

PPERRIA News – April 2012

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Annual Board / Membership Meeting Monday, April 23rd
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Profile Event Center
2630 University Avenue S.E.
(Entry is around the corner on 27th Avenue SE)

If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com. We will make every attempt to meet that need.

Refreshments served at 6:30 pm.

MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome members and guests
- Nominating committee report and election of new Board members
- Announcing NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT FUND FOR PROSPECT PARK

..... Recess for viewing exhibits

- Recognition of individuals for services above & beyond
- Newly-elected board meets to elect its officers

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Your current PPERRIA officers:

President: Dick Poppele – 378-9242.....dick@umn.edu
V. President: Christina Larson – 651-329-2784...larsonchristina@gmail.com
Secretary: Karen Murdock – 340-1338.....murdock1212@gmail.com
Treasurer: Currently vacant –.....The President and V. President are filling in until the next Treasurer is chosen

Visit the PPERRIA Office, at the corner of Arthur and University Avenues

Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 4 pm

Come in and browse the wall exhibits showing the current Master Plan layouts

(If you have questions or want further details – call project manager Brian Golberg at 612.710.2860)

Notes from the President

Since I am not running for reelection, these are my last “Notes from the President” which gives me the opportunity to share my thoughts about the presidency of PPERRIA. These 5 years have been quite a trip. I didn't realize when I got into this how complex and demanding it could be.

Coming in, I had two basic objectives. One was to increase the participation of Prospect Park residents – the other was to make our committees more effective. If you believe, as I do, that the soul of our organization lives within the participation occurring in committees and task groups, I'd say we made excellent progress, although we still have a way to go. Some of the highlights are:

- Participation is more evident, and membership has increased about 50% to over 350.
- We have surveyed the neighborhood and drawn up a strategic plan reflecting our residents' concerns and issues.
- Our strategic plan is incorporated into the work plans of the PPERRIA committees.

I also wanted PPERRIA to take a more pro-active role in the multitude of issues facing us. Thus instead of just reacting to things that come up (new development, local historic district rules, etc.) we sought to anticipate issues defining what it is we want for the neighborhood and then promoting that. Thus we are learning to lead in 1) defining how new development should occur around the new LRT station, and 2) creating a Conservation District to preserve our neighborhood's architectural character.

Despite our progress, basic problems with our organization remain. We are expecting far too much of the PPERRIA leadership, which puts a heavy burden on a small group of volunteers. In many ways, leading PPERRIA is becoming a full-time job. We must find ways of encouraging our volunteers and not discouraging them by demanding too much of their time.

How do we do this? I'd say we start by employing more paid staff to do the routine work of the organization. We indeed began to move along this

path this year by hiring several consultants to work with our Membership/Communications committee. We could expand on this idea to allow volunteers to use their available time in a more effective manner.

I offer the following advice going forward: To begin, we should not expect the President to be the Manager. Managing this organization is nearly a full-time job. While the president has to be a Board member, the job should be of such a scope that any Board member can take it on. Yes, the president is expected to speak for the Board, and often for the neighborhood. But the president cannot be expected to attend to all the daily affairs of the organization.

Every organization needs a go-to person, someone to answer the phone, respond to emails, handle daily inquiries such as interviews with the press, and to attend meetings on behalf of PPERRIA at any time. This person must also know the neighborhood, its people, its history, and its aspirations. It is a big order, but one that I, and recent presidents, have done our best to fill. With a foreseeable increase in the pace of activities, the organization needs to take serious steps to engage some kind of paid staff who can fill that roll. Otherwise, I fear, our volunteer base will dwindle further as we demand more from our people.

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So far, we've made our organizational structure work because we simply couldn't afford to hire a paid staff, full- or part-time. We've relied on volunteer efforts to accomplish everything. Joyce Barta, the one staff person we have today, started with the primary responsibility of managing our NRP affairs, paid for with NRP funds. Now, NRP no longer exists and Joyce is paid from the PPERRIA budget, for about 10 hours a week. That budget has been substantially increased however. In fact the City, recognizing that effective neighborhood organizations require financial support, now

provides us with sufficient funding to hire needed staff.

Another, and perhaps more fundamental reason for maintaining our organizational structure is, we do not want to delegate control of our volunteer organization to a paid manager. It's a legitimate concern, since it can easily happen that a manager does everything, and the volunteer Board plays a diminishing role. However, an effective manager will need to make decisions and establish procedures. Thus it becomes a basic responsibility of the Board to assure that control remains with the Board and its officers.

