

January 2008

PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, January 28th

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 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.

NOTE

The greater part of the January meeting will be given over to a representative of the Metropolitan Council who will present current plans for the Inter-City Light Rail Transit. This will include extended discussion of the Twenty-Ninth Avenue Station.

As for post-January matters, Notes from the President (page 2) lays out the reasons for proposing changes to the PPERRIA Bylaws. The last executive committee meeting, January 13, 2008, entertained a motion to approve the proposed Bylaw changes included in the Report of the Bylaws Task Force. These will be up

for vote by the Board/Membership no earlier than the February, 2008, PPERRIA meeting.

In an unnumbered section of this newsletter you will find 1) a summary of the Bylaws Task Force Report and, 2) the proposed changes.

(The proposed Bylaws – with the Task Force's rationale for the changes – are available anytime on the PPERRIA website

www.pperr.org)

Notes from the president

When the quality of life is threatened in Prospect Park it does manage to get the neighborhood's attention. So it was with the latest concerns over increased freeway noise resulting from the I-94 detour around the fallen I-35 bridge. Prospect Park residents numbering over 100 at the November PPERRIA meeting let it be known to MNDOT officials and to Senator Pogemiller and Representative Kahn that the noise is unacceptable, and demanded sound abatement.

But this kind of citizen involvement is an old story in this neighborhood, and it is why we are known throughout the city as an informed and activist neighborhood. It is therefore surprising that according to our current bylaws, Prospect Park has among the most restrictive membership rules in the city. In fact, PPERRIA is one of very few neighborhood organizations that is not eligible for the city's Citizen Participation Program. This is one of the reasons why the Board of Directors charged a task force, chaired by Paul Zerby, to review our current bylaws and make recommendations for revision.

Paul's task force has worked very hard (meeting 16 times) to come up with recommended amendments that will make the bylaws reflect better the current practices and also help the organization reflect better the neighborhood residents' desires and needs to maintain and improve Prospect Park. We will have a chance to review and discuss their recommendations at the next two PPERRIA meetings (January 28 and February 25).

The challenges for Prospect Park to maintain its neighborhood spirit and identity have often come from external forces, like the freeway and the University of Minnesota. It was some 40 years when John Jamison, then President of PPERRIA led the fight to redirect the freeway path, intended to go through the Park (and Pratt School), to its current route along the railroad.

The University of Minnesota is another old story as it slowly creeps through the Motley neighborhood toward Prospect Park. The redevelopment of industrial land north of University Ave is yet another old story as

this land becomes more attractive to residential developers (note the JPI development now defining a clear border between Minneapolis and St Paul behind KSTP).

These old pressures continue to mount as new ones are added in the form of a proposed LRT along University Ave and proposed new parkway (completing the Grand Round) along 27th Ave. All these changes now underway and those being planned mean that we need to be more alert as a community and figure out how we can adapt to these pressures while preserving the quality of life that is unique to Prospect Park.

PPERRIA can play a role, and we want to have as many neighbors as possible engaged in the effort. Recently, PPERRIA held a workshop for the members of the Zoning and Planning and Transportation Committees, and PPERRIA representatives to the SEED Committee and Central Corridor Cooperative, to begin some discussion about how we can proactively meet the many challenges.

The 24 workshop participants on a snowy Saturday December morning heard talks from Councilmember aide Robin Garwood about how the city is organized to address development issues; from the PPERRIA president and from committee chair Florence Littman about what PPERRIA does and has been doing; and from Dean Lund on the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Plan, John DeWitt on the 29th Ave Station Plan, Dick Poppele on the University of Minnesota Impact Report to the Legislature and the University Partnership Alliance; and from Brian McMahon about the University corridor and its development in Minneapolis and St Paul.

In the discussion that followed, a number of critical issues were identified. Discussion continues on how we can best use the resources we have and find additional resources to help us make an orderly transition to the future of higher residential density and increased urbanization that is coming our way. To find out more about what you can do in this effort please contact me or Florence Littman.

.....Dick Poppele

**PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2007, 7 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following a social gathering . President Poppele welcomed the many visitors and introduced Sen. Larry Pogemiller and Rep. Phyllis Kahn and MNDot representatives Tom O’Keefe and Chris Roy. Many residents of East River Terrace and East River Mews were in attendance.

1. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without noes.

2. A motion to approve the October minutes, after an amendment by President Poppele was made by Florence Littman. Passed without noes.

