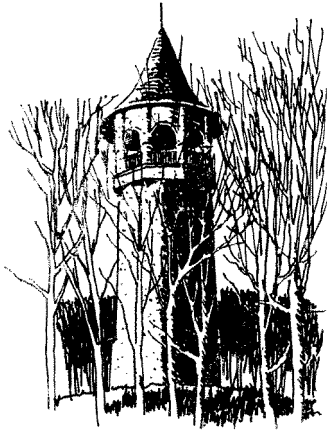


PPERRIA News – February 2012

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting

Monday, February 27th

7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.**

Come early for treats and talk – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

*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.*

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FEBRUARY AGENDA:

- Report on business outreach
- Marriage Amendment Resolution
- Committee reports

Your current PPERRIA officers:

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V. President: Christina Larson – 651-329-2784...larsonchristina@gmail.com
Secretary: Karen Murdock – 340-1338.....murdock1212@gmail.com
Treasurer: Dick Kain – 379-4253.....kain@ece.umn.edu

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

A year ago PPERIA applied to the Funders Collaborative to pursue development plans for the Prospect Park station area (29th Avenue SE and University). By April, we received an award of \$60,000 through the St. Paul Foundation to carry out our proposal. The project is now essentially complete and we are writing our final report to the Funders and the Foundation. It's a good story and I'd like to share a part of it that responds to specific questions from the St Paul Foundation.

Briefly outline your original goals and objectives, as stated in your proposal, and describe progress toward achieving them. (For the Prospect Park/29th Avenue LRT Station Area, and University Avenue from the eastern gateway to Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota.)

Goals

The objective of this pre-development plan is to ensure that each parcel will reflect its gateway position and contribute to the vision for a diverse, vibrant, accessible, connected and affordable transit-oriented community through its planning and design criteria.

Objectives

PPERIA proposed a 2-track planning process to address immediate market opportunities while also developing a long-term growth framework. The objectives were to work with stakeholders and developers toward a desirable outcome.

Track 1 – A 6-month effort at developing a comprehensive Station Area/University Avenue pre-development framework that has public realm connectivity, as well as mix and intensity of residential, commercial and institutional uses.

Track 2 – A rapid 60-to-90-day exploration of development scenarios aimed at a specific property (and existing businesses) with pressing needs for space and/or seeking expansion opportunities on the avenue.

Progress

PPERIA formed a 14-member Steering Committee of stakeholders: six members from the Prospect Park Community; three local business owners; plus representatives from the University of

Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, the University District Alliance, a developer, and Seward Redesign. This committee engaged consultants for each Track.

James Dayton Design, the consultant for Track 2, worked intently with the Textile Center and the neighborhood to develop a scenario for the Textile Center envisioning four possibilities for future expansion and development of the Center. This was completed on schedule and reviewed by the community at a neighborhood Open House in August. The plan was adopted by the Textile Center's Board of Directors. It is a commitment to develop an arts-related center near the Prospect Park station that intends to attract other art-related venues: the University's Goldstein Gallery, other arts groups, and a regional library.

The Textile Center's commitment to stay and expand their facilities in the area was in direct response to the effort put forth in this project.

The consultants for Track 1 (SRF and their partners ESG Architects and James McComb LLC) began their work in June. They helped design frameworks for land-use and public domain as the core of the proposed development. Their market analysis showed a potential for a residential development of about 1500 units of work place, senior, affordable and market-rate housing. It also found a potential for about 100,000 square feet of retail/commercial and office space development. Their analysis enforced the plan for an area to include fabric and fashion-related retail.

The vision, research and framework resulting from this project has now resulted in the sale of a major property adjacent to the Prospect Park station to a developer who is planning a large residential development that conforms to the vision for the area.

Thus, adjacent properties are now more likely to be acquired for desirable purposes.

Describe the actual communities reached during the grant period. Please report on demographics such as race/ethnicity, gender, or geographic location.

Community outreach was important because community acceptance is critical to successful future development. To assure that all the deliberations of the project Steering Committee are widely understood, we have set up a website (www.prospectpark2020.org) with minutes, proceedings and material related to the project.

Residential community outreach began with the neighborhood organization, the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA), with over 700 members. Project details were discussed at monthly PPERRIA meetings, and a half-day workshop in August allowed for public feedback and comment. A feature of the workshop was a scale model of the project area that invited attendees to explore development densities and locations with moveable objects on the model board.

