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PPERRIA Neighborhood Meeting

6:30 PM Monday, JUNE 24, 2013
Doors open for refreshments at 6 PM

Emerald Ash Borer: options for your trees
Resources for dealing with livability issues
Discussion: What should PPERRIA's current position be regarding alcohol service at neighborhood establishments?

PPERRIA Board Meeting

7:15 PM Monday, JUNE 24, 2013

Prospect Park 2020: who they are, what they do, and how they connect with PPERRIA

Adopt Treasurer's report, grievance policy, conflict of interest policy, and revised ADA policy

Prospect Park United Methodist Church 22 Malcolm Ave SE

PPERRIA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPERRIA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at 612-643-1443 or pperiastaff@gmail.com at least five days before our event. You may contact us through Minnesota Relay Services at 1-800-627-3529 or by dialing 7-1-1.

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Impatient for Flowers?

The 2013 Prospect Park Garden Walk and Plant Sale takes place this Saturday, 22 June. See details inside.

about

PPERRIA is the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association — the oldest neighborhood association in Minneapolis. Organized in 1901, PPERRIA was born out of the opposition to the city proposal to level Prospect Park hill, and ever since our neighborhood, through PPERRIA, has embraced controversial issues be it the I-94 freeway construction in the 1960's, school closings in the 1970's, the repaving project in the early 1980's, safety and security lighting of the late 1990's, or Central Corridor Light Rail in the current day. All Prospect Park and East River Road neighbors and businesses are eligible to join.

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For a substantial collection of archived PPERRIA minutes, committee reports, past newsletter and event calendars, check out the Official PPERRIA website:
<http://www.pperr.org/pperia/pperia.html>

notices

AMBULATORY CARE CLINIC MEETING

The University of Minnesota with project partners Fariview Health System and University of Minnesota Physicians is planning a new building on the East Bank campus. On April 24, the project development team met with neighbors and community members. Since that time, there has been further progress on the predesign, and you are invited to the next information meeting. Please join the Ambulatory Care Clinic project development team for the next community information meeting:

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

5:00 to 6:30 PM

Argyle House meeting room, 920 Delaware Street SE
(between Ontario and Erie Streets SE)

Until the meeting, questions or comments are welcome to Jan Morlock at jam@umn.edu



Proposed site for the Ambulatory Care Clinic at the corner of Fulton and Ontario Streets.

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LOST BACKPACK

"I live at 105 Warwick St, and I lost my backpack last night. It's a big orange backpack with black handles and back., and had my computer in it. I'm not sure where it wandered off to, but I left it somewhere in the neighborhood."

Nick Johnson 612-599-5185
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notes

from the President's Desk

Happy summer! Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the weather has been sunny and 70 for more than a day or two. I am excited for the change of seasons to bring us sunshine after a long winter.

As you may have noticed, we have changed the timing and structure of PPERRIA meetings. There's a different layout for part of the meeting. The meetings are still on the 4th Monday of most months (unless we have to move them to avoid holidays).

At 6:30 pm, we hold a general meeting, devoted to information and discussion that is likely to be of interest to anyone in the neighborhood. This is a traditional "town hall" meeting.

At 7:15 pm, we hold a Board meeting, dedicated to the operations of the organization. Tables are placed in a "U" shape, to allow the Board members to sit facing each other. This allows people to see at a glance who is currently on the Board and who is an alternate.

Both meetings are open to everyone, whether you are a neighborhood resident, a business person, or simply a curious passerby.

Now, let's look at a few things PPERRIA may be called upon to do.

Outside organizations sometimes ask for a PPERRIA position statement. We will discuss these topics in the general neighborhood meeting. To most accurately reflect our membership's majority opinion, we need input from as many people as possible. PPERRIA could take any position it wished on any topic, although some possible position statements (like "PPERRIA prefers that the sun shall rise in the west henceforth") would clearly be nonsense.

We also get requests for letters of support from PPERRIA. These letters are usually drafted in a committee, such as Master Planning or Zoning & Project Review, and make their way to the Board for approval. If there is a tight deadline, the committee can directly send a letter of support, but such a letter is only from the committee (not from PPERRIA as a whole until it is ratified). It is up to PPERRIA what we support and what we do not.

The City and other agencies require policies for things like accommodating persons with disabilities, or handling conflicts of interest. These documents require the Board to act in certain ways under particular circumstances, or dictate how PPERRIA utilizes its funds. Since these documents affect operations and resources of the organization, they are discussed in the Board of Directors meeting. Board policies, unlike position statements, must align with PPERRIA bylaws, city regulations, state law, and federal law.

