

PPERRIA news



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agenda

PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting

Monday, February 25th 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Refreshments at 6:30 PM

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Corner of Orlin & Malcolm Avenues SE

1. Review and Approval of Consent Agenda
(All items are found in the newsletter and should be reviewed by Board Members prior to the meeting)
 - a. Transit Committee Report
 - b. Historic Committee Report
 - c. Master Plan Committee Report
 - d. Zoning and Project Review Committee Report
 - e. Soundwall Report
 - f. MemComm Report
2. Review & Approval of Meeting Agenda
3. Announcements and Reminders
 - a. Nominating Committee, Contact Andy Mickel
4. Approval of January minutes
5. Reports
 - a. SEMCOL's Annual Report to PPERRIA
 - b. Admin Committee Report
 - i. Treasurer's Report
 - ii. Update on CPP Submission
 - c. Zoning & Project Review
 - i. Draft Liquor License Policy for PPERRIA
 - d. Bylaws Task Force Report
 - i. Proposed Changes
 - e. Retreat Planning Task Force Report
6. Adjourn

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact Jessica Buchberger at pperiastaff@gmail.com or 612.643.1443. We will make every attempt to meet that need.

about

PPERRIA is the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association — the oldest neighborhood association in Minneapolis. Organized in 1901, PPERRIA was born out of the opposition to the city proposal to level Prospect Park hill, and ever since our neighborhood, through PPERRIA, has embraced controversial issues be it the I-94 freeway construction in the 1960's, school closings in the 1970's, the repaving project in the early 1980's, safety and security lighting of the late 1990's, or Central Corridor Light Rail in the current day. All Prospect Park and East River Road neighbors and businesses are eligible to join.

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PPERRIA news is the official monthly newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association with a mission to brief membership in advance of the monthly Board of Directors/Membership meeting.

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notes

Notes from the President's Desk

It's 2013, and the new year is underway! I hope you have all kept warm and managed to stay safe through the rain, sleet, and dark of night that our crazy Minnesota weather has thrown at us this winter.

Fire and Ice at Luxton Park was a great success! The horses were a hit with children and former children alike. For many of the young ones, it was their very first live horse. Kudos to the Luxton Park staff and volunteers for a wonderful midwinter event.

Have you given thought to how you would like to shape our neighborhood this year? If so, we invite you to run for the Board of Directors. *Andy Mickel* and the rest of the Nominating Committee will be recruiting candidates for Director positions and for Officer positions. (Hint: We could use some more people interested in ongoing leadership!) We will also be having a Board retreat this year for current Directors and those interested in becoming Directors, to provide training and alignment with PPERRIA's strategic vision.

We have wonderful people who are volunteering time and energy to our neighborhood. If you get a chance, thank them. Even something as simple as setting up a first meeting of a new Task Force can be more convoluted than it seems.

Our annual PPERRIA membership meeting will be held in April, as always. Even if you are not interested in a formal role within PPERRIA's committees or on the Board of Directors, please attend and tell us what's important to you! Stay tuned for more details.

—your cheerful PPERRIA President, *Christina Larson*

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minutes

PPERRIA Monthly Board Meeting

September 2012

Approved November 26, 2012

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 *Christina Larson* at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 24. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kilton announced that the annual neighborhood clean-up will be held Saturday, September 29. *Christina Larson* said that voting on proposed amendments to the PPERRIA bylaws has been postponed for input from the city of Minneapolis. In a review of the Citizen Participation Program, the city noticed some “red flags” in the bylaws of several neighborhood organizations.

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE

Joy Miciano of Ames-McCrossan said that construction of the Central Corridor light rail project is on schedule. Some “rail strings” have been installed.

RESPONSIBLE BANKING PETITION

Carolyn Belle, Sandra Levine and *Dave Snyder* moved that the membership support a “Minneapolis Responsible Banking Petition” which would require that large banks which do business with the city disclose their “financial footprint” in the community (disclosing such things as small business loans, community development loans and home foreclosures by zip code). This petition was supported on a voice vote of the membership.

