

# Apr 2000 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](mailto: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,

The Annual Meeting the most important of the year. We will **elect the Board** that will govern PPERRIA's operations for the next year. We will also consider for final ratification, the **Bylaws changes** that have been under consideration for the year and that have been approved by the Board. There will also be several major **informational items** including developments on the Bedford Street Townhomes and Unocal sites; University parking issues; and an update on the installation of the new street lights. Best of all, we will also have **entertainment** in the form of the Prospect Park Community Choir and Robert Roscoe speaker on neighborhood architecture. Don't miss this meeting!

Sincerely, Steve Cross

## PPERRIA Annual Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our April PPERRIA meeting is **Monday the 24th, 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/Information:**

Decision	<b>Motion to amend bylaws and ratify as amended</b>
Information	<b>Housing Development and New Street Lights Reports</b>
Presentations	<b>Prospect Park Community Choir / Neighborhood Architecture</b>

Decision

**Elect a Board of Directors**

**4. New/old business**

**5. Adjourn**

**6. Cake and flowers**

**7. BOD meeting to elect officers**

# Minutes of March PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

1. The 3/27/2000 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the Board of Directors (BOD) was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: “To accept the agenda as available at this meeting.” There were no additions or corrections.
2. Nicole Magnam and Officer Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police SE Community Crime Prevention/Safety for Everyone Team, provided copies of the January/ February 1999/2000 area crime statistics and the block leader newsletter. Burglary, larceny and auto theft continue to occur in the neighborhood. In response to questions concerning graffiti in the neighborhood, it was noted that most is from “taggers,” individuals who are out to mark their territory. The quickest way to eliminate the tagging is to quickly removed the graffiti. Call Minneapolis Inspections, 673-5858, or go to Minneapolis Fire Station 19 at University and Ontario SE for materials to remove graffiti. At the next PPERRIA B/M/N meeting there should be a supply of post cards to be sent to the inspections office regarding graffiti as it is noticed by residents of the neighborhood. Also there will be information as to who can legally remove graffiti and from where.
3. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: “To accept the minutes of the 2/28/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as available at this meeting.”
4. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: “To reallocate \$3,710 from PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan: Housing Strategy b.1 (Motley Grant/Loan Program) and \$2,000 from Livability C.1 (Gateways) to Parks and Recreation Strategy B.2 (Historic Land Mark Preservation) Strategy to complete the historic district feasibility survey and to contract with the firm of Hess Roise to conduct the survey.” Added as friendly amendments: “A list of neighborhood experts to be consulted: A,B,C,etc.” and “The firm conducting the survey(s) are to make periodic reports and presentations at future PPERRIA B/M/N meetings.” Earlier motions made, seconded and passed without noes: “To close debate” and “To call the question.” A motion made, seconded and not passed: “To delete ‘...and to contract with the firm of Hess Roise to conduct the survey.’” Susan Thrash and Joe Ring, Tower Hill Park Committee co-chairs, reviewed this issue.

In addition to the information gathered and organized about the neighborhood, an important result of the starting of this process is that the area under study, before any change in land use, would require an environmental impact study. The most important facet is that during the consideration for federal historic designation, property cannot be taken by eminent domain. The Tower Hill Park Committee has spent the past year and a half seeking funds for the proposed cost of an historic district feasibility study for Prospect Park. To date, the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan has contributed \$14,600 with the proviso that the committee should also tap private funding sources. The committee has raised some funds through the sale of Tower Hill Park cards and books (on the history of the tower) and from private business and corporate support. The only funds needed to proceed with the study for a total of \$5,710, bring the total PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan dollars contributed to \$20,310. \$12,000 was previously released. The committee is asking that the remaining \$8,310 (\$5,710 to be reallocated and \$2,600 previously reallocated) be released. At present, there are no competing proposals for the monies to be reallocated.

The Motley Grant/Loan Program has been available to resident homeowners in Motley for several years and has a balance for future grant/loans. Funds remaining in the Gateways, Signs, Kiosks Strategy (Livability C.1) have not been tapped and there are no current proposals either from goals set during the 2020 Planning Process or within committees. Comments made during the extended discussion regarding who is to receive the contract: there are individuals within the neighborhood who can also provide this service; this survey concerns federal not state/local historical status, in that federal status applies to the land and state status applies to what is on the land and land owners are prone to cooperate if there are few restrictions they can do with what is on the land; created is a legal document, based on historical information, that can be used in land use disputes; in general, who gets a contract is done separately: Hess Roise has earlier done successful work for the neighborhood in obtaining historical status for the “Tower” on Tower Hill; at earlier meetings there

were requests for others interested in the contract; previous experiences with city assistance in matters like this has been less than what one would expect; and "I'm inclined to give my support to the committee on matters such as this."

