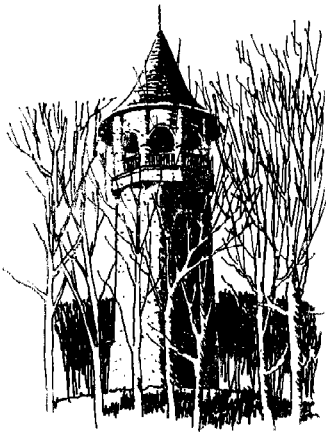


September 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

**Monday, September 24th
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.**

And you thought summer construction season was over?

The regular Malcolm Avenue entry to Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC, where we meet) will be under construction through September. An elevator is being installed. If you come to the Malcolm Avenue door, you may be directed to use the Orlin Avenue ramp entrance (up the hill to your left). And once inside, this may require a back stairs route to the lower level meeting room. If the front door (Malcolm entry) is not useable this month, there will be signs to direct you. No promises – but normality should return with the fall leaf colors.

Molly Barnhart invites you to: Overflow's September Grand Opening

Overflow Espresso Café, 2929 University Avenue, SE — September 17 through the 22nd

Overflow's soft opening was months ago. Now, Molly says, is the time for its Grand Opening. So, come out for a week of special events – and often, after that

- Monday.....Art Night (with local artists)
- Tuesday.....Acoustic Night (local musicians)
- Wed/Thurs...Jingles contest (you, too, can enter)
- Friday.....Vocal Performer Adam Bistodeau
- Saturday.....Kid's Day – 10am to 6pm

useable. The daytime Community Education Language programs have now been moved to other sites around the city (the closest for us being Cedar-Riverside). Most of the Community Education evening and Saturday programs will be offered as usual both in Pratt School and in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church across the street. The Community Education office is now located in the Pratt lower level near the kitchen (Tel. (612) 668-1100). Community Education Coordinator Deb Clark and the SE Seniors each have new offices on the first floor. The Pratt Council is always seeking new members to help support the vibrant elementary school and Community Education programs at Pratt. The Council meets monthly on the third Thursday.

Housing – The Low-Income Loan Program detailed in the NRP2 Action Plan is now accepting applications. The program will receive an initial funding of \$85,000 and is ready to fund about 20 low-interest and deferred loans for qualified homeowners in the first round. A second round will be proposed to begin after mid October 2008 when the remaining NRP funds become available. For questions about the program, or submission of applications, contact Roger Kiemele, chair of the PPERRIA Housing Committee at (612) 331-5106.

Development along University Avenue – is proceeding at an accelerating rate. Besides the two buildings currently nearing completion (American Cancer Society building at 25th Avenue, and M-Flats at Arthur Avenue), the Metro Petro gas station at 27th Ave will soon begin major renovation. Also, three houses on the south side of University Avenue near 30th Avenue will soon be replaced by a 4-story building recently approved by the city. The new building (referred to as Prospect Place) will have a retail first floor, offices on the second

floor, and up to 10 residences on the two upper floors. Meanwhile, developers continue to make inquiries about various properties on University Avenue and along 29th Avenue (proposed route of the LRT). It is now clear that residential densities on the edge of our neighborhood will increase dramatically in the next several years.

I believe we have an opportunity to play a role in the future development of the University Avenue corridor. Many forces are now concentrated on this area: a prominent gateway to the City of Minneapolis, a gateway and neighborhood to the University's Minneapolis campus, and the site of the proposed LRT link between Minneapolis and St Paul. PPERRIA helped formulate the design and development criteria outlined in the plans for the 29th Avenue Station and Southeast Minneapolis Industrial (SEMI). The neighborhood can have a positive influence on new development by taking proactive positions to ensure that those criteria are followed.

PPERRIA will be working with:

- **The City**, through the South East Economic Development (SEED) Committee.
- **The City and the University**, through the University District Alliance (formed to implement the University Impact Report to the Legislature) and,
- **The Central Corridor**, through University United, and the District Council Collaborative of Minneapolis and St Paul.

The PPERRIA committees for Zoning, Planning, and Transit will play important roles in helping to influence how this development proceeds.

.....Dick Poppele

**Minutes of the PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Monday, July 23, 2007
At the Overflow Espresso Café, 2929 University Avenue, SE**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. following a supper on the deck of the Overflow Espresso Cafe.

