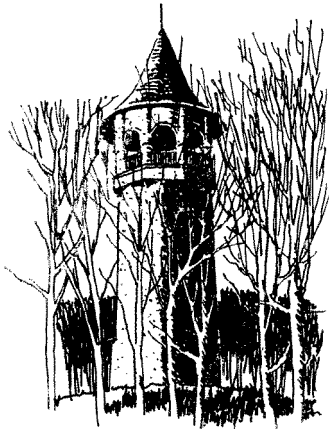


# February 2008 PPERRIA Newsletter



## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:bartajm@yahoo.com) and we will make every attempt to meet that need.

**NOTE – See “Notes from the president” on the following page:**

*The January meeting offered a chance to review amendments to our Bylaws proposed by the PPERRIA Bylaws Task Force. This month’s meeting will be our first opportunity to vote on the proposed amendments. They include changes resulting from last month’s discussion.*

### **Motions to Amend Proposed Bylaws recommended by Bylaws Task Force:**

**Art. IV, A:** replace paragraph, by: *“At the Annual Meeting of the Corporation in 2008, at least 10 members will be elected for a two-year term, and at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation in 2009, at least 10 members will be elected for a two-year term. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting, the Corporation shall elect at least 10 of its members to serve for a two-year term as Directors of the corporation. At any time there shall be no fewer than 20 Directors of the Corporation.”* (provided the Articles of Incorporation are also so amended)

**Art. IV, A:** add a first bullet point *“Have been a member for the year preceding their election or appointment and maintained their membership during their tenure on the board.”*

**Art. IV, B:** second paragraph. Replace “unexplained absence” with *“absence without prior notice”*

Second paragraph, fourth sentence, delete “who have been members of PPERRIA for at least one year.”

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## Notes from the president

### *Why the PPERRIA bylaws are important for Prospect Park in the 21st Century:*

At the next PPERRIA meeting we will consider amending the PPERRIA bylaws. I would like to stress why this is important, and why you should be an active participant.

The current bylaws restrict our ability to confront and respond to the growing challenges and development pressures that Prospect Park is very likely to see in the next decade. If we are to retain the character of Prospect Park as we know it, we will need a community organization that can adapt, and can provide flexible, proactive and timely responses, to these challenges. While PPERRIA has essentially done this for over a century, the current pace and intensity of change requires some adjustments in our organization. This will require changes to the bylaws.

As I noted last month, the membership restrictions in our current bylaws hampers our ability to partner with the City of Minneapolis – or other agencies – because our bylaws do not conform to the City-wide standard for citizen participation. For example, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) recently announced a Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (NPI) program designed to support innovative and effective partnerships for solving problems and improving communities with grants of up to \$10,000. They specify: "Partnerships applying to NPI must include at least one government-recognized neighborhood organization". Our current bylaws make us ineligible.

It is also important to recognize how rapidly changes are occurring around us, and our need to provide rapid responses if we are to have any influence in how those

changes are implemented. There are several ways that our ability to provide this can be improved with a slightly different organizational structure. The Bylaws Task Force has exhaustively considered this issue and proposed modifications to meet the need. I urge each of you to become acquainted with the issues and the amendments proposed. The full proposal was enclosed in the January newsletter, and amendments to that proposal are included in this newsletter. Those amendments reflect feedback to the Task Force following the discussion at the January meeting. The rationale for each proposed change can also be found on the PPERRIA website.

As if we needed another example of why rapid and effective response is increasingly needed, we are now being asked by the Metropolitan Council to participate in the planning of an LRT station for Prospect Park at 29<sup>th</sup> Street and University Ave., SE. Although PPERRIA expressed many concerns in 2000 – when the plans for a Central Corridor LRT were first underway – the first direct response we had to those concerns didn't come until now, when the Council is about to make final decisions on issues that might pose a significant impact on Prospect Park, such as the routing of the line through the University of Minnesota campus. Our first meeting with Council staff on February 12<sup>th</sup> – regarding the proposed LRT station at 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the routing along University Avenue – made it clear that we must be prepared to work more closely with Council and City staff if our concerns are to be reflected in the final product. We now have less than two months before plans for station and University Avenue alignments become final.

.....Dick Poppele

## **PPERIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, January 28, 2008, 7 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following a social gathering .

President Poppele welcomed visitors and new members.

1. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without noes.
2. A motion to approve the November minutes was made by John Holmquist. Passed without noes.
3. **Metropolitan Council on Light Rail:** President Poppele introduced Jessica Hill, Metropolitan Council Community Outreach representative, who is responsible for the Prospect Park and University area of the proposed Light Rail line. Jessica introduced Gary Erickson, Assistant Project Director for Design and Engineering, who provided an overview of the Central Corridor proposed Light Rail line. Erickson spoke of the success of the Hiawatha Line in providing 7700 new housing units, with 8100 more planned, excellent safety record. With the Central Corridor line installed, the 50 bus line will be eliminated, and the 16 bus line will increase the time between buses from 7-10 minutes to 10-15 minutes. Trains will run every 7 minutes. The 94 Express will continue.

A supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared. Preliminary design issues must be presented to the Metropolitan Council by the end of February to meet the mandatory federal deadlines. The final design to be presented for federal approval will be in 2009, construction begins 2010, and operation to begin in 2014. Funding for the line will be 50% federal, 33% state, 12% Ramsey County and 5% Hennepin County.

