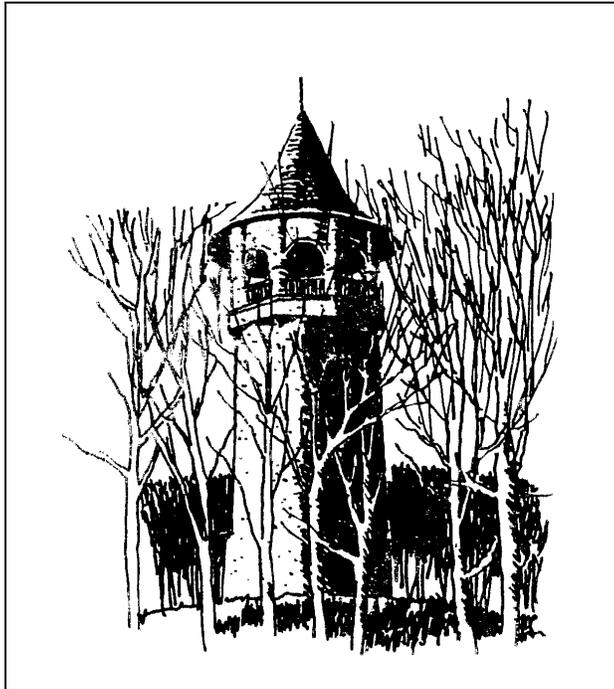


Oct 1999 PPERRIA Newsletter



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Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, contact me at 331-8396 and either E-mail me at andym@mr.net or provide content on floppy disk using

nearly any Mac, UNIX or Wintel text format. - Andy Mickel

Note from the President

Dear PPERRIA members and PPERR neighbors,

This month's meeting will include an update for all members on Bylaw revisions being considered by the Executive Committee. It will be a great opportunity to hear about the thinking for the need for the changes but to provide your feedback as well. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Steve Cross

PPERRIA Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our October PPERRIA Meeting is **Monday, the 25th, 7 p.m.**

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

1 Welcome 2. Approve minutes from last meeting 3. Motions for consideration:

Info/decision	Motions to address statements made in letter of 5/10/99
Info/decision	Motion: To approve a resolution to the Minneapolis Park Board that PPERRIA supports the establishment and maintenance of off leash dog areas

4. New/old business 5. Adjourn

Minutes from PPERRIA Meeting 9/27/99 - Susan Gottlieb

The 9/27/99 PPERRIA General Membership/Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Steve Cross. Several requests were made to change the agenda. Mike Atherton requested that a motion to investigate a letter sent to the Transportation and Public Works Committee in May, 1999, be added to the agenda. Paul Zerby made a motion to table the motion. The motion to table passed by a show of standing members.

Pratt School: Susan Larson-Fleming requested that the announcement about Pratt School be moved to the beginning of the agenda and that the motion to release \$3,000 for the Impulse Teen Club coordinator be moved up on the agenda. Susan notified the group that the Minneapolis Public School Board will announce the opening of Pratt as a K-1 school beginning the school year 2000-01. The school will add a grade each year until it reaches a K-5 configuration. The school will be located in the area to be vacated by the Loft and will coordinate with the community education component at Pratt.

Approval of Minutes: Harrison Nelson made a motion to table approval of minutes from both the 4/24/99 Special Meeting and the 4/26/99 Annual Meeting until further review (by the October PPERRIA meeting) by a subcommittee. He noted several inconsistencies and inaccuracies in these minutes. The motion was seconded and passed. Harrison also noted a change to be made to the July PPERRIA meeting minutes: Change in the discussion about the Revised Funds Procedure and Expense Approval Procedure—the motion to adopt these procedures did not pass, but were instead tabled until this September meeting with the group's revisions included. Minutes were approved as amended.

Crime report: Jabra Kawas of the Minneapolis Police Department made the report for the neighborhood. No crime maps are available. He spoke of a recent series of burglaries and other local crimes.