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The basics are these: As members of this community – concerned about the neighborhood and its future – we have less and less time to devote to its many

facets. And yet it seems that as the pace of change increases, more time is needed. We must find ways to use the time we have more effectively. I think we do that by looking to other non-profits. In most cases paid staff runs their day-to-day operations, and the board's responsibility is to ensure the effectiveness of the organization and keep it focused on the mission.

I think we can make the needed changes. I recommend that we establish the position of "Executive Assistant to the President." Not a manager but an administrative assistant hired, say, for 25 to 30 hrs per week. This person would work closely with the officers of the Board in carrying out all the chores and routine jobs needed to keep PPERRIA current and responsive.

As I said, for me it's been a real trip, and one that for the most part I have really enjoyed. I met more of my neighbors and had the chance to work with some terrific people. I am confident that this 100-plus-year-old institution will continue to prosper and adapt so that it remains a model for neighborhoods throughout the rest of the Twin Cities.

.....Dick Poppele

PPERRIA Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2012, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Featured local business serves pizza to hungry meeting-goers**
- **Spring cleanup of Mississippi River shore area set for Saturday, April 21**
- **Nominations for PPERRIA Board and officers announced**
- **May meeting dates changed**
- **Update on Light Rail construction along University Avenue**
- **I-94 sound wall meeting set; protest sign painting party planned**
- **Resolution to restrict debate on minutes tabled**

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association, held in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, was called to order by President Dick Poppele at 7:05 PM.

No guests or new members made themselves known.

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present. Unless otherwise noted, a separate Board vote was not taken on issues on which the membership voted. Unanimous votes of the membership can be considered a vote of the full Board of Directors when a quorum of the Board is present.

The agenda was approved as published, with the Administrative Committee report moved up to the top of the Committee updates. The minutes of the February meeting were approved, with one nay vote. The Treasurer's report was approved

unanimously. Dick Kain has resigned as PPERRIA treasurer; his duties are being taken over by Dick Poppele and Christina Larson until the Annual Meeting, when a new treasurer will be voted in.

Dick P. thanked Jim Widder for providing cookies and veggies for refreshments. Jim said this could be his last PPERRIA meeting, as he is in the process of moving to Madison, Wisconsin. He said, "It's been a great pleasure serving PPERRIA." He said that he has submitted a grant request for \$23,000 to the U of M "Good Neighbor Fund" to pay for a marketing campaign called "Atmosphere," which would improve local businesses along University Avenue. Such a "business enhancement plan" has been active on the St. Paul side of the city line.

Jim praised Tom SenGupta, owner of Schneider Drugs at University and Bedford. This business recently celebrated its 40th anniversary in the neighborhood. Jim said that Tom is "a wonderful man and a great asset to our neighborhood."

FEATURED LOCAL BUSINESS

Jim W. introduced Jeremy Mulhany, the owner of The Hole Sports Lounge (formerly the Leaning Tower of Pizza), which opened on January 11. Jeremy said he has done some remodeling and he hopes his business will become "a great sports bar." He introduced his chef, Ian Pierce, who was born and raised in Minneapolis, went to latchkey at Pratt as a kid, and graduated from South High. Ian said he has a background in fine dining and, although the menu at The Hole will be mainly burgers and pizza, everything will be made in-house. Both Ian and Jeremy said they hope to appeal to different demographics, not only students, and hope that The Hole will be "family friendly." Samples of The Hole pizza were put out for attendees to try. Current hours for The Hole are 4 PM to 2 AM, seven days a week. They plan to open for lunch in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tom Kilton said the spring river cleanup will be Saturday, April 21. Volunteers should meet at Franklin Avenue and East River Road at 9 AM. He said he recommends that the fall cleanup be on September 29.
- Cam Gordon said that final redistricting plans for the city will be completed in April and that, so far, Prospect Park is still in Ward 2.
- Greg Bernstein said that the Consumer Association for Community Action gives out grants each year of up to \$500 for groups who want to improve the neighborhood. CACA is now accepting applications.
- Peter LaSha said that he is a native of Buffalo, New York and he recommends the hot wings (and bottled hot sauce, which can be purchased and taken home) at Buffalo Wild Wings. The BWW restaurant in PP is in "Station 19," the old firehouse across the street from the football stadium.
- Richard Adams of the Nominations Committee said a full slate of candidates for PPERRIA Board of Directors has been set and will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting next month. He said that "being an officer in this organization is an act of heroism" and that the nominations for PPERRIA officers will be:

President—Christina Larson
Vice President—still open
Secretary—Karen Murdock
Treasurer—Lyndsey Wollschlager

Dick P. added that nominations for the Board and for officers will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

- Christina Larson said that budget requests for the next fiscal year are still coming in from the various PPERRIA committees. She will send out the proposed budget before the Annual Meeting.
- Sam Johnson introduced himself. He is one of the live-in custodians at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. He is looking for a place to plant a garden this spring. Ryan Shepherd said she would bring this up at the Garden Club meeting this week. Julie Wallace said the small plots of land behind the sound wall at Arthur Avenue are public land. Karen Murdock said that a vital need for any garden is a nearby source of water. Permission can be obtained from the city (for a fee) to put a tap on a fire hydrant if the land is declared to be a "public" garden.

VIKINGS STADIUM PROPOSAL

Cam Gordon, 2nd Ward City Councilman, said that Minneapolis's proposal for a new stadium is to build it right next to the existing Metrodome. The cost would be at least \$900 million. The city's share for this would come from an existing revenue stream, taxes levied on businesses in the downtown area, which now go to support the convention center. In 1997, citizens of Minneapolis initiated a change to the city charter, requiring that any public expenditures of over \$10 million on a sports facility in the city must get approval through a public referendum. Cam believes that the current plan would violate that provision and he is opposed to it. However, several other City Council members have changed their minds on this issue and now support the plan to build a new stadium without a public vote. The state of Minnesota's contribution to the stadium would be provided by charitable gambling. Cam said it is his hope that the whole issue dies at the Legislature this year.

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Jessica Hill from the Central Corridor Project Office gave an update on LRT construction. From 29th Avenue to Malcolm Avenue some sidewalks will be closed during construction, but businesses will still have access. When Bedford Street north of University is temporarily closed, residents on 4th Street will still be able to drive out of their street and into the rest of the world; the bollards which close off access at Malcolm Avenue will be removed and temporary access to 4th Street will be through what is now a cul-de-sac.

East River Road beneath the Washington Avenue bridge will close to southbound traffic when the U of M lets out in May. This closure will last until the end of August. One lane of northbound traffic will be open.

Peter LaSha requested that the effects of LRT construction on bus schedules be better publicized.

Dave Barnhart, owner of 2929 University asked how access to his business will be affected. Jessica assured him that he is "on our list" of people to meet with to discuss the access issue.

Jessica said that one of the tricky things about LRT construction was finding the old utilities beneath the street. In Prospect Park, she said, "not only are the homes historic, but also the utilities." Some water lines, for example, are made of wood, are hard to find, are over 100 years old, and do not appear on any map.

Julie Wallace, Prospect Park's representative to the Construction Communications Committee of the LRT, said the CCC votes on how contractors are doing in carrying out their job; this is how bonus money is awarded. The major issues are signage and safety. Julie said she walks the Prospect Park area of the construction every few days and would appreciate hearing from people who have concerns. Residents should call the LRT Construction Hotline at (651) 602-1404 if they have specific complaints. Trucks should not be parked in the neighborhood. Most trucks are now parked at 4th Street and 29th Avenue. Julie said, "A lot of things we've reported have been fixed very quickly."

The Central Corridor will open to riders in 2014.

MTC SURVEY

Florence Littman said she went to an open house sponsored by the Metropolitan Transit Commission on bus service in the Twin Cities. She passed out copies of an MTC survey which asked what buses riders took, where they got on and off, and what changes they would like to see in bus service. Dorothy Marden collected completed surveys. Bus riders can also take the survey online at www.metrotransit.org/CentralStudy or email questions to centralcorridorstudy@metrotransit.org.

MAY MEETING DATES CHANGED

Dick Poppele said that the normal meeting schedule for PPERRIA is that the Executive Committee meets on the 2nd Monday and the full membership on the 4th Monday. However, the 4th Monday of May is Memorial Day, when many people in the Park will be out of town. Therefore, in May the Executive Committee will meet on May 7 and the membership will meet on May 21.