Why are these things important? Well, what is PPERRIA's position on alcohol service in Prospect Park establishments? I know what the liquor policy has been. But frankly, I don't know what people think today.

Come to the general meeting at 6:30 pm on June 24th—and tell us what PPERRIA's position should be in the 21st century.

—your cheerful PPERRIA President, *Christina Larson*



liquor policy

Seeking Community Feedback on PPERRIA Practices Related to Liquor License Applications.

The PPERRIA Zoning and Project Review Committee (the Committee) is seeking community feedback on the set of guidelines it uses when evaluating applications for liquor licenses from neighborhood businesses. The purpose of this newsletter article is to provide background information about current committee practices in order to provide context for a discussion at the June 24, 2013 PPERRIA meeting.

Background

Due to the potential for harmful neighborhood impacts from establishments that encourage heavy drinking, the Committee actively reviews applications for on-sale beverage licenses which would allow establishments to serve hard alcohol (commonly called "liquor licenses"). Examples of business practices that encourage heavy drinking include late night happy hours, gender-specific price reductions for alcoholic beverages, outdoor signage that emphasizes alcohol, and minimal food menus (such as frozen pizza).

In 2008 the Committee voted to negotiate with each applicant seeking a new liquor license. This was an attempt to encourage "restaurants which serve alcohol" and discourage "bars which serve food" in order to discourage such outcomes as underage drinking and public drunkenness.

The goal of these negotiations is to establish a common understanding between the applicant and PPERRIA on the ways in which the applicant's business practices can contribute towards a welcoming and safe environment for neighborhood residents and visitors alike. PPERRIA will provide a letter of support for the liquor license application if the applicant agrees to having a "list of conditions" that reflect neighborhood priorities attached to the liquor license itself. The owners of U Garden were the first to negotiate with the zoning committee in this manner.

The Committee negotiates for joint agreement on liquor license "conditions" for three reasons:

1. PPERRIA supports restaurants and other businesses which enhance the neighborhood.
2. A liquor license tends to follow the property. When a property is sold or re-leased,

historically a new liquor license is granted to the new owner/leasee.

3. If one liquor license is approved by the city council without a "list of conditions" attached, it may be impossible to attach a "list of conditions" to any future liquor license.

The committee developed the following set of principles to guide their work:

- A. Drink specials and happy hours should be limited.
- B. Food should be available with alcoholic beverages.
- C. Bar/counter seating should be limited.
- D. Advertising should not overly emphasize alcoholic beverages.
- E. Music and entertainment must respect noise limitations in the neighborhood.

In addition to the above, the Committee requests the following information from each applicant: hours of operation, proposed floor plan, proposed outdoor signage, proposed menu, and proposed employee alcohol training manual.

Since April 2008, the City of Minneapolis has granted liquor licenses to six restaurants within Prospect Park boundaries. The Committee has negotiated with each of these applicants and reached an agreement on a "list of conditions" that were attached to the liquor license. In all six cases, the agreed upon "list of conditions" was approved by the PPERRIA Board.

Opportunity for Feedback

The Committee established these guidelines in 2008 (about five years ago). With the impending completion of the Central Corridor light rail line, the Committee anticipates that the pace of development in the neighborhood will pick up. As a result, the Committee anticipates that it will be involved in more liquor license negotiations in the coming years. Before this occurs, the Committee would like to take the opportunity to seek community feedback on these guidelines to hear whether any adjustments should be made.

The Committee plans to hold a community discussion of these guidelines at the June 24 PPERRIA meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

community oven

At the May 20, 2013 board meeting, PPERRIA member and Community Oven Task Force leader *Steve Cross* presented a proposal in the works for the building of a community oven in the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood. It would be built and operated in some kind of partnership between PPERRIA, the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and possibly other parties.

A “community oven” is an enclosed wood-burning outdoor oven or hearth that is used for baking bread, pizza, roasts, flat-bread, and anything else that could be cooked in a conventional indoor oven at home. It is used by the entire neighborhood as a common resource.

Community ovens have a history going back to the dawn of civilization and were quite common in neighborhoods until about 1800. They were supplanted then by ovens that were part of the standard cooking appliances in every kitchen. However, there is now an international effort to bring back community ovens. That is because community ovens produce a demonstrably more nutritious product. And, as they were originally, they are a community gathering spot that enriches life in the neighborhood. The Community Oven Task Force wants to build a community oven in PPERR to achieve both those results.

