

# ***February 2005 PPERRIA Newsletter***



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## **PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda**

**Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 1/24/05
3. Outreach to Students
4. Nominating Committee Announcement
4. Items for Consideration:
  - Motion: Proposed PPERRIA Policy on Policies
  - Motion: Proposed Reallocation of NRP Funds
6. Announcements
  - Candidate Forum
  - Library Task Force
  - History Committee
7. New/Old Business
8. Adjourn

## Letter from the President

As directed by the PPERRIA Bylaws I will announce the name of Susan Larson-Fleming to chair the Nominating Committee at the Corporation's February Board/Membership meeting. The other three members of the committee will also be announced at that time.

The task given to the committee and chair by the Bylaws is as follows:

- ∑ Draft a slate of candidates for corporation officers and members of the Executive Committee from the existing Board of Directors.
- ∑ Draft a slate of candidates for Board of Directors from the membership.

Draft a slate of standing Committee Chairpersons from the membership.

The success we have had as a residential organization can best be illustrated with the words from Mr. Brian Miller, Executive Director of Seward Redesign when he stated "that Prospect Park East River Road is one of the Jewels of the residential communities of St. Paul and Minneapolis" and The Best Issue 2005 of Minnesota Monthly magazine when it states that "Prospect Park East River Road is one of those too-good-to-be-true communities." I believe these accolades from the outside of our community are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the past and present members of the PPERRIA Board of Directors and its officers, but we cannot be complacent with what has been done in the past, for we have many challenges waiting for us in the future, and for that reason we need to have within our ranks the very best of the residents of Prospect Park East River Road to step forward and volunteer at the next level.

So if you are willing to become a PPERRIA Board member and can make a good faith effort to attend all regular meetings of the corporation and participate actively in the conduct of the organization, please call Susan Larson-Fleming at (612) 331-8819.

Remember, decisions are made by those who show up.

Thank you,

J. W. Ring

## Proposed PPERRIA Policy on Policies

A Motion to adopt the following Policy will be made by Steve Cross, forwarded from the Executive Committee without recommendation:

It is PPERRIA policy that a proposed response to a public agency, about a public issue that is or may be considered by that public agency, must be based on a specific written proposal in the records of that public agency. That is, neither the PPERRIA Board of Directors, nor the Executive Committee, nor any committee may act on a response to any public agency that are based on rumors of what may be proposed to or considered by that public agency.

## Proposed Reallocation of NRP Funds

A Motion to reallocate \$15,000 of NRP Phase I Funds were unclaimed by Hennepin County for purposes of funding the Block Nurse Program to Administrative Purposes will be voted upon at the March PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting.

## **Candidate Forum**

**PPERRIA will sponsor a candidate forum on February 22 at St. Francis Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. S.E., presenting the two announced candidates for the Mayor of Minneapolis, R.T. Rybak and Peter McLaughlin, and the five announced candidates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward City Council: Cam Gordon, Cara Letofsky, Dan Miller, Bill Svrluga, and Jerry Stein.**

**An NRP Neighborhood Meeting will be held at Luxton Park Gym on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM.**

**The neighborhood will vote to help select NRP Phase II Projects. Everyone is invited**

## **History Committee Invites Members**

The Prospect Park History, "Under the Witch's Hat", is close to being sold out. The History Committee which created the book is seeking new members to consider the possibility of beginning to prepare a second edition. Members will meet at the home of Chair Betts Zerby at 41 Arthur Avenue SE on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Betts at (612) 379-8095.

## **Care and Share Food Shelf Needs Donations**

Please remember to donate to the Care and Share Foodshelf. Volunteers are also needed. Care and Share Foodshelf is located at 92 St. Mary's Ave. SE on the right side of the Headstart building.

It is open on Mondays from noon to 4 pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 4 pm. Donations can be left at Prospect Park Methodist Church or the Luxton Park Building as well. The Foodshelf phone number is 612-342-1954.

### **Minutes of January 24, 2005 Meeting**

- 1) The 01/24/2005 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. the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) Malcolm/Orin Avenues S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.) Introduced were guests and first time attendees. Motion made by Tony Garmers, seconded by Florence Littman and passed without noes: "To accept the amended agenda for this meeting that was available at this meeting." Item 3/DeLaSalle's plan to buy Minneapolis Park Board land, was added to Item 9/Zoning Report. A quorum of the Board Of Directors (BOD) was present. Second Ward Councilmember and PPERRIA member Paul Zerby

abstained on all motions. See attached Item 1. This meeting is governed by Robert's Rules of Order. Items attached to these minutes were available at this meeting. There were no additional items added to this agenda.