SUPPORT FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO LIVE IN PROSPECT PARK

Paul Scheuer said he came to the PPERRIA meeting a year ago to ask support from the neighborhood association for encouraging Minneapolis police officers to live in the neighborhood. He received such support and is currently subsidizing a police officer by giving him a much-reduced rate to live in a house owned by Paul. Paul thinks it would be in the best interest of developers who are building new apartments in the neighborhood to set aside units for police officers "in transition" (perhaps because of a divorce or other personal crisis) who could sign a 6-month lease on the unit (rather than the traditional year-long lease). Paul said that developers are increasing the density of the neighborhood and therefore increasing the need for police.

UPDATE ON SOUND WALL

In response to neighborhood complaints that the new sound wall along the south side of Interstate 94 has increased the level of noise in the Hill Area of Prospect Park, Bob Sykora (who lives on Franklin Avenue just uphill of the I-94 trench) provided background information on a meeting of the issue which will be held on April 10. He said his neighbor, Stu Anderson, is a Physics professor at Augsburg College and understands how sound waves work. The physics involved are very complicated because sound can be reflected, absorbed, or can pass through some objects. Bob and Stu have made two trips to Minnesota Department of Transportation headquarters. MnDoT has provided them with boxes of information and access to the "Minn Noise" computer program which MnDoT uses to measure sound. Sound measurements have been taken by the wall at Bedford Street and Chergosky Park. Several members of the Prospect Park Garden Club have offered to plant vines along the sound wall to muffle the reflection of sound off the wall; however the Federal Highway Administration claims that only dense stands of vegetation at least 30 meters in depth have any effect on muffling noise near highways. The historic district in the Hill Area of Prospect Park requires review of factors that might jeopardize its

historic status under “Section 106”; however, MnDoT says that no sound effect from the freeway is perceptible in the Hill Area.

Bob said that Senator Kari Dziedzic, Representative Phyllis Kahn and City Councilman Cam Gordon have agreed to meet with neighbors to discuss the issue of increased noise caused by the sound wall. The meeting will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church on April 10. People who would like to attend should send an email to Bob at: bob@sykora.org. Neighbors are encouraged to meet at 1721 Franklin at 6 PM and bring protest signs to carry with them. To prepare for this “March Down the Hill,” there will be an “old-fashioned neighborhood sign-painting bee” on Sunday, April 1 at 2 PM at 1717 Franklin (Bob’s house). Bob will provide poster boards, poster paint and sticks. An award of \$50 will be given for the most creative and funny sign.

Julie Wallace reminded attendees that “there is no ‘Prospect Park’ side of this wall” since both the “uphill” (Hill Area) and “downhill” (East River Terrace and East River Road) sides are within the neighborhood. Greg Bernstein asked what the best-case scenario would be to solve the problem; could “baffles” absorb the sound? Bob said he did not know but that more sophisticated sound modeling was needed. Dan Cross said that, so far, MnDoT has not done adequate modeling and that “we need to hold their feet to the fire.” Dick Brownlee said the same solution should be applied to both sides of the wall. Sally Jorgenson said that, with all the thousands and thousands of miles of highway that stretch across the United States, other neighborhoods than ours have surely encountered, and solved, the problem of noise reflected from sound walls.

PPERRIA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership and Communications Committee – Betts Zerby said the group is looking into the idea of printing up Prospect Park T-shirts with the image of a map of Prospect Park (drawn by Janet Rose) on the front.

Administration Committee – Dick Poppele said the change in treasurer would provide the opportunity to change software programs since Quicken has proven to be unable easily to meet the needs of the PPERRIA budget.

Zoning and Land Use Committee – Dick Brownlee said the committee’s “rules of procedure” have been completed and could be adopted by other PPERRIA committees. A subcommittee consisting of Florence Littman, Phil Anderson, and Spencer Ung (of the U Garden Chinese restaurant) is working on drawing up a policy on restaurants that serve liquor. Another subcommittee (consisting of Dick Gilyard, Clay Lambert, Dick Brownlee and John Wicks) is working on modifying the plan which has been presented for development of the site at the intersection of Huron Boulevard, Washington Avenue, and University Avenue (this site is currently occupied by Arby’s restaurant). The proposal for development of this site is a housing project, aimed at students, of 1200 bedrooms, with retail space on the ground floor.