UPDATE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Bob Roscoe (1401 East River Road) said he heads a neighborhood committee (Prospect Park Conservation Guidelines Group) which is dedicated to developing a “conservation district ordinance” in the city of Minneapolis. Other members of the committee are *Phil Anderson, Richard Adams, Dick Poppele, Joe Ring, Mary-Alice Kopf, and Dick Gilyard*. A “conservation district” will not be the same thing as an “historic district.” A handout passed out to the membership explained these differences.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with one addition and one spelling correction and will be printed in the next PPERRIA newsletter.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report by *Lindsey Wollschlager* was not printed for review tonight but was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Copies will be brought to the October meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dick Poppele of the Administration Committee said that *Joyce Barta* has resigned from her position with PPERRIA and has been replaced by *Jessica Bushburger*.

John DeWitt of the Transit Committee said that a task force on parking in Prospect Park has been formed.

Dick Gilyard of the Master Plan Committee reported a growing interest in corridor development by the McKnight Foundation, the U Foundation, major developers such as *Ray Harris*, and the Hubbard property owners. *Dick G.* said that the PP2020 organization has received some recommendations and has reported to the Master Plan Committee that PP2020 will need a more permanent standing, perhaps somewhat further removed from the neighborhood. He said McKnight in consultation indicated that it can support PP2020 if the organization has a different status.

Dick said that PP2020 has been exploring new models, such as a CDC, and is in transition to be able to receive funding from multiple sources. He said the intent is to be the guardian of the neighborhood vision. He said one developer is fond of calling PP2020, at this stage, the honest broker in the deal, as it has no property and no money—which is a big problem.

Dick G. said PP2020 has already spent about \$120K, which included initial funding from Funders Collaborative, Hennepin County and local business and property owners. PP2020 was out of money early this year, and had gone to the McKnight Foundation with a potential \$300K budget. McKnight said it could help in a very significant way, and maybe do quite a bit if PP2020 transitioned from a loose organization and brought in other funders. *Dick G.* said that in the meantime, to keep things moving forward, McKnight has already sent \$75,000 to PPERRIA.

Paul Zerby asked that the budget of “Prospect Park 2020” be brought to the October meeting of PPERRIA; since the PP2020 money flows through PPERRIA, the Board of Directors of PPERRIA is ultimately responsible for these funds.

Paul Z. proposed a motion that the neighborhood supports the efforts to get a grocery store in Prospect Park and to get a brewery at the location of the old potato processing site in SEMI, provided any pub in connection with the brewery be consistent with neighborhood values. *Paul* said his proposal was aimed at, but should not be limited to, Trader Joe’s and Surly Brewing. The motion passed unanimously and can be considered a Board vote, a quorum being present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock
PPERRIA Secretary

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minutes

PPERRIA Monthly Board Meeting

October 2012

Approved January 26, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association, held in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church on Monday, October 24, was called to order at 7 PM by past president *Dick Poppele*. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

The consent agenda, including committee reports printed in the October newsletter, was adopted. The agenda was approved with the addition of *Dick Gilyard's* suggestion that adjournment be at 7:55 (to enable people to get home in time to hear the last of the Presidential debates).

FEATURED BUSINESS

Spire Credit Union (formerly Twin Cities Coop Credit Union) has been located in Prospect Park since 1934 (at the corner of Malcolm and University).

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE

Joy Miciano of Ames-McCrossan said November 30 will be the "substantial completion date" for work on the light rail project through Prospect Park.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Dick Poppele gave some of the highlights of the CPP report (which was emailed to PPERRIA board members). The CPP is a city program which provides grants to individual neighborhoods. The grant to Prospect Park for the first year was \$40,000.

SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC ART

Dick Gilyard presented the following motion: The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association strongly supports Cornerstone Group's application to the City of Minneapolis for a Public Art Grant directed to the inclusion of public art in the development of their Boeser site project and/or along 4th Street SE. The motion passed with one "nay" vote. Since the "nay" vote was cast by a non-Board member, this vote can be considered a Board vote, a quorum being present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report by *Lindsey Wollschlager*, including a spreadsheet of expenditures by the Prospect Park 2020 group, was submitted for audit.