- 2) Motion made by Phil Anderson , seconded by Dave Kaar and passed without noes: "That the minutes of the 11/22/04 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 01/05 PPERRIA Newsletter be accepted." See attached Item 2.
- 3) Moved to Item 9.
- 4) Emily Watts, Minneapolis Public Library Program Coordinator; and Jerry Blue, Minneapolis Public Library Patron Service North Area Manager, reviewed the 12/20/04 ending of bookmobile service in Minneapolis. The current bookmobile, age ten years, has been declared a health and safety hazard. The Library Board is using this as an opportunity to develop a comprehensive plan for Outreach Services for 2005. Repair or replacement of the bookmobile could cost up to \$150,000.00. There should be by 04/05 a resolution of the issue of non library building service in the neighborhoods. Provided was a listing of alternative services. See attached Item 4.
- 5) Kelly Moriarity, Minneapolis Public Works, provide updates concerning the issue of the 65 year old bridge on East River Parkway over the Bridal Veil Falls. This is just west of the intersection of Franklin, East River Parkway and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues S.E. The bridge needs to be replaced and the city is using this as an opportunity to see if there can be a more public viewing of the falls. Greg Brown, consultant for the area study, reviewed the identified options that are the result of earlier neighborhood meetings. They include: A) Replacing the bridge as it now is with a possible overhang so that the falls could be seen from the parkway; B) Narrowing the bridge for east only traffic with west traffic using streets north of parkway (several versions); C) Construction a pedestrian only parkway bridge and the vehicle traffic routed to north of parkway streets; D) Constructing a "roundabout" at the intersection (several versions). There are three users, vehicles, bikes/pedestrians, and river trail that need to be considered as well as the through-the-intersection traffic, the residents/businesses of the intersection and the neighborhood. Of specific concern if pedestrian/bicycle through-the-intersection and the through traffic impact on the neighborhood. Any proposed bridge work would retain the existing style. See the 01/21-02/17 The Southeast Angle article. There were questions about the continued operation of the falls. Watch for announcements of a 02/05 public meeting. The poor condition of the existing bridge will necessitate something being done soon. For more information see [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/bridal-veil/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/public-works/cip/bridal-veil/) or 612-673-3617 Kelly Moriarity.
- 6) Motion made by Bill Kahn, seconded by Don Piccard and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA supports a "Good Neighbor Agreement" with the Rock-Tenn Corporation at their paper recycling facilities east of the neighborhood in St. Paul. Kahn, the Environmental Committee Chair, indicated that these agreements are being negotiated and some signed with facilities that emit pollution that affect the neighborhood. The S.E Como Improvement Association has endorsed the issue. These agreements have no legal standing but are useful in addressing issues regarding the facilities and are especially helpful in facilitating communication. Of procedural concern of this motion is that: A) There was not agreement within the committee regarding the utility of Good Neighbor Agreements, Bill hopes that there will be a reorganization of the committee as a more productive entity. He has resigned from the committee due to burnout; B) Bill has already signed and sent the letter as the deadline date has passed. PPERRIA's procedures are that issues are brought before the appropriate committee. The committee does the heavy lifting and sends a recommendation to the Executive Committee which reviews and looks for loopholes and surprises and then makes a recommendation to the BOD. At the B/M/N meeting, the issue is reviewed and discussed and an official position taken. Although PPERRIA BOD does not see a reason to not support this issue, it does raise questions to the process followed, but recognizes that the deed is done.
- 7) Motion by Tom Kilton, seconded by Mary Alice Kopf and passed with no noes: "To re-allocate \$2,553.43 Prospect Park NRP Phase I funds to Prospect Park NRP Phase I Administration. These funds to be re-allocated remain for the completed projects: A) \$1,273.15—Luxton Park Kiosk; B)

\$765.52—Neighborhood Signs; C) \$500.00—Luxton Park Computer Classrooms—closed; D) 414.76—Neighborhood Learning Center, Environmental landscaping, block Club Cleanup, Graffiti Removal Supplies, Prospect Park Directory and Childcare Startup.” See attached Item 7. This will “zero” out those project accounts. See previous B/M/N for additional information and comments.