Planning and Zoning – At a joint meeting of the committees, held on March 20, Cam Gordon was asked about the issue of “maximum occupancy limits” for single-family houses. The zoning code for the city of Minneapolis states that the maximum occupancy of a dwelling unit located in zoning districts R1 through R3 (which includes most of Prospect Park) shall not exceed one family plus up to two unrelated persons. Therefore, houses can, legally, have no more than three unrelated individuals living under one roof. Some students at the U of M are opposed to this provision; they believe that it operates to keep rents high. Cam agrees with this and wants to abolish this part of the zoning code. Many members of the Zoning Committee are firmly opposed to changing the code, as they feel it might lead to deterioration of student-occupied houses. Julie W. said that other neighborhoods in Southeast Minneapolis have taken stands against changing this provision of the zoning code. Dick P. said that the Alliance Livability Committee has also taken a stand against any change to the code and a lot of discussion about the issue is taking place now.

Master Plan Committee – Dick Gilyard of the said that dramatic change will occur in the Stadium Village and Motley sections of Prospect Park, due to the coming of the LRT line and expansion of the U of M. A Stadium Village Small Area Plan is currently being worked out. The U of M issued a Master Plan in 2009. This identified the Motley neighborhood as a “joint planning area” between the neighborhood and the U. However, the plan did not specify what this meant. The “Prospect Park 2020” plan is wrapping up. Nan Kari is chairing a subcommittee on getting a library in Prospect Park. Ignacio San Martin of the U of M will soon present plans for increasing access to the river. Dick G. said that the university should be looking at development with a “100 year vision” since the only two features of Prospect Park sure to be around 100 years from today are the university and the river.

John DeWitt said that a temporary traffic light will be installed on University Avenue at 29th, to permit people who park on the north side of University to cross the street safely.

Organizational Development Committee Dick P. said that a small committee is going forward in trying to build up a “reserve fund” of money that could be used by PPERRIA to address issues as they arise (see his letter in the March newsletter). This reserve fund will be called the Neighborhood Investment Fund. Full plans will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Historic District Committee – Joe Ring of the said Cam Gordon will introduce an ordinance to the City Council that would create “conservation districts” in Minneapolis to preserve historic neighborhoods.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Cross introduced a procedural motion that from now on the minutes of the previous meeting not be debatable and that amendments to the minutes not be debatable. Bill Schwabacher said it was unfair and undemocratic to not permit debate on issues. Paul Zerby said the major question was when PPERRIA is required to have a separate vote of the Board of Directors, in addition to a vote of the whole membership. In any event, he said, "you need debate" on issues. Julie W. said that the secretary could make the minutes less debatable, if arguable "less fun," by just recording votes, not who said what at the meetings. Paul Z. made a motion to table Steve Cross's motion and send it to the Executive Committee for discussion. This motion passed unanimously and can be considered a Board vote, a quorum of the Board being present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

<http://pperr.org>

Have you visited our PPERRIA Website lately? We benefit from the work of some very bright volunteers, led by our venerable WebMaster Andy Mickel. While on the subject, the Website could use more photos. Andy says: Submit them on CDs, flashdrives, or other device amenable to electronic transfer.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The Executive Committee proposes the following By Law changes. This will be voted on at the June meeting.

You should know that: *The following does not comprise the complete By-laws, but only those portions proposed for changing. Also, strike-through text (such as this) would be deleted while underlined text would be added.*

Article II Purpose: The purposes of the corporation are to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, businesses and other entities within the association's geographic jurisdiction and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the environment in which those residents reside.

Article III Membership

C. Membership

Persons shall become members from the next meeting following ~~approval~~ submission of the completed membership application. ~~The committee shall have no more than 30 days to determine eligibility, grant or deny the application, and, if granted, add the name to the PPERRIA membership roster.~~ The database manager shall add the name to the PPERRIA membership roster. ~~A membership is effective through and including the next annual meeting.~~

Article IV Directors and Officers

A. Board of Directors

~~At the first meeting of the Corporation, 15 members with two year terms expiring April '81 in even numbered years and in each odd numbered year 20 15 members with two year terms expiring in odd numbered years April '82 will be elected. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting, the Corporation shall elect (15) of its members to serve for a two-year term as Directors of the Corporation. At any time there shall be forty thirty (30) Directors of the Corporation. All directors must reside within the boundaries of PPERRIA.~~

~~To ensure effective participation, two persons from the same household may be jointly elected to serve as one Director. Directors shall:~~

- ~~• Make a good faith effort to attend all regular meetings of the corporation and~~

~~Participate actively in the conduct of Corporation business during their two-year term, which begins with the first Board of Directors meeting after the Annual Meeting.~~

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- Participate actively in the conduct of Corporation business during their two-year term, which begins with the first Board of Directors meeting after the Annual Meeting.

