bundles), tires, concrete, metal (with any attached wood or concrete removed).

While the event is a vital and necessary service to the community, it is also a great way to meet and greet your neighbors. We can always use an extra pickup truck, and more, *younger* bodies are always welcome. We need 50 volunteers in all. No pre-registration, just show up.....Tom Kilton

Got stuff you want picked up? Have it at the curb by 9AM.
See more, specific details on the PPERRIA Website

And Remember:

What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today