- 8) Announcements: A) All were reminded of the 01/31/05 meeting, 7 pm at St. Frances Cabrini (1500 Franklin Avenue S.E.) to develop objectives for the planning of the transit corridor on University Avenue S.E. and at 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E., a proposed stop in Prospect Park. See attached Item 8-A; B) Steve Cross and Dick Poppele, Prospect Park NRP Phase II Steering Committee chairs, that the Steering Committee has developed a neighborhood public meeting schedule to construct an “Action Plan”: 04/05 a rank order of proposals meeting; 05/05 acceptance of proposals meeting; 06/05 meeting at which be accepted a full Action Plan that will be presented to NRP and for acceptance by the city; Fall 05 the start of the implementation of the Action Plan. The housing mandates of NRP II seem to be clearer with definitions, etc; C) It seems that at the Steering Committee meetings, residents of the Glendale Community voiced service and maintenance concerns that could be addressed ASAP by the city rather than by NRP. Steve and Dick are helping the residents address and get resolution of the concerns; D) Steve Cross announced that there would be a Second Ward and Mayor Candidates night sponsored by PPERRIA on 02/22/05, 7 pm at Cabrini; E) Joe Ring announced that on 03/12/05, the #8 MTC bus will return to its original route on Franklin Avenue S.E. through the neighborhood. The efforts of all, especially Dorothy Marden, were successful; F) The president of the St. Anthony Park-St. Paul Council informed Joe Ring that the Hubbard property north of the KSTP complex was up for sale. This is the Fourth Street S.E. area that was cleared of pollution and on which KSTP was planning a campus for their now sold satellite business; G) The issue of Wellington Development Corporation using on their proposed “Metro Lofts. At Prospect Park” ads is moving along. Legal opinion is that there is a state statute that does not allow one municipality to make claims about another. Metro Lofts is in St. Paul on University Avenue east of the Wells Fargo Bank. Contacts with the Hennepin County Attorney office are in progress; H) Joe Ring referred all to the inclusion of Prospect Park in the 2005 Best of Minnesota Issue of “Minnesota Monthly.”
- 9) Florence Littman, Zoning Committee Chair reviewed the items before the committee. Note: Abstained on motions regarding the Minneapolis Park Board was Rachel Ramadhyani as she works for the Park Board: A) Motion made by Peter LaSha, seconded by Dick Kain and passed with some noes: “That PPERRIA opposes the sale or lease of Minneapolis Park Land on Nicollet Island to De LaSalle High School.” Comments were: The existing public park facilities on the site would be lost; There would be a change in the Nicollet Island character by closing a street, an increase in non-local traffic and changing open land to developed land; There is not a full plan in place; more information is needed before a position can be taken by PPERRIA; There continues the sale/use of park land to private parties; B) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: “That until there is adequate documentation, that PPERRIA “tables” the issue of the University of Minnesota (UM) earlier proposed University of Minnesota boat house proposed to be located on the earlier UM showboat site at Minneapolis River Flats Park.” This motion overrode an earlier motion for support with conditions, the feeling that undefined conditions enforcement is questionable. The PPERRIA Zoning Committee position that if there are no public access and programs to the project there is no PPERRIA support is a start. This is another example of the issue of public-to-private public land use. The UM has presented changes to the project that meet most of the design issues, but the public use issues identified at an earlier PPERRIA meeting are not addressed; C) Motion made by Florence Littman, seconded by Phil Anderson and passed without noes: “That PPERRIA supports the West Bank Community Coalition in their opposition to the sale of Minneapolis park land for the development of a private 200 unit apartment complex.” PPERRIA tends to support other neighborhoods when the positions are consistent with positions PPERRIA has taken; D) The Kemp’s facility at 29<sup>th</sup> and University Avenue S.E. is for sale. Kemps has moved to other locations. Included is 18,000 square feet of office space, 32,000 square feet of warehouse space, 10,000 square feet of garage space, 15,000 square feet of freezer space and 5,000 square feet of shop. The committee is working on saving the “Samantha, the Kemp’s Cow” sign A local business owner has proposed that he purchase the site, tentatively named “Prospect Park Properties”; E) The U Garden restaurant on University Avenue and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenues S.E. has request a zoning change from OR2