D. Nominating Committee

At the general meeting of the Corporation held in ~~January~~ three months prior to the Annual Meeting , the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Article V Meetings

A. Annual Meetings

The Annual Meetings of the Corporation members shall be held ~~during the month of April~~ on a date fixed by the Executive Committee .

D. Voting

The result of any unanimous vote at a regular or special membership meeting is conclusively presumed to be that of the Board of Directors. Any non-unanimous vote of the membership regarding the business and affairs of the corporation shall be advisory to the Board and a separate vote of the Board shall be taken and recorded as the position of the corporation, unless the votes for or against a proposal are made only by non-board members, in which case the presumption that the Board has acted remains.

Article VII Amendments

... The proposed amendment is adopted by the affirmative vote of ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of all of the directors.

.....Submitted by Betts Zerby

Note: May meeting dates will move up to allow for Memorial Day
 Executive Committee meets.....Monday May 7
 Board/Membership Meeting,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,Monday May 21

Editorial haiku –

Scyllis are blooming.
 Is it a lawn of blue grass?
 Or a lake of green?

*(Yes, we know, we know; in this strange spring the scyllis have already come and gone.
 But for any normal year this would have been timely, OK?.....the editor)*

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as the "PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar")

To include items in the next PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wed, May 2nd** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 612-859-4960

Communications Committee meetings: Usually the fourth Thursday of the month, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697.

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Annual meeting: Monday, April 23rd, 7pm, Profile Event Center, Church – Call Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

NOTE: The following PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting will be Monday, May 21st, a week earlier than usual, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Administration Committee meetings: Usually the first Thursday of the month at the PPERRIA Office, 2950 University Ave SE
– Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784 or Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Organizational Development Committee meetings: Usually the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meetings: Usually the 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE. Next month it will be May 7th, a week earlier than usual due to the Memorial Day holiday
– Call Dick Poppele at 378-9242 or Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Garden Club Potluck meetings: Wednesdays, April 25th (at the home of Martha Joy and John Cushing, 17 Seymour, 379-4757) and May 23rd (at the home of Sally Jorgenson, 1615 E River Pkwy, 332-1140), 6:30pm.

Glendale Residents Council meeting: Usually the 4th Friday of the month, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net.

Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative): Tuesday, April 17th, 7pm, PPUMC – Contact Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

“Do more than belong: participate.”*William Arthur Ward*

PPERRIA NEWS welcomes the *TWIN CITIES DAILY PLANET* to the media mix for our neighborhood. Their sub head is “Local News For Global Citizens.” You will find their coverage of the University District Neighborhoods at:

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/universitydistrictnews>

There you'll also find links to their home page and other valuable resources. Make a habit of checking it out.

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Administration	Christina Larson	larsonchristina@gmail.com	651-329-2784
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Historic District	Joe Ring	joering@tds.net	379-4587
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Organizational Development			
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Dick Brownlee	dickbrownl@mac.com	339-2472

Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups

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Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@comcast.net	338-1871

The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:

Education & Human Services	Contact: Jerry Stein or Chuck Holtman
Prospect Park Construction Communication Committee (for the Central Corridor LRT)	Julie Wallace (rep PPERRIA), John DeWitt, Phil Anderson (rep DCC)
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Greg Bernstein, John Kari (Alt.)
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Gottlieb
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard, Alternates: John Kari and Julie Wallace
Stadium Village Station Area Plan Steering Committee	Rebekah Lorance, Tamara Johnson, Dick Gilyard, Hilary Holmes

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FYI:

**A Final Reminder – The 2012 Earth Day Clean-Up is
Saturday April 21st – 9:30am to noon
Meet on the East River Parkway at Franklin Avenue**

Join us with friends and family for a morning of serving the community picking up trash
• Gloves and bags provided • No pre-registration required •
Our day begins with coffee, juice, donuts and bagels. It ends about 11:30am with pizza and pop.
For more information check pperr.org/annual events

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And Remember:
What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today