

# April 2006 PPERRIA Newsletter



## PPERRIA Annual Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

**Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-9 p.m.**

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

### Preservation Alliance

This year's Annual Meeting will feature a presentation by the Preservation Alliance.

They will spotlight the 10 most endangered historical buildings in the state, and enlighten us on the meaning of historical designation.

The survey of Prospect Park for designation as an historical district is about to begin, the historic Station 19 is being threatened by the University of Minnesota. Come and learn about efforts to save our heritage from demolition.

### Thank you, Richard Adams!

The last two PPERRIA Board & Membership meetings featured a get acquainted period before the meeting, along with homemade treats provided by Richard Adams. Thanks for the idea, and for the delicious goodies.

If we want more of the same, we need volunteers to do the work! Will anyone step up?

### Board Election

The nominating committee, chaired by Richard Poppele, presents the following slate for members of the Board of Directors of PPERRIA:

Elinor & David Brown  
Tom and Jan Kilton  
Vera Marshall  
Betts & Paul Zerby  
Dave Walter  
Peter Degan

Sean Hart  
Peter LaSha  
Gratia Reynolds  
Phil Anderson  
Susan Bardill  
Kyle Rath  
John DeWitt

Dick Hendrickson  
Florence & Walter Littman  
Joe Ring & Susan Thrash  
Steve Banks & Jane Burnham  
Sean Broom  
Chris Bigley

Nominations from the floor of yourself or others are welcome. Nominees must have agreed to run.

# Crime Meeting Report

On March 30, 2006, as a follow-up to last month's PPERRIA meeting, a meeting was held at Prospect Park United Methodist Church of stakeholders in the Prospect Park/East River Road neighborhood to address the increase in crime in the area. Approximately 70 people attended, including representatives from the PPERRIA Liveability Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Minneapolis Police, University of Minnesota Police, Park Police, University Commons, University Village, Melrose Apartments, Dinnaken Properties, University of Minnesota student organizations (GAPSA and MSA), Minneapolis City Councilman Cam Gordon, Minneapolis Public Housing, and other community members.

The discussion centered around data collected by PPERRIA, with help from the Police Department, that revealed that a majority of the crime in the neighborhood centers around the student-oriented housing complexes, and is auto related, with property stolen from autos, and stolen autos. There has been an overall increase in crime of 65% from 2004 to 2005. Much lively discussion ensued.

Considerable emphasis was placed on a need for more police resources in the neighborhoods and throughout the city. More emphasis is placed on the need for police resources where the crimes are more dangerous. Discussion pointed out that the large complexes pay high property taxes, but there is no increase in security to address the increased density that these complexes create.

Councilman Gordon emphasized that citizens should agitate for more police for the 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct, which patrols this neighborhood. He believes that the City and the University are potential sources for more revenue for police. Comments and questions about an individual police officer should be addressed to Valerie Wurster; comments regarding dispatch response to John DeYoung, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct.

It was noted that there is a need for education of students on how to avoid theft by not leaving articles in their cars, and locking cars at all times. Increased lighting around buildings, and in the neighborhoods, motion sensing lighting, locking doors and windows, were all suggested as ways to decrease crime.

The increase in assaults, several with guns, in the neighborhood was also discussed. The police indicated that the perpetrators of such assaults were not the same group as were involved in the auto centered crimes.

The group decided to continue meeting to come up with ways to impact change in the crime rate in the neighborhood.

## Reminder - Earth Day River Cleanup

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** PPERRIA is conducting its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day River Cleanup. Spend a few hours with your neighbors and at the same time provide a valuable neighborhood service. We will clean the area of the Mississippi riverbank from the University to the St. Paul Border, from the river to East River Parkway. Gloves, bags, and trash pickup will be provided. Arrive at Franklin Ave. and East River Parkway about 9:30 a.m. to register (get your coffee and bagels), and cleanup instructions. Report back to the registration area about 11 a.m. for a light lunch and THANK YOUs. **We need about 50 volunteers to make this a successful effort.** Please join us.

PPERRIA Membership and BOD meeting  
3/27/2006  
Minutes

President Joe Ring called meeting to order at 7:15. New member Sean Broom was welcomed.

Agenda was approved( Ruth Stein made motion with Dean Lund second) noting Cam Gordon would do zoning report for Florence Littman.