3. Sound Walls for East River Terrace and East River Mews: The subject of the evening’s meeting was to learn the impact of the additional lane on I-94 due to the I-35W Bridge collapse on MNDot’s plans to build sound walls on the south side of I-94. Joe Ring began the discussion with a brief history of the efforts to obtain sound walls in this part of the neighborhood. MNDot maintains two lists of proposals for remediation: the first is of those projects completed before 1997, the second those completed after that date. Whether the added lane on I-94 is temporary or permanent is the pivotal question. If permanent, a new Environmental Impact Statement, including noise impact would be required. The new lane has reduced crashes, according to MNDot, and keeping the new lane after the bridge repair could be MNDot’s position. Discussion ensued about the measurement of noise, and the time that measurements are taken. Residents say that the noise is highest at night when there is much truck traffic, not at peak traffic hours when the speed of the traffic is slow because of congestion. The MNDot officials said that they would be glad to do additional traffic monitoring, but would not state that they would measure at other than peak traffic times. Factors to be taken into account by MNDot are noise level, number of homes, and the length of wall required.

Kahn raised the possibility of acting through the federal government’s funding request for the bridge reconstruction. Pogemiller stated that he thought funding might be available as part of a state transportation bill. Kahn, Pogemiller and Ring will meet with MNDOT officials in the near future.

Joe Ring stated that the National Council for Preservation Education advised that PPERRIA apply for “consulting party status” with the Department of Transportation in relation to the I-35W bridge replacement project, which includes detours and emergency measures. Such status would require that PPERRIA receive copies of all correspondence about the bridge project. Dorothy Davey moved that PPERRIA apply for consulting party status, passed without noes.

4. Zoning Committee: Florence Littman reported on a joint meeting with Como residents, and of the University’s plans to update its 1996 Land Use Plan. There will be future meetings. She described a point system that enables approval of one-to-four-unit buildings based on complying with certain recommendations of the City which results in shorter planning commission agendas. Julie Wallace reported that the University is no longer interested in purchasing the KSTP property for a parking lot.

5 Announcements: Andy Michel noted there will be a Grand Rounds meeting Feb. 12.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clay Lambert. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele,

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	tggarmers@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
Membership	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman	littm005@umn.edu	331-2970
Zoning Subcommittee: Planning	Rachael Ramadhyani	s_ramadhyani@hotmail.com	379-7320

Other PPERRIA Committees or Task Forces and Chairs

By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	pgzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	923-9449
*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
University / 4 th Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429

The Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG) is not a PPERRIA Committee but there are three PPERRIA representatives on the Committee: Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

December – January 2008 NRP Contractor Activities 11/09/07 – 1/11/08

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
11/09/07 to 1/11/08	38.50	\$ 924.00	0.4 %
10/18/95 to 11/09/07	10,862.66	\$189,303.15	98.3 %
10/18/95 to 11/09/07	10,901.16	\$190,227.15	98.7 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$192,661.45. \$3847.15 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, Feb. 9th**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, January 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Wednesday, January 23	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club at the home of Vera Marshall, 2019 Franklin Ave SE, 378-3972. Speaker on Tree Care from Rainbow Tree.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Saturday January 26	9 am - noon Pratt Open House	Pratt 668-1122
Monday, January 28	7:00 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
Saturday, February 2	5:30 - 8:30 pm Fire and Ice Festival at Luxton Park	Choua Thao 370-4925
Wednesday, February 6	7:30 pm Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, February 11	noon - 1:30 pm JOY Potluck at Pratt. Bring some food to share or \$3.	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, February 11	7:00 pm PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, February 13	5:00 pm Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, February 19	7:00 pm (Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, February 21	6:00 - 8:00 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday February 25	7:00 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, February 27	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club at the home of Judy Horns, 88 Orlin Ave SE, 379-7247.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436

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Calendar brought to you by PPERRIA Dates are subject to change – Call for info.