5. Motion with amendments made, seconded and passed without noes: "To release \$8,310 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Parks and Recreation Strategy B.2 (Historic Land Mark Preservation) to complete the historic district feasibility survey." See comments above in Item 4.

6. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To release \$5,000 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Housing Strategy B.2 (Motley Homebuyers Assistance Grant/Loan Assistance Program for Mark Zaragoza (resident homeowner) at 636 Ontario St. SE." Mark Zaragoza, PPERRIA/NRP Motley Task Force Chair and life long resident of Motley as is his family's long residing in Motley, has requested \$5,000 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Motley Homebuyers Assistance Grant/Loan Program strategy to provide funds for repairs to the house he purchased in 1998 at 636 Ontario St. SE. It is one of the 13 Motley properties put up for sale by the University of Minnesota using a bidding process. There are \$66,000 remaining in the fund.

7. Motion amended seconded and passed without noes: "To accept as amended and corrected the latest proposed PPERRIA by-laws, copies available at this meeting." There were a number of motions passed concerning "wording change" suggestions that occurred during the discussion of this motion. Motion made, seconded and not passed: To delete in Section IV C & B, the changes regarding the make-up of the officers and the Executive Committee and to delete in Section III B, the wording "...if over 17...." Steve Cross reviewed the proposed changes. The "summary of amendments" and latest "Proposed changes to PPERRIA by-laws," including current wording and proposed wording, were available at this meeting. The documents included the proposals from the 2/7/2000 PPERRIA Board of Directors meeting and the changes approved at the 2/28/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. See attached to minutes. A final draft of the proposed PPERRIA by-laws will be published in the April PPERRIA Newsletter and copies will be available at the 4/24/2000 PPERRIA annual meeting. This copy will also include syntax and grammar changes to a coherent and readable document. Comments from the discussion of this motion: why amend other than at the annual meeting? (Current by-laws require ratification at the annual meeting but there is no reference anywhere to what this means. State law and non-profit status requires that a Board of Directors approve by-law changes); the task is to devise procedures that do not offend the spirit of our membership organization but conform with state law and non profit status; It seems best to have the Executive Committee organize itself as it sees fit. Steve Cross, President, instructed several times, the Secretary, Daniel Patenaude, to include the previous statement(s) made by Michael Atherton, PPERRIA member, during the discussion of the proposed PPERRIA by-law change discussion in the minutes of this meeting. (See below). The president indicated to Mr. Atherton that this was being done in that the statements being recorded accused the motives of those proposing the by-law changes and that once the recording was done, Mr. Atherton was to continue his remarks. Mr. Atherton, after the first instruction, asked the president, "What does this mean?" and the president responded, "This means possible action by this body," and referred Mr. Atherton to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Mr. Atherton's statements recorded in the minutes: A. By eliminating the ratification of proposed by-law changes at the PPERRIA Annual meeting, "the only reason for the change was so that the general membership would not have some meaning in the proposed by-law change." B. The motivation for the proposed by-law change is "that the Board of Directors does not want the membership to be able to change the by-laws." C. "At this meeting, there is a majority of board members and they don't care about why the by-laws are being changed." D. "By approving the change of the by-laws the board does a disservice to this organization." E. The president asked Mr. Atherton to speak to the facts. Mr. Atherton answered, "Absurd."

8. Tom Kilton circulated a sign-up sheet for the 4/22/2000 Earth Day clean up of that part of the Mississippi flood plain located in the neighborhood. Meet at the River Flats Park, across the River Road from the University at 9:30 to 11 AM with "lunch" after the clean up. Contact him at 339-3064.

Harrison Nelson, Executive Committee member, circulated a sign-up sheet for the 5/20/2000 neighborhood clean up and sale. Watch for articles in the April 2000 PPERRIA Newsletter. Contact him at 378-5388 or HnelsonNKP@aol.com

Lois Willand, Community Events chair, circulated a sign-up sheet for this summer's community concerts. Contact her at 378-9697.

All committee chair(s) were reminded to have available at the 4/24/2000 annual meeting a 1-page summary of the past year's activity and the coming year's plans. Contact Susan Gottlieb, if questions, at 331-2104.