Minutes from Feb. 27 were approved (Sean Broom made motion with Phil Anderson second).

Central Corridor update: Commissioner Peter McLaughlin. Estimate of ridership model now in place: 43,000 riders/day by 2030. Cost estimates are forthcoming. Federal gas tax money will support some of planning expenses. Cost effectiveness ration must be approved by Federal govt. This includes streetscaping. Discussions ongoing concerning tunnel near the University.

JPI/Hubbard: Joe Ring

Mayor Rybak has asked for input on the project. He and Mayor Coleman are supporting the bio-tech corridor which runs through the target area. A joint meeting with the At. Anthony Park District Council, members of PPERRIA board and St. Paul Councilperson Jay Benavev will take place on Wed. March 29 to discuss neighborhood concerns with the project.

Crime summit meeting set for March 30 at PP Methodist Church, 7pm.

In the last month two incidents involving guns have occurred: one in Motley and one at Seymour and Orlin. There is a concern that police reports are not being made. The meeting on Wed. will have representatives from the University, the student housing complexes, University, Park and City of Minneapolis Police, City Council and Mayor's office and the PPERRIA Livability Committee. Neighbors, including students, are urged to attend.

Councilperson Gordon:

Joint committee of PPERRIA, SECIA and Marcy Holmes is discussing stadium issues with the University. Larry Pogemiller met with Univ. VP Kathy O'Brien and others to continue discussions addressing neighborhood concerns. The Stadium Area Advisory Group will stay in place; mitigation funds of approximately \$800,000 are anticipated.

Announcements:

Annual meeting of PPERRIA is next month.

April 22 is East River Road Cleanup for Earth Day.

June 2 is Pratt Ice Cream Social and silent auction benefiting Pratt School. Contributions of items and skills are encouraged.

Richard Poppele, Chair of Nominating Committee, is seeking new PPERRIA Board of Director members.

Pratt School production of Peter Pan will be Tuesday, April 4.

April 11 is Land Use forum at Pratt School with Councilperson Cam Gordon, 6:30-8:30 pm at Pratt School.

Respectfully submitted, Gratia Reynolds

## April NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 3/10/06 – 4/06/06

Supported PPERRIA activities and NRP I and NRP II development			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
02/06/06 to 03/10/06	<b>16.75</b>	<b>335.00</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
10/18/95 to 03/10/06	<b>10,512.66</b>	<b>\$180,825.15</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
10/18/95 to 03/10/06	<b>10,529.41</b>	<b>\$181,160.15</b>	<b>93.9%</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89\*; \$11,759.22 remains. Note: \$160.00 was billed to PPERRIA, as per the resolution of 2/27/06, for taking and transcribing the minutes of the 3/30/06 Crime Meeting

## PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

Community Events	Lois Willand	loiswilland@mn.rr.com	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Environment			
Executive	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman Dean Lund	littm005@umn.edu djlund@usfamily.net	331-2970 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
Landscape subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Livability	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Membership	Tom Kilton Dan Miller	tom@tomkilton.com dmiller@hhh.umn.edu	339-3064 414-8789
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Transportation and Land Use	John Dewitt Phil Anderson	jdewitt@mn.rr.com philanne@ties2.net	338-1871 627-9471
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970 627-9471

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, May 4, 2006.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Saturday, April 22 9:30 am	<b>Earth Day cleanup of Mississippi River.</b> Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Monday, April 24 7:15 pm	<b>Annual PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. <b>Social hour from 6:45-7:15</b>	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, April 26 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> Jean Bauer (with Amy Shellabarger) 209 Bedford Street.	279-7340
Wednesday, May 3 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, May 5 11:00 am- 1:00 pm	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925

Monday, May 8	11:30 am- 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Pratt	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, May 8	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring	379-4587 321-9064
Wednesday, May 10	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet	342-1952
Tuesday, May 16		<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, May 16	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Thursday, May 18	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt	Greg Bernstein	378-3489
Monday, May 22	7:15 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. <b>Social hour from 6:45-7:15</b>	Joe Ring	379-4587
Wednesday, May 24	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> Sally Jorgenson 1615 E. River Parkway		332-1140
Friday, June 3	5:30-8:30pm	<b>Pratt Ice Cream Social</b> at Pratt School. Food, games, music. The only chance all year to climb the tower!	Deb Clark	668-1122

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