A planning document has been drafted to set standards for the siting of an oven and an inventory of land parcels to be considered as possible sites for the oven. Based on the standards, a selection of six possible sites are identified. The day-to-day operation of a community oven is also presented.



A “Fournier” or “Fire Master” (using the ancient name) would supervise use of the oven. This would include everything from building the fire in the oven to ensuring that no disruptive activities occur at the site.

The estimated total cost of the oven itself is about \$6,500. It would be constructed primarily with volunteer labor from the neighborhood. Operational costs include supplying firewood, the cost of liability insurance, pay for the Fournier, and snow clearing. The method of supplying those needs, including paying for each, must be worked out.

Funding for building and operating the community oven would be sought from local foundations.

See PPERR Community Oven on Facebook to review the draft planning document and for further updates. An example community oven is pictured above.

bike with a ranger

Bike With a Ranger is a family-friendly, FUN way to explore the Mississippi River on a guided bike tour with a park ranger from the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area, a national park in the Twin Cities.

Rides are offered most Saturdays, June through September. Three different routes range from 8-13 miles each, and depart from Fort Snelling or Matthews Park in Minneapolis, and Harriet Island in St. Paul.

Rides are \$8 for adults; kids under 10 ride free. Registration is required. Visit www.missriverfund.org/bike for trip dates, details, and to register online.



tower talk : 1913



NOTES ON JOE RING'S TOWER TALK FOR 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Talk given at Pratt Community School May 15, 2013
Notes taken by *Lois Willand*, reviewed and corrected
by *Joe Ring*.

The property that we now call Tower Hill was platted as Tower Hill Park in 1892. The developer wanted to sell lots for residential development on the hill, but the lots were not selling.

The Prospect Park Improvement Association, which formed in 1901, wanted to have the land used for a water tower, to help get better water pressure for homes. The developer at that point wanted to use the hill for gravel.

PPERRIA proceeded with its plan to purchase the hill for a water tower. The purchase price was \$19,500 with a average cost of \$47.50 per property owner. This amount would be equal to \$3,000.00 in today's dollars. The purchase was approved by the Minneapolis City Council, which named the land St. Anthony Park Heights.

Another tower had previously stood on the hill, probably in the years, 1825 to 1870 as a military sentry tower whose purpose had been to control the caravans of oxcarts that formed by the river crossing at St. Anthony Falls and traveled east on Territorial Road to St. Paul. The oxcarts, which carried furs, grains and other trade goods that came from Canada, (what is now) North Dakota and the Red River Valley were driven by Metis people. St. Paul was their destination for selling their goods because its location was as far up the Mississippi as boats could travel at that time.

Elizabeth Duvay wrote in her journals written between 1845-1860 that her family used to travel from Mississippi to St. Anthony Falls for a summer trip, and would stop for a break at the hill with its sentinel tower.

In 1913, *Frederick William Cappelen*, a Norwegian-born architect and civil engineer who held the office of Minneapolis City Engineer, was approved to build a water tower on the hill. He designed a Romanesque Medieval style stand pipe water tower that was completed in the summer of 1914. The tower had windows part way up made of leaded glass.

The tower had a caretaker and was kept open in 1915. The caretaker was a friend of neighborhood children and was nicknamed "The Wizard".

In 1915 triangles were authorized at Clarence Ave and Malcolm Ave by the Minneapolis Park Board to complement the uniqueness of the Tower and Tower Hill Park.

By 1936 the boulder with the name "Prospect Park" was in place by the Park Board

The tower was taken out of service as a water tower in 1952, when the city installed high pressure pumps.

1955—the tower was struck by lightning. The Minneapolis City Council planned to tear down the tower. Prospect Park residents did not agree with the decision, and engaged with city officials to successfully keep the tower intact. A group of Prospect Park Bluebirds (a junior branch of the Camp Fire organization), went door to door getting signatures on petitions against the tower's destruction, and received some of the credit for "saving the tower".

1986—the tower's tile roof had deteriorated and needed replacement. The city, mindful of budget needs, planned to replace the expensive tile with shingles. Again, neighborhood activists prevailed and convinced the city it should use tiles for historical accuracy. Thus, the tower roof was repaired with tiles, fortunately made by the same company that fabricated the original tiles.



By 1955 the exterior was resurfaced and the windows had been removed or covered .