A major outreach program between July and September was a series of group meetings convened throughout the neighborhood. These, too, were informative and provided for discussion and feedback. Eleven meetings involved each geographic area of Prospect Park, including the Glendale community of public housing.

An Open House in December featured all the findings and recommendations from the project along with displays of maps, development objectives, market analyses and the scale model.

One community tapped by these outreach initiatives was the residents of Prospect Park. At the 2010 census, the residential population was 7,454 and, of these, 0.6% are American Indian, 16.1% Asian, 9.4% Black (mostly ethnic Somali), 4.9% other non-white, and 69.0% white. By age, 6% are seniors (65+), 12% middle age (45-65), and 22% student age (18-22).

Other communities reached were the business and landowner community and the public sector (City, County, University, Metropolitan Council). The business community is centered along SE University Avenue between the St Paul border and 27th Avenue, SE. The three members of the Steering Committee were the Textile Center (a national consortium of fiber-related arts organizations drawing 200,000 visits a year from the metropolitan area), Tierney Brothers (a locally-based IT and AV company with over 100 employees), and Prospect Park Properties (an owner of several acres surrounding the Prospect Park station, and landlord for several local businesses). Other local property owners considering future development in Prospect Park have also been contacted.

What lessons did your organization learn as a result of this grant?

The primary lesson learned from this grant is that the community cannot be passive in the face of major development. It is important to understand the real needs and desires of the community before translating that into a feasible, marketable development plan that can attract private developers. The alternative – simply reacting to proposed development without a comprehensive plan – will seldom lead to favorable results. We've seen this in the past along University Avenue.

PPERRIA's role in all of this is to develop the shared vision and to articulate it to the larger community.

In this way we can encourage favorable development. And let us be clear, this report is just the beginning. We will continue to facilitate the future development of this area in a manner that matches our PPERRIA vision.

.....Dick Poppele

PPERRIA Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2012, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Revisions to November minutes passed**
- **Crime prevention update**
- **Vote on marriage amendment postponed till February**
- **Update on Light Rail construction along University Avenue**

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 7:03 PM.

There were no new neighborhood residents or guests in attendance.

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.

The minutes of the November 2011 minutes were approved with the following changes:

- The special election held December 6 was to replace Larry Pogemiller, not Cam Gordon, in the State Senate. The December 6 vote was the primary election. The special election was held January 10.
- The following lines from the minutes were deleted:

Steve Ficker proposed extensive modifications to the October 24 minutes, to replace these two revisions to the minutes of the May meeting: Approval of the charges of the committees was not unanimous. There was one nay vote. A separate Board of Directors vote was not taken on the charges to the committees.

- The following lines were added: [before the line beginning with the words "Stu Anderson said"] Dick P. asked if members had a chance to look at some proposed corrections to the October 24 minutes.

[before the line beginning with the words "A vote was taken on adopting"] Steve F. requested permission to present his proposed modifications to the October minutes, using transparencies that he brought to the meeting. A vote was taken, instead, to discontinue discussion of his proposal; this was approved with one nay vote.

[before the line beginning with the words "Dick K. pointed out that consultants"] A separate board vote was not taken. Steve F. asked whether the report included expenditures and salaries from the Funders Collaborative grant. Dick P. said restricted funds were not accounted in the PPERRIA budget.

In the line "A vote was taken on adopting the Ficker proposals," the word "then" was added between the words "was" and "taken"

Karen Murdock said she did not think it was necessary to indicate in the secretary's minutes when a separate vote of the Board of Directors is NOT taken on any issue which the membership votes on. Such separate Board votes are rare. Votes on which the membership is unanimous do not require a separate Board vote if a quorum of the Board is present. Andy Mickel suggested that minutes from now on have a line at the beginning stating that "unless otherwise noted, a separate Board vote was not taken." Karen M. said this was a good idea and she would adopt it immediately.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by Christina Larson on behalf of Treasurer Dick Kain, was approved.