University of Minnesota projects: Sandra Gardebring presented an update and answered questions about current U of MN construction projects, parking issues, and the recently adopted Community Relations Plan. Highlights of the ongoing construction projects include the new Riverbend Commons student housing/parking complex to be adjacent (around the "bend") to Coffman Union and the Gateway building on Washington Ave., which will include an open air ice rink available for community and park use. Ms. Gardebring noted that the University has polled its students who currently reside in the new University Village apartment building on University Ave. Approximately 1/4 of the students have cars; many purchased parking permits for onsite parking, but some didn't get them. The University's long-term objective is to have students living on-campus. She spoke of the success on the St. Paul campus with the deeply discounted U Pass (bus pass) and said the University is trying to locate funding for expansion of this Pass program on its Minneapolis campus. She answered a number of questions concerning talk about locating a new stadium at the University (the University has no interest in this idea), parking on neighborhood streets (the University cannot track where its students and staff park), the University's position on light rail (they are supportive and have been involved in ongoing committee discussions), and parking (she's not sure what will happen when the University's multi-year lease at University Village ends; the Riverbend Commons underground parking garage will feature 1700 parking spots, replacing the 1200 previous spots).

Motion to release \$3,000: Education Committee Chair Susan Larson-Fleming made a motion to release the \$3,000 from Education A.3.a. section of the NRP Plan which was reallocated from Contingency in January, 1999. These funds will provide for a coordinator of the Impulse Teen Club, which operates weekly for approximately 400 students each week. There were questions about the role of the coordinator. Tom Kilton noted that concerns by the building owner should be directed to his wife or him, rather than to the

coordinator, who handles membership, adult volunteer coordinator and administrative duties. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt Funds Release Procedure: NRP Implementation Coordinator Susan Gottlieb brought the motion, which was tabled from July, 1999. The procedure had experienced extensive rewriting since July. Members commented and made amendments to it. Susan Thrash made an amendment, which was later withdrawn in favor of the following amendment: To remove (in #2) “by either. . .” and insert “A finding by the Executive Committee. . .” The amendment passed on voice vote. Steve Ficker brought an amendment, which was later changed: To change the word “defining” from #1 to “soliciting” and to change the sentence in #1 to “It prepares a public written report of the findings on all proposals brought before and considered by the committee and the final recommendations.” The amendment passed on voice vote. NRP staff Stacy Sorenson recommended the following changes: In the opening paragraph, change the date for approval of the NRP Plan by the neighborhood to April, 1995; change line 3 to: “PPERRIA is the fiscal agent. . .”; and add, in #5, after NRP: “. . .works with PPERRIA and the contract vendor to prepare. . .” Amendment passed on voice vote. There was an additional suggestion to change the title Director of Financial Review to “PPERRIA/NRP Director of Financial Review” throughout the document. The suggestion was adopted. The question was called. The motion to adopt the Funds Release Procedure as amended passed.

AUAR Focus Group: Vera Marshall, who serves on the SEED Committee, announced the meeting of a focus group for the AUAR at Pratt on Thursday, October 7, 7-9 pm.

Motion to adopt PPERRIA Expense Approval & Payment Process: PPERRIA Vice President Harrison Nelson presented this process and noted that current operational procedures had simply been recorded. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously without discussion.

Announcements/Updates: Transportation Committee Chair Eleanor Montgomery gave an update on the new red light at Emerald and Franklin Aves. SE. St. Paul paid for the lights and Minneapolis pays for the operating expenses. There have been many readjustments to the timing of the lights. Susan Gottlieb reported on Jeanne Moses’ findings about publicity options for PPERRIA. Mike Atherton offered to follow up on actions, including looking at yard signs.

Zoning & Staff Reports: Florence Littman reported that the Zoning Committee is waiting for the Ronald McDonald House to reschedule its tour to learn about the proposed changes there. Susan Gottlieb reported that staff hours are low because of summer slowdown.