In the 1990's, the tower was increasingly becoming a victim of graffiti. In 1995, when the city began its Neighborhood Revitalization Project (NRP) Prospect Park participated in the program through the improvement association, PPERRIA. Prospect Park resident *Joe Ring* and his wife *Susan Thrash* began a project to do daily cleanup of the graffiti. For two years they went to the tower daily, removing and painting over the graffiti. Joe and Susan formed a Tower Hill committee, and with funding from NRP, PPERRIA, and grants, undertook major improvements on Tower Hill, including new steps, new decorative light posts, new benches and picnic tables, walking path improvements, tree and shrub thinning for better views of the hill and from the hilltop. Lights inside the tower were paid for by PPERRIA, and the tower is now lighted at night, adding to its attractiveness and visibility as our neighborhood landmark. The pump house, located at the base of the hill across from Pratt School, was also restored in conjunction with the tower's restoration.

In 1997 the Tower and Tower Hill Park where placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A historic plaque was added in 1997 to the base of the Tower, which has helped reduce graffiti.

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2013 Prospect Park Garden Walk & Plant Sale

The 16th annual Prospect Park Garden Walk and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 10 AM until 3 PM -- rain or shine.

The Garden Walk is free. You'll be able to tour approximately 15-20 local gardens that feature a variety of garden types: perennial and annual, vegetable and flower, shade and sun. Besides viewing landscapes and hardscapes in front yards, you'll be invited to view some backyard gardens as well. Expect to see innovative use of space and growing conditions, especially the shade that Prospect Park has in abundance.

The 2013 Plant Sale will be located in the Pratt Community School parking lot (66 SE Malcolm Ave). The plant sale is a fund raiser for the neighborhood programs that the Garden Club supports such as buckthorn removal and flower plantings at the garden triangles and at Pratt Elementary School.

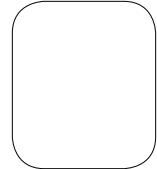
The Prospect Park Garden Walks began in 1996 and continued through 2003. There were no Garden Walks in 2004 or 2005. The Garden Walks resumed in 2006.

Pick up a map of garden locations on the day of the Garden Walk at any of these places:

- Pratt Community School plant sale table in the parking lot (66 SE Malcolm Ave.)
- Schneider Drugstore (3400 SE University Ave.)
- Textile Center (3000 SE University Ave.)
- Signature Café (130 SE Warwick St.)
- Cupcake (3338 SE University Ave.)
- Overflow Espresso Café (2929 SE University Ave.).

For more information, please contact *Lisa Norling* at 612-339-6790 or norling.lisa@gmail.com

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**Prospect Park East River Road
Improvement Association, Inc.**
66 SE Malcolm Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55414



Prospect Park Community Concerts



Old Time Pals: **Adam Granger, Bob Douglas, and Pop Wagner**

Tuesday, June 11th, 2013

Their music is a blend of old-timey string band, bluegrass, swing, and old country, with a dash of originals thrown in for good measure. A highlight of their show is the comfortable—and usually funny—repartee that surfaces among the three between songs. You'll hear guitar, fiddle, mandolin and other creative Instruments. Come and enjoy.

At Pratt Outdoor Amphitheater
66 Malcolm Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Concerts Start at 7:30pm

Concert will move indoors in case of rain
Any questions? Please contact MaryBeth Luing
at mb.luing@gmail.com or call Luxton Park at
612 - 370 - 4925

Ticket to Brasil

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013

TICKET TO BRASIL is a Bossa Nova, Afro-Brazilian Samba and Latin Jazz Fusion project created around a collective love for the celebration of rhythm and for the spirit of experimentation. The group was founded in 1998 by classical and contemporary jazz guitarist and composer Pavel Jany, and is based in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota.

PPERRIA neighbors and friends. You do not want to miss this one. Dance, sway, or just sit back, and relax while listening to an intoxicating tapestry of elegant Bossa Nova, groovy Latin Jazz, and hot Afro-Brazilian Samba.



Tropicante

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Hailing from the sultry savannas of Colombia and the warm beaches of Panama, Tropicante's lead singers, Karin Stein and Ed East, will keep you energized for hours with the sound of popular Latin beats. Tropicante is a 4-musician ensemble which has traveled nation-wide and internationally, bringing smiles to thousands with its contagious and upbeat music. Lets listen in and have some fun.



Summer concerts are presented by the Prospect Park Community Events Committee
and are sponsored in part by the Pratt Council, PPERRIA, Luxton Park, Tierney Brothers, and Schneider Drug.
Your voluntary donations will help these concerts continue.