MINUTES

Steve Ficker proposed extensive changes to the September minutes, as passed out at this meeting. A motion to table the discussion of the September minutes passed with one "nay" vote but cannot be considered a Board vote, a quorum of the Board no longer being present at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julie Wallace of the Prospect Park Construction Communication Committee said the triangles at Malcolm and Clarence have been restored but the one at Malcolm has been substantially reduced in size. When LRT construction is finished there will be three "through" intersections, at 29th Avenue, Malcolm Avenue, and Bedford Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock
PPERRIA Secretary

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PPERRIA Monthly Board Meeting

November 2012

Approved January 26, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association, held in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church on Monday, November 26, was called to order at 7:17 PM by President *Christina Larson*. She thanked *Lindsey Wollschlager* for providing refreshments. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meredith Poppele said she is resigning her position as coordinator of refreshments and asked that somebody else step forward to take on this job.

FEATURED BUSINESS

Ben Fulner-Erickson of The Hub Bike Coop (located in Stadium Village in the Oak Street parking ramp) gave an overview of the business (website www.thehubbikecoop.org).

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE

Joy Miciano of Ames-McCrossan (one of the construction contractors for the LRT line) said that work on the light rail project through Prospect Park is almost complete. If any residents see things that need fixing, they should call the LRT hotline at (651) 602-1404.

MUNICIPAL UTILITY PROPOSAL

Robin Garwood, aide to City Council Member *Cam Gordon*, gave a presentation on municipal utilities and the Minneapolis Energy Options Campaign (website www.MinneapolisEnergyOptions.org). MEOC is a coalition of neighborhood and environmental groups whose goal is to make electrical and gas energy more affordable and more renewable.

Steve Cross moved the following resolution of endorsement:

PPERRIA supports the Minneapolis Energy Options campaign to keep the city's energy options open, and believes that Minneapolis should pursue an energy future with cleaner, affordable, reliable, and more local energy. We support a ballot measure that would give the city the authority to establish a municipal utility if it can prove through careful analysis that it would provide cleaner power, as affordable energy, as good or

better reliability, and more local energy production. To support Minneapolis Energy Options we will tell our members, neighbors and friends about the city's energy options and what they and we can do.

The resolution passed with one nay vote and can be considered a Board vote, a quorum being present.

ZONING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

John Wicks of the Zoning and Project Review Committee reported on a proposed reuse and rezoning for the former Bruce Printing site at 27th and University Avenues (316 27th Avenue). The parcel is currently zoned I-1 (Industrial 1). The Plasma Center (currently located at 316 Washington Avenue) will be forced out of its location by the construction of the WaHu housing project and would like to buy the former Bruce Printing building and expand its operation. However, this would require that the parcel be rezoned from I-1 to C-4 (Commercial 4). The rezoning would be incompatible with the long-term goals of the Stadium Village and Prospect Park 2020 plans. *Lindsey Wollschlager* moved the following: ***PPERRIA opposes the rezoning of the northwest corner of University and 27th avenues to C-4.*** *John Wicks* wrote a letter to the city opposing the rezoning. The letter was read aloud. *Dick Poppele* moved the following: ***PPERRIA endorses the letter from the Zoning and Project Review Committee.*** *Dick Kain* moved the following: ***PPERRIA is opposed to any rezoning to C-4 in Prospect Park.*** All three of these motions passed unanimously and can be considered Board votes, a quorum being present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report by *Lindsey Wollschlager* was submitted for audit.

