

# July 2004 PPERRIA Newsletter



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## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.

At the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

**Note: There is no Board/Membership Meeting or Newsletter in August**

1. Welcome
2. Approve agenda and minutes from 6/28/04
3. Items for Consideration:
4. New/Old Business
5. Adjourn

**Motion: Approve Position Paper Regarding Pratt Community Education Center**

Full Contents of the Position Paper are available on the PPERRIA website, [www.pperr.org](http://www.pperr.org), and Save Pratt! website [www.44clarence.org/pratt/](http://www.44clarence.org/pratt/) or by request at 612-379-8095.)

## Minutes from 2/23/04

- 1) The 06/28/04 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. 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 4, Announcements. See attached Item 1. The meeting is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, Joe Ring announced 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, point of orders, etc. occur(s) 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 to 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 "Points 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: i.e., additional time, etc. 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, and abstained from any votes.
- 2) Motion made by Steve Cross, seconded by Dick Kain and passed without noes: That the amended minutes of the 06/28/04 PPERRIA B/M/N Meeting as published in the 06/04 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting be accepted." A) Amended on page 3, Item 2-C, was the statement of the motion on 05/24/2004. The secretary received the wording from the maker of the motion on 06/23/2004: Added on page 17 of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Final Report statement regarding the "Sidewalk Lighting Project": "At the special meeting on the 24th of April 1999 a majority of neighborhood residents in attendance passed a motion to ask the City of Minneapolis to reassess the actual amount of support for new street lights; at a subsequent meeting the following Monday, PPERRIA members voted to rescind the motion." See attached e-mail. B) Also amended was the wording of the Note on page 2 between items 4 and 5. Motion made by Bill Kahn, seconded by Dan Miller and passed without noes and two abstentions: "That all names be deleted as well as the last two sentences after the word 'Investigate' ." An original motion to delete all of the "note", along with several amendments to the original motion and calls for procedural actions (to question the ruling of the chair regarding a vote outcome) were not passed. There were several calls to reference Roberts' Rules of Order, close debate, the question and divisions of the house that passed. Amended wording: "Note: As the discussion of the motion for Item 4 started, a PPERRIA member who had left this meeting after approval of the motion for Item 3 reentered the PPUMC meeting room and indicated that her husband was assaulted in front of the PPUMC by another PPERRIA member, who also left the same meeting they did. It is alleged that words were exchanged regarding earlier comments at this meeting and the second member allegedly spit in the face of the first member. Several members in attendance went outside to investigate." There was extended and contentious discussion regarding this amendment of the minutes.
- 3) Mark Davis, Hennepin County Senior Social Worker, reviewed the "Hennepin County School Success Project' which is attempting to improve attendance and positive education outcomes for

Hennepin County public school children. There is a trend to move away from individual case management and to do whole family management. He currently is visiting neighborhoods to introduce this as well as have dialogue with the neighborhoods. It was evident that he was preaching to the choir in this neighborhood as that is how Pratt Public School operates and is the model of the Southeast Minneapolis Community Program whose intent is to have this model available to other schools. See attached item 3.

- 4) Announcements: A) Tom Kilton, Neighborhood clean Up Chair, indicated that the city and county has agreed on 09/11/04 as the neighborhood clean up 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; B) The National Night Out will be 08/03/2004. Watch for information from the Block Club Committee; C) Joe Ring reviewed the 05/2004 Marcy/Holmes Neighborhood meeting at which there was an attempt to pack the meeting with single issue individuals regarding the recent city designation of many Greek houses as Historic Properties and of a Greek Historic district. There were attempted by-law changes regarding voting procedures and the rescinding of earlier motions supporting the historic designation issue. Several years ago there was a similar attempt by absentee landlords regarding rental properties' operation. The issue of non-resident property owners and the owner/residents is overriding in Marcy/Holmes and to a lesser extent other UM impacted neighborhoods. There is continuing work being done to move away from a confrontational process both before and during meetings; D) A neighbor is organizing a historical walk through the neighborhood with the Water Tower being open, on 06/30/2004 starting at 6 pm at the water tower. Information will be on the neighborhood e-mail listing; E) A meeting regarding the issue of the redoing of the bridge on East River Parkway just west of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E. over the Bridal Veil Falls will be on 06/29/004 at 7 pm at Cabrini Church, Franklin and East River Road Avenues S.E. Watch for announcements of future meetings regarding this issue.
- 5) Florence Littman, Zoning Committee Chair, reviewed the items that have come before the committee; A) Motion made by Florence Littman, seconded by Phil Anderson and passed with two noes: "That PPERRIA opposes the proposed rezoning change on the Proposed CVS site at 25<sup>th</sup> and University Avenues S.E. to accommodate a suburban-style drive-in store." The issue of a proposed CVS Pharmacy at 25<sup>th</sup> and University Avenues S.E. continues. CVS is requesting a zoning change to permit 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. Motion made by Rachel Ramadhyani, seconded by Dick Kain and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA send a letter, to the appropriate places, opposing the rezoning, using the same text as the earlier letter opposing the rezoning of the University Village site." The St. Paul City Council has approved the modified urban design of the proposed CVS Pharmacy at Snelling and University Avenues in St. Paul. 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 as your own living structure. Existing examples of this were grand parented in when the zoning law was changed to not allow such on single building lots; C) The University of Minnesota is again is proposing to build a "Boat House" on Minneapolis Park Board Property along the river south of the University Hospitals. Several years ago there was extended discussion regarding this issue. The Zoning Committee is

researching PPERRIA's positions and probably will recommend a restating of them on the current issue.