9. Florence Littman, Zoning Committee co-chair, reviewed the Zoning Committee actions during the last month. A. The existing parking lot at Franklin and Thornton SE is a non-conforming use (not zoned for parking) and has a water drainage problem. The current owner wants to sell and the Good Samaritan nursing home is considering buying for parking for its staff. A zoning variance is needed. The city's practice on long use non conforming uses is to have new owners bring the property into compliance with city ordinances. Along with the Zoning Committee's objection to the continuation of the current status, Council Member Joan Campbell has indicated displeasure in the approval of the variance by city zoning officials. B. Another example of non conforming use and new ownership is the Great Brake's property on University between Orlin and Bedford SE, (the site of the now closed massage parlor.) The new owner continues not to present a proposed site plan and the city has started enforcement procedures against the new owner. C. [O, how they grow and there is no way to stop them.] Sprint probably will erect a radio telephone tower on the Everfresh Food's property, Essex and Huron SE. Currently two systems use an existing tower on 27th Avenue and the railroad track, but the property owner (Dinnaken) will not sell the additional space to accommodate another user. D. The owners, the city and the zoning committee are trying to solve on Sharon Avenue SE the problem of two houses crosswise on a lot line. The houses had been moved to the lot many years ago.

10. Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, referred all to the staff report as published in the March 2000 PPERRIA Newsletter.

11. There was no pending old business.

12. New business. Michael Atherton, PPERRIA Member, asked the president what he had to say about a 2/29/2000 article in the Minneapolis Tribune of a protest of the sidewalk lighting at Tower Hill on 2/28/2000 that indicated a PPERRIA-planned groundbreaking of the sidewalk lighting installation in the neighborhood was not held. Steve Cross indicated that as far as he knew, other than the protesters, no one was interviewed by the reporter nor that a groundbreaking was actually planned.

13. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn".

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Comments and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko001@po.metrostate.edu

## ***Annual Meeting Presentations: Architecture of Prospect Park; Prospect Park Community Choir Concert***

There will something to please everyone at this year's PPERRIA Annual Meeting on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Besides the annual business of electing the Board of Directors for 2000-01, architect Robert Roscoe, who specializes in building restoration, will give a slide presentation about the architecture in Prospect Park. Then the Prospect Park Community Choir will present a short program of music. Be sure to come, visit with

neighbors, vote, and don't forget to have cake (courtesy of Judy Bratt) and take home a flowering plant for your garden.

## **Motions for April, 2000 PERRIA Meeting - Steve Cross**

**Motion: To amend the bylaws per recommendations.**

**Motion: To ratify the bylaws as amended.**

## **Nominating Committee Report - Susan Larson-Fleming**

Here is the final report of the Nominating Committee with recommendations for the 20 Board of Directors positions up for election, an open position from a year ago, and a list of Board Members willing to serve as officers.

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| 1. Steve Banks/Jane Burnham        | 1999-2000 Board open position:                 |
| 2. Cindy Davis                     | replacement for Darlene Edwards: Shirley Davis |
| 3. Travis Emdin                    |  |
| 4. Susan & Jeff Gottlieb           |  |
| 5. Alison & Yasuhiko Katagiri      |  |
| 6. Jan & Tom Kilton                |  |
| 7. Florence & Walter Littman       | Executive Board:                               |
| 8. Bill Seeley                     | President: Steve Cross                         |
| 9. Vera Marshall                   | Past President: Alison Katagiri                |
| 10. Andy Mickel & Cheryl Vollhaber | V.P.: Andy Mickel (Newsletter editor)          |
| 11. Janice Noruk                   | V.P.: Karen Murdock                            |
| 12. Mary & Ralph Rapson            | V.P.: Steven Banks                             |
| 13. Joe Ring & Susan Thrash        | V.P.: Pam Wollum                               |
| 14. Dave Anderson                  | V.P.: Harrison Nelson                          |
| 15. Kathy Dahl                     | V.P.: Cheryl Vollhaber (Database manager)      |
| 16. Ann & John Haley               | V.P.: Florence Littman (Zoning)                |
| 17. Phil Anderson                  | Secretary: Dan Patenaude                       |
| 18. Paul & Elizabeth Zerby         | Treasurer: Dave Anderson                       |
| 19. Peter LaSha                    |  |
| 20. Eleanor & David Brown          |  |

## **April River & May Neighborhood Cleanups - Tom Kilton**

Again this year, we will have a Neighborhood CleanSweep event, held at the same time as our annual Neighborhood Sale, on a Saturday in the Month of May, probably on May 20th. If you can contribute some of your time to help "clean-up" the neighborhood, please contact Harrison Nelson at 378-5377.