MINUTES

Steve Ficker proposed changes to the September minutes. Three of the four paragraphs Steve proposed were added to the minutes on a Board vote of 11-8. The September minutes were then approved with two nay votes. After this, several members left the meeting and a quorum of the Board was no longer present. Therefore, no more business could be transacted, including consideration of the October minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock
PPERRIA Secretary

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minutes

PPERRIA Executive Committee

January 14, 2013

Start: 6:45 PM

Attendees

Christina Larson, President; Lindsey Wollschlager, Treasurer; Karen Murdock, Secretary; Paul Zerby, Membership and Communications; Joe Ring, Historic District; Dick Browlee, Zoning; Lois Willand, Membership and Communications; Dick Poppele, Immediate Past President; Dick Gilyard, Master Planning; Eric Amel, Newsletter Editor; John DeWitt, Transit; Jessica Buchberger, Staff. The position of Vice President is vacant.

Motion to approve minutes from December 10, 2012 with minor edits for clarification.

Treasurer's Report

Lindsey Wollschlager and Dick Poppele have continued to investigate the funding records to clear up any discrepancy in the reporting and that the proper deposits have been attributed to the correct account, specifically for the choir funds. The report has shown there is \$1,500 more in the choir account than previous, and the accounts have for the most part been corrected for PPERRIA. There is still some investigation to take place to completely resolve the discrepancies, but for the most part the problem has been solved. Treasurer's Report approved unanimously.

Membership/Communications Report

— *Lois Willand*

Hedberg Maps is making a U of M pocket map and has contacted PPERRIA about sponsorship. The map company is looking for detail, input, and sponsors. The Membership and Communication Committee will discuss suggestions and possible avenues for sponsoring the map at their next meeting.

Administration Committee Report

— *Dick Poppele*

For the CPP grant we need an employment policy and a ADA policy, drafts have been included in the written report. Comments are welcome from the Board on these policies, and will be brought to the Board for approval in February. Admin Committee is also looking for budgets from every committee by the

end of the month in order to submit the CPP Grant application. We have an extension on the Tax Form 990 until March 2013.

Historic District Committee Report

— *Joe Ring*

Our application for the National Historic Designation has been submitted. We are waiting for a draft of the proposed Conservation District Ordinance from the City Planner *John Smoley*. If it is not received by the target date of January 15 *Joe Ring* will be contacting City Council Member *Cam Gordon* for help in moving the application forward. *Peter LaSha* unfortunately passed away last month, and there is concern that the City may recommend/require demolition due to the condition of the house.

Master Plan Committee Report

— *Dick Gilyard*

The Master Plan Committee did not meet in December except for the previously reported meeting held with representatives of Surly, Cornerstone Group, Wall Development and the Textile Center. The next Master Plan meeting will be on January 23 after a City meeting about the Sound Wall. Many Master Plan members will be meeting with the Zoning and Project Review Committee on the 15th.

Transit Committee Report

— *John DeWitt*

Metro Transit is putting up signs on every station about the neighborhood that the station is within. It will be about 2 paragraphs (80~ words). It started on Raymond and is moving Westward.

Zoning and Project Review Committee

— *Dick Brownlee*

Met December 4th and discussed the status of the WaHu project and the Plasma Center relocation issue. The Plasma Center is not planning on appealing the decision made by the City Council denying the zoning change request. *Clay Lambert* has requested PPERRIA send a letter of support for Metro Petro in receiving a grant from the St. Paul Housing and Re-development Authority that he was previously denied. He was not granted the forgivable loan because of the business meeting/exceeding the amount of revenue for a qualified business. Lambert is working with *Cam Gordon* to reapply. PPERRIA Exec Committee is requesting he draft a letter that PPERRIA can edit and vote upon. The motion passed with 10 yays and 1 abstaining from the vote. *Karen Murdock* will follow up with Lambert.

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Prospect Park 2020 Update

— Dick Poppele

PP2020 is applying to get non profit 501(c)(3) status, which is a much more detailed procedure than when PPERRIA applied. PP2020 is building up its board to best accomplish the application. The governing board has been meeting twice a month to set the priorities and plans of PP2020. The group has met with several developers and potential buyers of the property available in Prospect Park. Thus far the majority of the developers expressing interest in Prospect Park have been the kind of developers we want in the neighborhood. PP2020 will continue to ensure the development is beneficial to the neighborhood, especially when considering waste and waste water management. The PP2020 team presented to the McKnight Foundation last week, and was denied more funding from the Foundation. The Foundation would like to see more involvement from the University of Minnesota on these projects before funding is restored. The University of Minnesota Foundation has recently begun a real estate division, which PP2020 has met with to begin planning together.