(Office/Residential) to C3 (Community Activities) A nonconforming use permit would not allow them to add to their present building a private dining area. The site is large enough for the addition. The committee does not oppose the change; F) There is a new owner of the Stadium Village Mall at Ontario and Washington Avenues S.E. The new owner has indicated that the current zoning of C1 does not allow some possible uses. The building is 80% vacant and as the remaining leases expire they will not be renewed. There is no formal change request; G) Stub and Herbs in Stadium Village has requested an upgrade of their liquor license to include no-more than three live entertainers. The committee does not oppose the request; H) The apartment complex, at Huron Boulevard and Fulton Avenues S.E. in the Motley Neighborhood, built in 1972 now turns out to have one more unit than the zoning allows. This was not an issue until now. The committee does not oppose a special condition use for this complex that would address an issue that the city has long overlooked; I) The long ago proposed project by the Wall Developers of research facilities for the UM in the area north of University Avenue S.E. along the UM Transit Way has been reopened. Wall will be presenting to the Zoning Committee their proposal; J) There are unclear proposals to the Minneapolis Land Use Plan that are not yet public.

10) Joyce Barta, Prospect Park-NRP Coordinator, referred all to the Prospect Park-NRP Contractor Activities Report as published in the 01/05 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 10.

11)/12) New/Old Business: A) Don Piccard indicated that the Minnichs who purchased and then donated the small triangle of land between the intersection of East River Parkway, Franklin and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues S.E. and the house on Thornton Avenue S.E., have asked about the sign indicating the Minnich Park that was to be installed by the Minneapolis Park Board. All are unsure when this issue was addressed initially by PPERRIA, probably at least 15 years ago. The River Gorge Committee and the Secretary will research and report: B) The issue of the proposed PPERRIA By-Law change regarding membership was mentioned by two members.

13) 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](mailto:marko029@umn.edu)

## 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 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](mailto: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	undecided	
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

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 Phil Anderson	338-1871 627-9471
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	331-2970 627-9471

## February NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period January 7, 2005 through February 11, 2005. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Worked to wind up Phase I of NRP	Worked to begin planning of NRP Phase II		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 01/07/05 to 02/11/05	<b>41.75</b>	<b>\$ 835.00</b>	<b>0.5 %</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 01/07/05	<b>10,189.16</b>	<b>\$173,635.15</b>	<b>98.9 %</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 02/11/05	<b>10,230.91</b>	<b>\$174,470.15</b>	<b>99.3 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$188,873.46\*; **\$1,069.29\*** 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 PPERIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, March 10, 2005.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to
Monday, 7:30-9:30 pm February 21	<b>NRP Steering Committee meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Steve Cross 376-0094 Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm February 23	<b>Garden Club</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Friday, 6:00 p.m. February 25	<b>Student performance</b> of Shakespeare's play "Much Ado About Nothing," <i>Pratt, time TBA</i>	Deb Clark 668-1122
Monday, February 28	<b>Minneapolis Public Schools</b> – deadline for school request cards	
Monday, 7:00 pm February 28	<b>PPERIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, 7:30 pm March 2	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, 11 am-1 pm March 4	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:30-9:30 pm March 7	<b>NRP Steering Committee meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Steve Cross 376-0094 Dick Poppele 378-9242
Monday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm March 14	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Pratt	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm March 14	<b>PPERIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Tuesday, 7:00 pm March 15	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Tuesday, March 15	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Kris Hammes 370-4925 Roberta Mark 331-6621
Thursday, 6-8 pm March 17	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; rides available	Greg Bernstein 378-3489
Monday, 7:30-9:30 pm March 21	<b>NRP Steering Committee meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Steve Cross 376-0094 Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm March 23	<b>Garden Club</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Saturday, 11am – 1 pm March 26	<b>Bunny Brunch</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Sunday, March 27	<b>Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast</b> at PPUMC	PPUMC office 378-2380
Monday, 7:00 pm March 28	<b>PPERIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587



Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Mondays noon - 4pm Tues, Thurs 10am – 4pm	<b>Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities</b> can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave. Donations can also be left at Prospect Park United Methodist Church or at Luxton Park.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056 Shirley Davis 342-1952
	<b>Bookmobile</b> – There is currently no bookmobile service.	Bookmobile 630-6630
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556
Fridays 10am - noon	<b>Luxton Painters</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925

**PPERRIA Web Site: <http://www.pperr.org>**

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