January:

2 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
 9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 14 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
 14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 17 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
 23 Garden Club meeting, *Vera Marshall, 378-3972*
 26 Pratt School OPEN HOUSE, Nine to noon
 28 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

February:

2 Fire & Ice Festival, 5:30-8:30 pm, *Luxton*
 6 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
 11 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
 11 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 13 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 21 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
 25 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
 27 Garden Club meeting, *Judy Horns, 379-7247*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

March:

5 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
 10 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
 10 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 12 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 20 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
 24 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
 26 Garden Club, *Gratia Reynolds, 331-5312*
TBA Bunny Brunch, 11am-1pm, Luxton Park
TBA T-Ball and 4-pitch, Luxton Park
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

April:

2 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
 9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 14 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
 14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 17 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
 19 Mississippi River Cleanup
 23 Garden Club meeting, *Amy Shellaberger, 379-1142*
28 PPERRIA Board/Membership ANNUAL MEETING, PPUMC
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

May:

5 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 7 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
 12 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
 14 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 15 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
 19 PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
 28 Garden Club meeting, *Sally Jorgenson, 332-1140*
 30 Pratt Ice Cream Social, Tower open 5:30-8:30 pm,
Pratt Community Center
TBA Luxton Painters Annual Art Show
TBA Pops & Pie, 7:30 pm, PPUMC
TBA Community Choir Concert, PPUMC
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108
TBA Mississippi River Cleanup

June:

9 JOY Picnic, *Luxton Park*
 9 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
 11 Last Day of School, Minneapolis Public Schools
 11 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
 17 Community Concert 7:30pm, *Pratt*
 23 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
 25 Garden Club meeting, *Abby & Kent Petterson, 332-1821*
TBA Summer Splash Program begins
TBA Urban Tennis Program begins
TBA Prospect Park Garden Walk 10am – 3 pm
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925

July:

9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
14 JOY Picnic, *Luxton Park*
14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
15 Community Concert 7:30pm, *Pratt*
23 Garden Club, *Mary Alice Kopf, 379-7436*
28 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
TBA Urban Tennis Program ends
TBA Summer Splash Program ends
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

August:

5 National Night Out Block Parties
11 JOY Picnic, *Luxton Park*
11 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
13 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
27 Garden Club meeting, *Chris and Harrison Nelson, 379-1236*
TBA Art in the Park, Luxton
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

September:

3 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
8 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
8 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
10 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
18 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
22 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
24 Garden Club meeting, *Karen Murdock, 340-1338*
TBA Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast, Pratt
TBA Fall Clean up
TBA Back to School Party, Luxton Park
TBA Fundamentals of Soccer, Luxton Park
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

October:

1 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
8 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
13 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
13 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
16 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
27 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
31 Halloween Party & Haunted House, *Luxton Park, 6-8 pm*
TBA Mostly Weaving Sale, 127 Melbourne
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

November:

5 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
10 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
10 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
12 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
20 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
24 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
TBA Community Art Fair and Bazaar PPUMC
TBA Harvest Dinner, 6-8 pm, Luxton Park
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

December:

3 *Luxton Park Council meeting, Luxton*
8 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
8 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
10 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
18 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
TBA Fundamentals of Basketball, Luxton Park
TBA Prospect Park Community Choir Concert, PPUMC
TBA East Side Holiday Store
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

Luxton Painters: (Choua Thao 370-4925) **Luxton Park Council:** Room A (Jim Widder 331-6129)

PPERRIA Executive Committee: 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm, PPUMC (Dick Poppele 378-9242)

PPERRIA General Membership: 4th Monday except Aug & Dec, 7 pm, PPUMC (Dick Poppele 378-9242)

Glendale Resident Organization: 2nd Wed. of the month, 6 pm, 92 St. Mary's (Latrishia Collins 342-1952)

Pratt Council: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 – 8:30 pm, Pratt (Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 or Pratt 668-1100)

Garden Club: 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm, (Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436, Kent Petterson 332-1821)

JOY: Pot Luck 2nd Monday, 11:30-1:30, Pratt (Luxton in June, July and Aug); Outings/daytrips and Book Club are arranged monthly - call for info. (Roberta Mark 331-6621 or Choua Thao 370-4925) **Southeast Human Services**

Network (SEHSN): 1st or 2nd Tues, 1-2:30 pm, Luxton Park (Deb Clark 668-1108) **PPERRIA Zoning Committee:** usually 3rd Tuesday 7 pm, PPUMC (Florence Littman 331-2970)

Coming Events at Sidney Pratt Elementary School

ANNUAL PRATT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

When: Saturday January 26, 2008

Hours: Nine to noon

- Come, satisfy your curiosity about your neighborhood public elementary school
 - You're invited to meet the teachers and staff
 - Talk with parents, teachers and students
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ART SHOW

When: Thursday April 17, 2008

Hours: 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm

This is an un-juried exhibition, open to students, parents, teachers and neighborhood residents. Come, display your work, and see the works of others in a diverse community of all ages.

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