FEATURED BUSINESS

Representatives from the featured business of the month, Caspian Bistro, could not attend. Jim Widder said he hopes they can be rescheduled. Widder said that several local businesses have requested "streetscape enhancements" and he hopes to work with Prospect Park artists to draw attention to local businesses in the Park. He hopes to attract more foot and bike traffic and to encourage "carbon-neutral transit."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Miller of PPUMC requested that a member of PPERRIA watch the front door during the meetings to make sure that everybody who comes through the door is actually coming to the neighborhood monthly meeting.

Jim Widder announced that the 17th annual Fire and Ice festival will be held at Luxton Park on February 4 from 5:30 to 8 PM. It will include the traditional bonfire, so neighbors are encouraged to donate their dry Christmas trees and wreaths. Lois Willand commended Jim W. for all his work on Fire and Ice over the years. This will be Jim's last F & I since he is moving to Madison, Wisconsin. Jim said, "I'm carrying the Prospect Park ethic with me" and he hopes to get involved in his neighborhood in Madison. Heartfelt applause ensued.

Dick Poppele said that a report on the new sound wall along I-94 through Prospect Park was aired on Channel 5 tonight. He spoke for the neighbors who have complained that the sound wall made the freeway noise WORSE than it was before for residents uphill from the freeway. Scott Peterson, an engineer with MnDot, has proposed a meeting to discuss the issue. Dick P. requested that sound measurements on both sides of I-94, before and after the wall, be compared. He said that perceptions of noise can be deceiving. David Coats said the Channel 5 piece said that MnDot will take readings in the spring (when the trees leaf out and absorb some sound) and if a real problem is found then, MnDot will do something about it. Sally Jorgenson said that sound readings should be taken at different times of the day because if the reading is taken at rush hour, then cars are moving very slowly and the sound level is less than at other hours.

Lois Willand said "Twin Cities Daily Planet" (an online website with news from the Twin Cities) will be expanded. The link for Prospect Park is <http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/neighborhood/minneapolis/prospect+park>

Paul Zerby said that Arvonne Fraser has posted a report on the whole Southeast district on this website. The link is <http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/neighborhood/minneapolis/university%20district>

Dick P. said that the PERRIA president must select a chairman for the Nominating Committee at each January meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with coming up with a slate of officers and Board of Director members to be voted in at the Annual Meeting in April. Richard Adams has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Dan Craigie and Lyndsey Wollschlager will also be on the committee. An orientation session will be held for new Board members, so people who have never been on the Board are urged to consider putting their names into consideration.

Karen M. announced that she has made some magnets with an image of the witch's hat water tower from a painting done by the late Ralph Rapson (with permission from Ralph's son, Toby). Proceeds from the sale of the magnets (which cost \$1 apiece) will be donated to PERRIA. Karen said she has only a very limited supply of 140 of these magnets for sale and she urged people to buy them tonight.

Betts Zerby said that a limited supply of historical maps of Prospect Park is also available. This map is on display at the Schneider Drug Store. Maps can be purchased from Betts.

Meredith Poppele thanked Tamara Johnson for providing refreshments tonight.

Cam Gordon said that he brought some copies of his monthly newsletter; members can pick those up on the back table.

CRIME PREVENTION UPDATE

Nick Juarez, Crime Prevention Specialist, 2nd Precinct, came with magnets showing curfew hours for youngsters in Minneapolis, maps of crime in Prospect Park, and a handout on police services. There are about 800 to 900 "911" calls to the 2nd Precinct each week. All calls to 911 and 311 get plotted on maps. These computer maps of crimes and possible trouble spots are examined each week to help the police to determine where to deploy officers on the streets. Major crimes in Prospect Park showed significant reductions in the year 2011, a trend Nick attributed to the e-list and the rejuvenation of block clubs. He said the most important thing to do to deter crime is to "get people looking out for each other." A "Strategic Compliance Team" of police officers, U of M representatives, and city inspection officers has been to some extent responsible for significant drops in "noisy and unruly assemblies" in the area near the U in the past two years. Nick would like block club leaders to be notified of all crimes reported on their block. Most crimes are "unsolvable" because there are no suspects and no DNA evidence left at the scene. Steve Cross said that a lot of property crimes such as theft from automobiles are not reported; he felt that all crimes should be reported by the victims since a pattern might emerge which might enable police to catch the thief or thieves. Henry Keshi asked why crime spikes up in the Park in May and October. Nick replied that many people who are new to the neighborhood arrive as new students at the U of M in the fall. They are not familiar with the area and are more susceptible to crime than long-time residents. In May, the weather gets warmer and people start leaving windows and doors opened, creating more opportunity for theft. Most thefts from houses are "unforced entry" in which a window fan or an air-conditioner are pushed in, enabling a thief to get into a house. Nick urged that the "case number" from 911 or 311 calls be included on e-list reports of crimes in PP.

LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Jessica Hill from the Central Corridor Project Office, gave a PowerPoint presentation on construction of the LRT through Prospect Park. Ames-McCrosson is the contractor for the Minneapolis side of the line. The Prospect Park/29th Avenue station and the area around it will be under construction in 2012. A lot of the trees currently planted along University Avenue are ash and are, or soon will be, under attack by the emerald ash borer. These trees will be taken down and replaced with three different species of tree: Discovery elm, Honeylocust, and Bicolor oak. The LRT project is on schedule. Construction will recommence on March 1 if the snow is gone then and will be substantially finished in the Park by November 30, 2012. A pedestrian crossing over University Avenue will be added at 29th Avenue. One lane of vehicle traffic will be open in each direction during construction. More details will be presented at the February PERRIA meeting. The PowerPoint presentation given by Jessica will be linked to the PERRIA website. David C. asked about the possible "realignment" of Bedford Street so that the sections north and south of University might be lined up. Peter Wagenius of Mayor Rybak's office said that the city of Minneapolis was trying to get some money to accomplish this realignment from the "contingency" funds for LRT construction; failing this, the city might pay for this anyway since this is the only opportunity for the foreseeable future to achieve this and the intersection will be torn up anyway to bring the train line through.

Florence Littman said that the new "transitway" on Washington Avenue created a hardship for people who are "transit-dependent." It is very difficult to get to Boynton Health Service since there are no bus stops nearby. Jessica said that streets owned by the U of M do not allow MTC buses to travel on them; she would like to see a system of shuttle buses set up to increase bus service between the U of M and MTC buses.

Julie Wallace said she thought the Central Corridor project should sponsor a "golden spike" ceremony when the line is completed and she would like this celebration to be held right out in front of KSTP on the city line.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATE CONSTITUTION (information)

Joy DeHarpporte, who is a resident of Saint Paul and a longtime member of Prospect Park United Methodist Church, said that in November Minnesotans will be asked to vote to change the state constitution to ban marriages between same-sex couples. She urged people to vote against this amendment and brought an informational handout about the issue. A fundraiser will be held at PPUMC in February to raise money for "Minnesota United" (MNUnited.org), which is working to defeat the amendment. Steve Cross asked what polls of Minnesotans have said about how residents of the state feel on the issue. Joy said the current polls show about a 50/50 split.

Paul Z. said that this is a moral question. He moved that the Prospect Park neighborhood express its opposition to the amendment by adopting this resolution: "PPERRIA takes a position opposing the denial of civil rights to gay and lesbian citizens." This motion passed with one nay vote. A separate vote of the Board of Directors was taken and passed with three members opposed.

Lois W. said that the e-list has to be very careful to avoid political issues. Joy D. said that issues can be discussed at a church but candidates for office cannot be endorsed or opposed.

PPERRIA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Betts Zerby of the **Membership and Communication Committee** commended the work of Jim Widder in surveying local businesses and Steve Cross in revitalizing neighborhood block clubs.

Dick Brownlee of the **Zoning and Land Use Committee** said that anyone who wants to join this committee should contact him at dickbrownl@mac.com

Joe Ring of the **Historic District Committee** said that Dennis Gardner is the new head historian at the State Historic Preservation Office. Joe will make a presentation regarding the Prospect Park historic district in February before SHPO. Bob Roscoe has finished preparing a handout on "conservation districts" in Minneapolis.

Dick Gilyard of the **Master Plan and Transit Committee** said that the Textile Center has now definitely decided to remain in Prospect Park. Plans are being drawn up for the future expansion of the Center. Cornerstone Developers has signed a purchase agreement for the "Boeser site" (2901 4th Street, to the north of the old Kemps site).