In addition, we will also have a separate Mississippi River clean-up on Saturday, April 22nd. Registration and cleanup begin at 9:30 am with a party at 11:00. Please call Tom Kilton at 339-3064 for information/directions.

## Neighborhood Sale - Dan Patenaude

Announcing the 2000 (trying-to-be-annual) Neighborhood Household Goods Sale on May 20, 2000 (the same day as the annual Neighborhood-Clean Up)!

Join us at the parking lot at Franklin & Thornton from 10 am to 4 pm and search out household treasures that your neighbors have donated. All items will be in good condition. Proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood.

Donate your "good stuff" between 5/10 to 5/19 by contacting Dan at: marko001@po.metrostate.edu or at 378-3038. Although clothing will not be sold, it will be collected and donated to charitable organizations.

Sign up to donate yourself for the sale on the inevitable sign-up sheets or call Dan ASAP. If being a "trucker" is not your thing, think about collecting, sorting, pricing, selling (same benefits: tee shirt, lunch, great time)

## Fishing Clinic - Wayne Lolar

Wayne Lolar, 2709 Essex Street, is interested in working with other members of the neighborhood to put on a "Fishing Clinic" for all the youngsters in the neighborhood, in the month of May. If you are an avid angler or just interested in helping young people learn about the fun of fishing, please contact Wayne at 342-1993.

## Pratt to Host Ice Cream Social

The annual neighborhood Ice Cream Social will be held this year on Friday, June 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Pratt School. Join your neighbors for fun, food, games, prizes, music, dancing and a chance to climb the Prospect Park Water Tower. Call Gayle at 668-1122 for more information or to volunteer.

## PPERIA 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
Safety & Security	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

# April 2000 PPERIA NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: March 11, 2000 through April 7, 2000. Major activities and results:

Supported communication between Housing Committee & city on Bedford Townhomes project		Supported various PPERIA committees and the Executive Committee	
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood		Maintained the neighborhood calendar	
Supported production of PPERIA newsletter		Worked to implement signage in neighborhood	
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contr. Budget
Totals 3/11/00(4/7/00	<b>38.75</b>	<b>\$620.00</b>	<b>.5%</b>
Totals 10/18/95(3/10/00	<b>6,926.60</b>	<b>\$115,506.80*</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
Totals 10/18/95(4/7/00	<b>6,965.35</b>	<b>\$116,126.80*</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

Total PPERIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$119,522.69; \$3,395.89 remains.

\*Note: These amounts correspond to Treasurer's Report of 11/9/99.

*NOTE: THE ONLY REMAINING CONTRACTORS INCLUDE SUSAN GOTTLIEB AND PAULA DENMAN. THEIR CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE 4/30/00.*

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 am to 4 pm	<b>Food donations</b> can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Contact Ginia Klamecki at 331-7056 for options
Tuesdays, 1st Mon, 4th Wed. 4-5 pm 11:15 am 9:45 am	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center <b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ Good Samaritan Center	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 379-4958
Date and Time	Other Events and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, April 18 7:30 pm	<b>Housing Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park Methodist Church	Andy Mickel 331-8396
Thursday, April 20 6-8 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center (childcare and rides available)	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Saturday, April 22	<b>East River Flats Cleanup</b> and party	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Monday, April 24 7:00 pm	<b>PPERIA General Membership Annual meeting</b> – BOD and officers elections at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, May 3 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Council Meeting</b> at Luxton Park Building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Monday, May 8 7:00 pm	<b>PPERIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	to be determined



Wednesday, 5:00 pm May 10	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO)</b> meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave. SE (tentative)	Shirley Davis 342-1965
Tuesday, 7:00 pm May 16	(Tentative) <b>Zoning and Planning Committee</b> meeting at Prospect Park Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6-8 pm May 18	<b>Pratt Council</b> meeting at Pratt Community Center (childcare and rides available)	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Saturday, May 20	<b>Prospect Park Neighborhood Cleanup and PPERIA Sale</b>	Harrison Nelson 378-5377 Dan Patenaude 378-3038
Monday, 7:00 pm May 22	<b>PPERIA Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	to be determined

To include items in PPERIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, May 5, 2000**.  
PPERIA WebSite: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria>

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