

March 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, March 26th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Come early for treats and conversation 6:30 – 7:00 pm

If you have special needs that require accommodations please contact Joyce Barta at 612-378-9268 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.

Messages from Friends
At the March 26th meeting we will have messages from:

1. Pastor Nancy Vigoren-Vangerud of PPUMC
2. GAPSA (Graduate and Professional Student Association) at U of M
3. University YMCA

NRP Funds Release

Motions will be made to release NRP Funds as provided for in the NRP II Plan:

1. \$5,000 to SEMCOL (Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning) to support early learning, educational and vocational work with parents and children in Glendale.
2. \$27,229 to provide general administrative support for the support of NRP-2 activities in the neighborhood.

River Clean Up April 21

Believe it or not, spring is here. This year's Earth Day River cleanup is scheduled for April 21, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers badly needed. Call Tom Kilton, 339-3064, or e-mail tom@tomkilton.com to sign up. Gloves & coffee & rolls provided!



Resolution of Support for Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge

A motion from the Transportation and Land Use Committee of PPERRIA to pass a resolution as follows will be made at the March 26 meeting:

The Prospect Park- East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) strongly supports the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian bridge crossing the Mississippi River parallel to the existing railroad bridge between Lake Street and Franklin Avenue . As the eastern terminus of that bridge, the neighborhood would be well served by the connection to the hugely successful Midtown Greenway which currently terminates at West River Parkway . The bridge will also enable and encourage expansion of trails to the east into St. Paul and Ramsey County .

The proposed twin tower suspension bridge should be sensitive to the ecology of the Mississippi River gorge while promoting non-motorized transportation in our region.

(Funding for the \$12,000,000 cost of the bridge is available through the Park Board.)

PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m. PPUMC

1. President Joe Ring called the meeting of the Association to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda, as corrected, was made by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without noes.
3. Tony Garmers moved that the minutes of the November 27, 2006 and January 22, 2007 be approved. Passed without noes.
4. **SAAG Report:** Dick Poppele reported that the report had been approved by the City Council and the University Board of Regents and had been forwarded to the legislature. At a meeting with State Senator Larry Pogemiller, he indicated that a demonstration project might be proposed, but was not enthusiastic about a request for \$30,000,000. University President Robert Bruininks has appointed Kathleen O'Brien and Richard Pfutzenreuter to the continuing SAAG committee, and the University will hire permanent staff for the group.
5. **Sound Wall Resolution:** Efforts to deal with the sound issue at the East River Mews and East River Terrace continue. A University of Minnesota class will conduct a sound study, and report. The City of Minneapolis Environment Committee chaired by Dean Abrahamson with support the efforts if the sound study warrants.
6. **Zoning Report:** The Citgo station redevelopment plans were approved by the City Council, which overruled the decision of the Planning Commission. Clay and Mia Lambert thanked PPERRIA and supporters for letters and e-mails in their support. They presented Florence Littman with flowers for her efforts on their behalf. The new station will be named Metro Petrol. Dick Guilyard has proposed a development committee to study actions to guide development along University Avenue.
Bob Sykora has requested approval of a variance for the construction of garages at 1717 Franklin Avenue SE. He has plans for extensive renovation of the property.
Joe Ring requested that a committee work on created conditions for approval of student oriented housing in the event more such housing is proposed for the neighborhood. The Zoning Committee will undertake preparing them.
Florence reported that the City is proposing a pedestrian oriented overlay zone for the area along University Avenue. Such a zone prohibits drive-thrus, fast food, and reduces parking

requirements.

The City Community Engagement Report was responded to by a group of neighborhoods with a letter proposing changes that required more input from neighborhoods.

The Youth Performance Company wants a variance for an outdoor sign on the fact of the Art and Architecture building on University Avenue.

A demolition permit is being requested for 2019 Franklin Avenue. This property is a contributing property to the proposed Historic District. Contact with the city's Historic Preservation Board will be made.

Possible tenants for the Tower Grocery site are a veterinarian, a yoga studio, and a non-profit organization.

7. Molly Barnhart announced that she will be opening **Overflow Espresso Café** at 2929 University Avenue SE in the Prospect Park Professional Building in May. It will feature light lunches and a patio with a view of the planned rain garden at the site.
8. Roger Kiemele questioned why the neighborhood had not included exterior home improvement as part of its NRP plans, and noted the need for such improvement in a number of homes in the neighborhood. Discussion ensued, and Dick Poppele, who is working on such plans for NRP II, stated that he needed people to become involved to make it happen.
9. A motion to adjourn by Tony Garners was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Zerby

March NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 02/08/2007 – 03/09/2007

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
02/08/07 to 03/09/07	20.25	\$ 486.00	0.3 %
Correction 1/1/07 – 2/8/07		\$ 92.00	
10/18/95 to 02/08/07	10,682.16	\$184,225.15	95.5 %
10/18/95 to 03/09/07	10,702.41	\$184,803.15	95.8 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89*; \$8,116.22 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, April 5, 2007.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, March 20	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Tuesday, March 20	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, March 26	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, March 28	Garden Club at Harrison and Chris Nelson's, 1827 Franklin Ave SE, pot luck at 6:30	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Wednesday, April 4	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, April 6	JOY Book Club at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Monday, April 9	JOY Pot Luck at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Monday, April 9	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, April 11	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, April 17	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Tuesday, April 17	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, April 19	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt	Greg Bernstein 378-3489
Saturday, April 21	Earth Day cleanup of Mississippi River. Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Monday, April 23	ANNUAL MEETING of the PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Board member election.	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, April 25	Garden Club location TBA	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Sat April 28 10 am -5 pm Sun April 29 1 pm – 5 pm	Minneapolis Home Tour featuring 3 homes in Prospect Park. Tour guides will be available in mid-April.	http://www.msphometour.com/

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

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East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
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