Dick P. said that Rob Nordin of the **Organizational Development Committee** has been obliged to resign as chairman of this committee due to new job responsibilities. "Give to the Max Day" in November netted PPERRIA about \$2200. A year-end fund-raising letter was sent out to 350 people in Prospect Park in December; this resulted in 50 responses netting \$2600 in contributions. The year 2011 saw about \$6000 in donations to PPERRIA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

A PPERRIA shout-out to our Business Members!

*Affinity Plus Credit Union
American Cancer Society Hope Lodge
Anytime Fitness
*Apropos
Rick Bergman
*Caspian Bistro
*Days Inn
Grassroots Solutions
Green Spoon
*The Hub Bicycle Co-op
Jon Magnuson
*Mark-It Graphics
Metro Petro

Profile Events Center
Prospect Park Properties
*Signature Cafe
SKB
Southeast Auto Service
SWIM of ESNS, Inc.
Tea House
U Garden Restaurant
*University Commons
University Flats Condominium Assn.
University Good Samaritan
*University Village

*Denotes new member

Jim Widder is one of three contractors engaged by PPERRIA in 2011. His specific charge was outreach to the neighborhood business community. Over time, for reasons real or imagined, PPERRIA acquired a reputation for being anti-business. Following is a summary of Jim's efforts to date. His full report will be presented at our February 27th meeting.the editor

PPERRIA Community Outreach Program For Business Engagement James Widder

The first stage of the business engagement portion of the community outreach program has been completed during the month of January and I recently made a report to the executive committee. The program involved interviews with over 100 business managers, owners and business association leaders across the Prospect Park neighborhood. I learned a lot of information about the background information, issues and concerns of area businesses, as well as ideas to help define and improve the University Avenue Prospect Park business district. The accomplishments of the first stage of the work are:

- Update our current business directory to 2012 census
- Solicit input from area business on how the neighborhood could best support them
- Sponsor a design workshop with University of Minnesota Design and Urban studies students on how to improve the streetscape and pedestrian experience along University
- Improve relations with surrounding area business associations and businesses who employ over 1200 people from around the Twin Cities
- Improve access to and features of PPERRIA website relating to business information including the Coopon: Local market cooperative link to assist businesses with marketing and promotion
- Developing ideas to promote local businesses and district identification

The work of the first stage of improving engagement with businesses and building owners i.e. learning about business needs and ideas around improving the commercial district, leads up to a second stage of work focused on developing fundraising and grant opportunities to take action steps on district improvement. The current concepts include:

- **AVEmosphere:** Art in the Marketplace- district wide artist/ business collaboration to improve the streetscape within the Prospect Park district in conjunction with marketing campaign
- Continuing development of the Coopon website as an outlet for building community support for local businesses
- Prospect park business member storefront decals and signage
- Earthday cleanup of University Avenue sidewalks and boulevards
- Business leader forum for input on elements of district improvements

The outreach program is also looking for further input on additional ways to help better define the Prospect park district and improve the streetscape and pedestrian experience. Please forward additional ideas to: jwidder@comcast.net

<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.

HOME IMPROVEMENT HELP

South Minneapolis Housing Fair

“Home Improvement: Found Space” is a talk offered at Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S., Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. South Minneapolis homeowners who would like to get more usable space from a home without expanding its footprint can see how a designer does it.

“Before and after case histories will amaze you and start you thinking about the hidden potential of your home,” said Fred Peters of F&P Remodeling by Design, seminar presenter.

March 6, 6:30 p.m., Bob Buck of Buck Brothers Construction will present “When should I contact a contractor?” at the East Lake library, 2727 East Lake Street, for homeowners who want to make changes but are not sure where to begin, or those thinking of tackling a DIY project. Learn how the pieces of the construction puzzle fit together, and how to work with today’s professionals to stretch dollars.

The talks are offered as a warm-up to the South Minneapolis Housing Fair. The Fair, Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. is at South High School, 3131 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407. There, dozens of home improvement professionals, finance people and artisan trades gather under one roof. The popular, free information fair is in its 18th year, a project of several south Minneapolis neighborhood organizations. In addition to exhibits, several workshops will be offered in two sessions that day.

“We’re excited to partner with the Hennepin County libraries to highlight their helpful home improvement books,” said Fair coordinator Margo Ashmore. “We’ll have a recommended reading list at the talks and in the South Minneapolis Housing Fair directory.” For more information, visit www.housingfair.org or Facebook, or call [612-867-4874](tel:612-867-4874).