1. Dave Barnhart welcomed us to Overflow in lieu of Molly who was deep-sea fishing. The café's new manager will be Kate Jensen.
2. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Tom Kilton. Passed without noes.
3. A motion to approve the June minutes was made by George Brauer. Passed without noes.
4. **Housing Committee.** Roger Kiemele reported that the Housing Committee had met and reviewed proposals for the administration of the NRP Housing Fund. The committee recommended and Roger moved approval of the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), which would charge \$400 per loan. GIMMAC who would charge 7% of the entire loan fund. CEE would also attempt to leverage other funds to supplement the NRP loans. The motion to hire CEE was passed without noes.
5. **4th St. Committee.** Julie Wallace called on Jan Morlock of the Office of University Relations to discuss the University's intention to build a parking lot on the 5.4 acres north of 4th Street and west of the JPI student housing being built in St. Paul. The University expects its parking lot will be temporary, 2-5 years, after which the area will be part of the research park, which is part of the SEMI (Southeast Minneapolis Industrial plan. Negotiations with Hubbard to provide access to Berry Street for entrance and exit failed. This will create even more traffic and congestion on Bedford at University. While there is much congestion, more accidents occur at Malcolm and University than at Bedford.
6. **SAAG Report (Stadium Area Advisory Group):** Dick Poppele reported that the \$750,000 appropriated by the legislature would be used for a demonstration project, to report back to the legislature in 2 years. A specific plan will be developed by a group of high-level University and City of Minneapolis and Community members. Dick also reported that Jan Morlock had received an award for her excellent work, and PPERRIA acknowledged her valuable service.
7. **Livability Committee:** Joe Ring announced that the East River Mews noise study had been completed. Conclusions were that I-94 was a significant source of noise; sound levels taken at five locations revealed that daytime and night levels were above Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) acceptable levels; and that wood sound barriers would reduce noise to MPCA acceptable levels.
Joe Ring reported on a neighborhood meeting held July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Cabrini to discuss the proposed Historic District in Prospect Park. This meeting focused on Federal Historic Designation and gave information on it and possible future local designation if federal designation is approved. About 75-80 people attended. Mary Pearson of Hesse Roise and Prospect Park resident Robert Roscoe spoke about the ramifications of federal and local designation. 51% of neighborhood residents must not opt out of federal designation for the process to continue. Cam Gordon announced that local designation was not on the city agenda for 2007 or 2008.
8. **Zoning Committee:** Rachel Ramadjani reported in chairman Florence Littman's absence:
3020-3028 University Avenue developer is proposing a 4 story building with the first floor retail, 2nd story offices, and 3 and 4th stories ten residential units. The developer says the residential units will be high-end luxury units, with no other amenities. The owner has not met with the Committee.
The Committee has been attempting to meet with City Planners about future development on University Avenue. They will be meeting with the new CPED Director of Minneapolis in August.
M Flats has increased the number of units in their development at Arthur and University from 44 to 48.
Announcements: Pratt Boot sale will be held on September 29 as will the Fall Cleanup. Marnie Moe of the Windom neighborhood talked about the many elm trees we are losing and suggested that the trees should be tested microscopically beyond the visual designation made by the city foresters. In their neighborhood 17 of 25 trees tested microscopically after city designation came back negative for infestation. It is her belief that the foresters are trying to obtain woodchips for use by District Energy. Sean Hart, Prospect Park resident and a forester, refuted that contention.
9. A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Degan and passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

August - September NRP Contractor Activities 07/05/2007 – 09/07/07

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
07/05/07 to 09/07/07	42.0	\$ 1008.00	0.5 %
10/18/95 to 07/05/07	10,760.91	\$186,861.15	96.8 %
10/18/95 to 09/07/07	10,802.91	\$187,869.15	97.3 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$193,009.37. \$5050.22 remains.

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
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Finance	Tony Garmers	tggarmers@msn.com	378-2656
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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
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*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: Steve Banks, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, Oct. 4th**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, September 18	JOY Outing Call for information.	Choua Thao 370-4925 (Eric Cherland is away)
Tuesday, 7:00 pm September 18	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6:00 - September 20 8:00 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Thursday, 6:00 - September 20 9:00 pm	U Rock Block Party at the Affinity Plus Credit Union parking lot (26th Ave SE and Delaware St SE). Free food, live acoustic music, a resource area and an art fair. We hope this will be an opportunity for students and area residents to meet their neighbors.	Kendre or 625-8939 Samantha at Student and Community Relations turon001@umn.edu
Monday, 7:00 pm September 24	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, 6:30 pm - September 25 8:30 pm	Garden Club – Address and Phone No. will be coming from Mary Alice	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Saturday, 8:00 am - September 29 noon	Pratt Pancake Breakfast and Boot Sale at Pratt.	Deb Clark 668-1108
Saturday, 9:00 am - September 29 noon	Neighborhood Clean Up. Watch for flyer for more information. Please volunteer to help if you can. Volunteers meet for breakfast at 8:30 am at 1933 E River Parkway.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Wednesday, 7:30 pm October 3	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, 11:00 am- September 5 1:00 pm	JOY Book Club Call for information.	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Choua Thao 370-4925
Wednesday, noon - October 8 1:30 pm	JOY Potluck. Call for info. Bring some food to share.	Choua Thao 370-4925 (Eric Cherland is away)
Monday, October 8 7:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, October 10 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Sat, Sun, October 13 – 14 10-4 1-4	Mostly Weaving Sale at 27 Melbourne	Joy Thompson 378-2397
Monday, October 22 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

PPERRIA Neighborhood Cleanup – Saturday September 29 9am to 12 noon

Here's your chance to get rid of those difficult-to-dispose-of items.

- Old tires
- Metal items
- Stone or concrete
- Brush (brush need not be bundled and tied)
- Nothing else – period

Have it at the curb by 9 am, Saturday the 29th

Volunteers meet at 8:30am for breakfast @ 1933 East River Parkway.
Trucks roll at 9 o'clock and – with enough help – you'll be done by noon.

**This PPERRIA service only succeeds with enough volunteers.
And we need at least 40 people.**

PPERRIA Web Site: <http://www.pperr.org>

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