There was no old or new business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gottlieb, Acting Secretary

PPERRIA Bylaws Getting Another Look

The PPERRIA Executive Committee has begun to review the current PPERRIA bylaws to suggest possible revisions to the General Membership. The limitations of the current bylaws became clear over the past year as questions arose about membership and voting, in particular. Anyone seeking to have input into this process before it comes before the membership should contact Steve Cross at 376-0094.

Motions for October PPERRIA Meeting

Motion: To pass the following resolution of support and forward it to the Minneapolis Park Board.

Resolution: PPERRIA supports the establishment and maintenance of off leash dog areas and approves of the on East River Flats and the West Bank site.

Some Background: There has been much past discussion on problems involving pets in the neighborhood and recently pilot programs in Ramsey County have shown how these areas can help in improving behavior problems of both dogs and their owners. Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets (ROMP) has been running workshops and events on dog training at sites all around the metro area and recently has been working with the Minneapolis Park Board to establish off leash areas here. In practice, peer pressure has reduced waste problems in and around these areas and the exercise that people and dogs get in using them on a regular basis goes a long way in solving behavior problems. Establishing these areas in our urban setting will go a long way in addressing previous concerns as well as two objectives from the Environment section of the PPERRIA NRP Action Plan.

The East River Gorge committee has approved these areas and the majority of the Environment committee supports them (never a vote, I think). This motion involves no release of any funds.

Note: PPERRIA member Mike Atherton has requested that the following 3 items be put on the agenda.

Motion: The PPERRIA president includes a statement in the newsletter apologizing for the mis-statements made in an official PPERRIA memo, titled, “Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project,” addressed to the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works committee, dated 5/10/99.

Motion: The PPERRIA president sends a letter to the Minneapolis City Council that a PPERRIA memo titled, “Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project” addressed to the committee, dated 5/10/99, included statements that were either mis-representative or false.

Motion: The individual/individuals who were primarily responsible for authoring the PPERRIA memo titled “Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project,” addressed to the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works committee, dated 5/10/99 resign from official duties on the PPERRIA Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

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 Cross	376-0094
Glendale/Prospect Park	Jerry Stein	623-0588

History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
Holiday Cards	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Housing:		
Co-liaisons Housing	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Sally Bell	623-0390
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Fourth Street Housing	Mike & Mary Huss	379-3362
Unocal Oil Housing	Dean Lund	378-2486
Landscape	Karen Murdock	340-1338
Membership	Dan Patenaude	378-3038
Motley Implementation	Mark Zaragoza	378-7670
Safety & Security	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
	Pam Wollum	623-3747
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Alison Savin	378-9751

October 1999 PPERRIA NRP Contractor Activities

Reporting period: September 11, 1999 through October 8, 1999. Major activities and results:

Worked on issues related to NRP Phases I and planning for Phase II	Worked on Glendale jobs initiative and translation support for community in job-seeking activities		
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood	Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	Worked to develop a neighborhood school at Pratt		
Maintained the Neighborhood Calendar.	Helped ESNS serve Glendale/Prospect Park residents.		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	%of total contr. budget
Totals 9/11/99 ✍ 10/8/99	25.75	\$412.00	.3%
Totals 10/18/95 ✍ 9/10/99	6,485.60	\$108,471.60	92.8%
Totals 10/18/95 ✍ 10/8/99	6,511.35	\$108,883.60	93.2%

Total PPERRIA NRP budget allocated for independent contractor services = \$116,852; \$7,968.40 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm	Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Contact Ginia Klamecki at 331-7056 for options
Tuesdays, 4-5 pm 1 st Monday 11:15 am 4 th Wed. 9:45 am	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ Good Samaritan Center	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 379-4958

Date and Time	Other Events and Location	Whom to contact
Call for date & time.	Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6-8 pm October 21	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center (Rides & Childcare available)	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Monday, 7:00 pm October 25	PPERRIA General Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Sunday, October 31	HALLOWEEN (and turn clocks back)	
Wednesday, 7:30pm November 3	Luxton Council meeting at Luxton Park Building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Monday, 7:00 pm November 8	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, 5:00pm November 10	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's	342-1986

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, November 5.**

PPERRIA WebSite: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperrria>

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