MARCH 31 – FREE ARCHITECT CONSULTATIONS

The University District Alliance will sponsor a free Architect Day on Saturday, March 31, at Van Cleve Community Center, 901 15th Ave. SE, for homeowners in Alliance neighborhoods – Como, Marcy-Holmes, Prospect Park, and Cedar-Riverside. Architects will be available for free consultations, to discuss remodeling and landscaping ideas for upgrading homesteaded property, and to advise on cost and timing issues.

Consultations are by appointment only. The link to the online appointment form will be available through neighborhood and Alliance web sites by March 1. Bring scale drawings and any relevant photos or other information about your home, and your ideas and questions about improvements to your home or landscape.

Previous Architect Days got rave reviews from attendees who received professional advice on plans for remodeling, additions, accessibility issues, and landscape design. Here’s an opportunity to get your next project started.

.....Julie Wallace

LETTERS – HOW OTHERS SEE US

Courtesy of the e-list and Lois Willand

Cher Lindberg writes:

"I was often outside working in my garden last summer when I talked to Rich (a substitute postman for our neighborhood) a few times. He's the curly, dark-haired guy who fills in for Tim, our regular postman.

I found out Rich is an intelligent West Point graduate who had a successful military career, then went on to become a mortgage broker. When the bottom of the mortgage industry fell out he answered an on-line ad to become a postman. He describes himself as a former 'Roly-poly banker' who lost 43 pounds by walking 5 miles a day delivering mail. He's a funny guy.

He said to an outsider it looks like everybody knows what's going on in the neighborhood all the time. They find out instantly about lost cats, found keys, people moving, neighborhood meetings, turkeys roaming around, car break-ins, rooms for rent... He couldn't believe how well connected the neighbors were. I told him it was because of the neighborhood elist which acts like a bulletin board for all of us. [To which I, Lois-the-list-keeper, adds that it was also because the people in Prospect Park really care about what's going on in their neighborhood and with their neighbors.]

I called to ask his permission to repeat what he said about our neighborhood being "Positively Tribal". He laughed. He didn't mind.

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as “the PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar”)

*To include items in the PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wed, March 7th** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 612-859-4960*

Communications Committee meetings: Thursdays, February 23rd and March 22nd, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697.

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meetings: Mondays, February 27th, and March 26th, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Administration Committee meetings: Thursdays, March 8th, and April 5th, 7pm, PPERRIA Office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Organizational Development Committee meetings (Tentative): Wednesdays, March 7th, and April 4th, 7pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meetings: Mondays, March 12th and April 9th, 7 pm. PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call President Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Garden Club Potluck meetings: Wednesdays, 6:30pm February 22nd (at the home of Judy Horns, 88 Orlin Ave SE, 379-7247) and March 28th (at the home of Jean Bauer, 209 Bedford Street SE, 379-7380).

Glendale Residents Council meeting: Friday, March 23rd, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net.

Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative): Tuesday, February 21st, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Contact Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

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

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

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Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups

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| Prospect Park LRT Area Plan | Dick Gilyard John DeWitt Dick Poppele | rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net jdewitt@comcast.net dick@umn.edu | 362-8995 338-1871 378-9242 |
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| History Project | Betts Zerby | ejzerby@yahoo.com | 379-8095 |
| Landscape, Garden Club | Mary Alice Kopf | mollisk@usewireless.com | 379-7436 |
| Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project | Paula Denman | pjdenman@comcast.net | 338-1871 |

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

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| Education & Human Services | Contact: Jerry Stein or Chuck Holtman |
| 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, |

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

We're on the Web!
See us at:
<http://pperr.org>

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FYI:

If you are on the neighborhood e-list you will have noticed that Lois Willand, our e-list maven, is back on the job, with a new hip. And kudos to John Wike for filling in during Lois' recovery.

From *PRATT PRESS* – and the desk of Pratt School Principal Anne Wade:

Save the date: On the 4th Tuesday of each month, a parent forum is held in Room 10B. A specific topic is presented by a community or district expert. Check out the topics and the dates and plan to attend. The parent forum is sponsored by Pratt Community School and Community Education at Pratt.

For more information, contact Principal Wade or Jan Thurn.

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