To meet the federal funding requirements, the present anticipated cost of \$990 million must be reduced to \$840 million. Issues that must be decided by the February deadline are 1) station locations and layouts, 2) the downtown St. Paul alignment, 3) the addition of infill stations (at Western, Victoria, Hamline between scheduled stations at Snelling, Lexington, Dale and Rice Sts), most important to this neighborhood, 4) the alignment through the University of Minnesota (whether tunnel, at grade with or without traffic, or Northern alignment through Dinkytown), 5) whether 2 or 3 car platforms, 6) how to connect to the Hiawatha line, and 7) the reconstruction of University Avenue.

A later meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Station proposal. A later meeting will be scheduled to discuss the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Station proposal. This meeting will address traffic issues through and around the University area. E-mail can be sent to [centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:centralcorridor@metc.state.mn.us). Website information is at

[www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/initiatives/centralcorridor/ccplanning.html](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/initiatives/centralcorridor/ccplanning.html).

Questions about the rail route, stations, and traffic problems were raised by members. Most were referred to the next meeting.

4. **City of Minneapolis:** Peter Wagenius, assistant to Mayor Rybak, stated that the City was very involved in the discussions about the rail project, and was committed to the construction of the line in a manner that made the economics of the project work, and made the traffic through the University area work for all of the areas and parties

involved, the University, the neighborhoods, and the businesses. Much study needs to be

5. **Sound Walls for East River Terrace and East River Mews:** Joe Ring reported on a meeting with Senator Pogemiller, Representative Kahn, Department of Transportation Officials and Dorothy Davey of PPERRIA and himself. He was very optimistic that a sound wall will be obtained for the East River Mews and East River Terrace areas, as the Department has found that the additional lanes on 94 work well, and very likely will be made permanent. New sound readings will be taken that will be by the DOT, and higher levels will put the area higher on the priority list. Walls could be built as a part of the permanent lane additions for the detour route along 280 and 94. Spring 2009 may see success in this long struggle for sound abatement
6. **4<sup>th</sup> Street Task Force:** Julie Wallace made a motion to rename the University/4th Street Task Force to 4th Street Task, and to modify the charge as follows: Monitor and help represent PPERRIA on all issues specific to the residential portion of 4th Street SE between Malcolm and the city limits, including but not limited to the Hubbard property. Motion passed without noes.
7. **Bylaw Proposed Changes:** President Poppele introduced the issue of the proposed Bylaw changes suggested in the report of the Bylaws Task Force. He described how the city is changing the way it is relating to neighborhoods, and indicated that PPERRIA needed to cooperate with those changes in order to have a say in important development issues. He described the process for changing the Bylaws, and said that this meeting would be for discussion only, and that voting on the proposed changes would take place at a later meeting, February or March. He introduced the Task Force Chairman Paul Zerby, who led the discussion on the proposed changes which generally propose opening membership to all residents and businesses, reducing the size of the PPERRIA board of directors, changing the membership of the executive committee, and changing the manner of voting at meetings of the board and membership. Members were asked to submit comments to the Committee via e-mail to Paul at [pgzerby@yahoo.com](mailto:pgzerby@yahoo.com). The Task Force will consider the comments and additional discussion will be had at a future meeting of PPERRIA before a vote is taken. Members were urged to review the proposals which were distributed in the January newsletter and are on the [pperr.org](http://pperr.org) website.
8. **Announcements:** President Poppele requested suggestions for project ideas for the Southeast Partnership Alliance (Prospect Park, Marcy-Holmes, Cedar Riverside and Como Neighborhood Associations, the University District Association, and the area business associations) that is charged with coming up with a project that would benefit the area. The Legislature has made available a fund of \$750,000 for the purpose of enhancing the southeast area and mitigating the negative affects the University has on the area.

A motion to adjourn was made by President Poppele.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betts Zerby, Secretary

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Richard Poppele, President

## PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
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
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*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 <sup>th</sup> 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: Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

### February 2008 NRP Contractor Activities 1/11/08 – 2/7/08

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
01/11/08 – 02/07/08	<b>28.00</b>	<b>\$ 672.00</b>	<b>0.3 %</b>
10/18/95 to 01/11/08	<b>10,901.16</b>	<b>\$190,227.15</b>	<b>98.7 %</b>
10/18/95 to 02/07/08	<b>10,929.16</b>	<b>\$190,899.15</b>	<b>99.1 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services =  
\$192,661.45. \$3175.15 remains.

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, February 21	6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.
		Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, February 25	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.
		Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, February 27	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Judy Horns, 88 Orlin Ave SE, 379-7247.
		Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Wednesday, March 5	7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park
		Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, March 10	noon - 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Potluck</b> at Pratt. Bring some food to share or \$3.
		Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, March 10	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church
		Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, March 12	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.
		Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.
		Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, March 20	6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.
		Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday March 24	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.
		Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, March 26	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Gratia Reynolds, 70 Orlin Ave SE, 331-5312.
		Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436

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Road Improvement  
Association, Inc.  
66 SE Malcolm Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
612/331-2970 (voice mail)

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**Proposed amendments to the Bylaws**.....continued from p.1

**Art. IV, D**, first bullet: revise to read *“Recruit candidates for the Board of Directors from a list provided by the Membership Committee.”*

**Art IV, D**: second bullet, change “on” to “one”

**Art. IV, E**: end of first paragraph change from “who may” to “*who shall*”

**Art. V, A**: at the end of the first paragraph insert *“invited to remain”* between “membership” and “in attendance.”

**Art. V, E**: add to the end of the section: *“Reporting the outcome of any voting for the purpose of informing policy or public decisions concerning Prospect Park shall include both the Board vote and the membership vote including the respective number of votes.”*

**Motion to Amend Proposed Bylaws forwarded by Task Force without recommendation:**

**Art. V, E**: delete the last sentence of the third paragraph and replace with *“After any non-unanimous vote any member may request a separate vote of the Board of Directors. Both votes shall be recorded in the minutes and in any written correspondence to outside bodies.”*