- 6) Joyce Barta referred all to the "PPERRIA/NRP Contractors Activities Report" as published in the 06/04 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting.
- 7) 8) Old Business: New business: There were no items.
- 9) 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>

## Save Pratt!

The Public School Task Force of Save Pratt! has prepared a position paper urging the school board to continue the operation of the K-5 school at Pratt Community Education Center. The position paper also states that in the event the school board determines that an elementary school cannot be continued as a Minneapolis public school, that the school board sponsor a charter school, rent the Pratt facility to the charter school, or turn the building over to the neighborhood. The intent is to send the position paper to the Minneapolis Public School administration and School Board. For full text see the Save Pratt! website at <http://44clarenc.com/pratt>. Also, check out the PPERRIA website at <http://www.pperr.org>.

## National Night Out Block Parties

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>

Come together with your neighbors for a fun-filled block party with food, music, visits from the police and fire departments, games – whatever your block wants to do!!

- \*\* Are you willing to help out your existing block club leader??
- \*\* Are you not sure if your block has a block club leader??
- \*\* Are you just curious about what a block club is and what it does??

The Prospect Park/East River Road Block Club Coordinator is Kari Simonson. She can answer all your questions. Call her at 612-331-2772 or 612-331-2776, or e-mail her at [kari.simonson@juno.com](mailto:kari.simonson@juno.com)

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	Bill Kahn	378-5287
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	338-1871
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	331-2970 627-9471

## July NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period June 10, 2004 through July 8, 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 06/10/04 to 07/08/04	<b>117.5</b>	<b>\$2350.00</b>	<b>1.3 %</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 06/10/04	<b>9,639.35</b>	<b>\$162,638.34</b>	<b>92.2 %</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 07/08/04	<b>9,756.85</b>	<b>\$164,988.34</b>	<b>93.5 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$188,873.46\*; **\$11,312.02\*** 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

# Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, September 2, 2004.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
July 20 7:30 pm	<b>Summer Concert: Dan Chouinard and Peter Ostroushko at Pratt</b> (PPUMC in case of rain)	
Tuesday, July 20 7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Friday, July 23 1-4 pm	<b>Aquatennial Festival</b> at Luxton Park. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, July 26 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</b>	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm July 28	<b>Garden Club meeting</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Fri July 30 1- 4:15 pm	<b>Summer Splash ends</b> at Luxton Park	Deb Clark 668-1122
Tuesday, August 3 11 am-1 pm	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Tuesday August 3 time varies	<b>National Night Out - Block Club Parties</b> throughout the neighborhood. Contact your Block Club leader.	Kari Simonson 331-2772 <a href="mailto:kari.simonson@juno.com">kari.simonson@juno.com</a>
Tues - Thurs August 3-5 10am-12pm	<b>Art in the Park</b> at Luxton Park for kindergarten through grade 5. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, August 4 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, August 9 11 am-1 pm	<b>JOY Picnic</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, August 9 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587 321-9064
Mon – Thurs August 9-12 1-4 pm	<b>MN Adventures Camp</b> at Luxton Park for ages 7-12. Free	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, August 11 5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.</b>	William Tweet 342-1952
Thursday, August 19 6-8 pm	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
	<b>No PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting in August</b>	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm August 25	<b>Garden Club meeting</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Wednesday, September 1	<b>First Day of School for Minneapolis Public Schools</b>	
Wednesday, September 1 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129

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Tuesday, 11 am-1 pm September 7	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Pratt	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Wednesday, 5:00 pm September 8	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.</b>	William Tweet 342-1952
Tuesday, noon -2 pm September 13	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Luxton	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm September 13	<b>PPERIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587 321-9064
Thursday, 6-8 pm September 16	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Tuesday, 7:00 pm September 21	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm September 22	<b>Garden Club meeting</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday, 7:00 pm September 27	<b>PPERIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587

<b>Day and Time</b>	<b>Recurring Community Events</b>	<b>Whom to contact</b>
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	<b>Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities</b> can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056 Shirley Davis 342-1952
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. 4- 4:30pm	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park	Bookmobile 630-6630
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 11:00-11:25am	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 11:30am -12:00	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center	
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556

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