Unfortunately because of the lack of funds PP2020 staff has been laid off, and PP2020 is in the process of contacting the landlord to negotiate a reduced rent. PP2020 would like to use *Jessica Buchberger* for some administrative duties to fill in her hours until more funding can be found. A motion to allow this was made and seconded. An amendment was offered up to use the remaining monies currently allotted to staff to support PP2020 jointly until the end of PPERRIA's fiscal year, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Another amendment was offered up to report this motion to the board as an Executive Committee decision, which was seconded and passed unanimously. The motion as it stands: The Administrative Assistant's time will be used to jointly support PPERRIA and PP2020 until the end of the fiscal year, and must be reported to the Board of Directors as a decision of the Executive Committee, and the staff member will not exceed the budgeted amount of hours. The motion passed with 9 yays and 2 nays.

Central Corridor 106 Parking Survey

— Joe Ring

The parking survey needs to take place soon so PPERRIA can look at it and cover the criteria for the neighborhood. *Joe Ring* would like to start pushing to get the survey started before the Light Rail starts running. The agreement is that the survey has to be done by a certified historian. They will document current conditions, and then a year after the start of operations they will need to determine if there has been a significant change in available parking. Should there be a significant change they will need to provide recommendations. The Executive Committee has given *Joe Ring* their blessing to push the survey forward.

Bylaws Task Force

— Dick Poppele

The Task Force has met and considered the changes needed for the CPP grant. They have totalled five changes to present to the Board of Directors. The City has revised its recommendations to the Bylaws Task Force immediately prior to this meeting. They do not object to the requirement to be a PPERRIA member for at least a year in order to be on the Board. It is removed from the Bylaws Task Force's recommended changes at this time. Also, in voting, "Anyone attending who is eligible for membership, whether or not he or she is then a member of record, may vote on any question. The result of any vote is conclusively presumed to be that of the Board of Directors." A motion was made that the bylaws Task Force materials are adopted as modified, passed unanimously and will be presented to the Board of Directors. The Task Force will remain active until further notice.

Other Business

Previous discussions in Exec have included how to change the structure of the Board of Directors meeting to make it more efficient; to have a retreat with the Board of Directors to discuss the status of PPERRIA and its governing body; among other things. A Board Retreat will need to be discussed at the monthly meeting, before doing so it must be decided what topics must be covered, the structure of the retreat, why we would do this, and what we hope to get out of the retreat. *Karen Murdock* will convene the Retreat Planning Task Force, *Richard Gilyard*, *Lindsey Wollschlager*, and *Dick Poppele* will be founding members of the Task Force. They shall present their case for a retreat at the January PPERRIA Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM

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committee reports

Membership & Communication Committee Report

February 2013

Lois Willand, Co-Chair

Student Outreach

We will have a Prospect Park presence at the U of M Off Campus Housing Fair on February 12.

We submitted an application for CURA CGIS grant to do a mapping project of the rental properties in Prospect Park.

Jan. 27: met with U of M Student Liaisons as part of their Prospect Park tour, gave info. about Prospect Park and PPERRIA.

Feb. 7: planned neighborhood outreach day: U Garden Restaurant, 24 attended: some regular PPERRIA folks, some residents who came for the sociability, including students. Enthusiastic responses, asking where we'll meet next month.

Future

Define houses that are student rentals vs. longterm rentals. *Lois Willand* volunteered to do this. Use CURA CGIS student project for this?

Hedberg map

Somali translation of welcome brochure

Restaurant lunches

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Transit Committee Report

February 2013

John DeWitt, Chair

Hennepin County will be redecking the Franklin Avenue bridge "soon" with HNTB as the project manager. I've been told that it will be more like the Ford Parkway bridge when completed. This spring, we'll be pulling together a neighborhood task force to provide input on the project.

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Zoning and Project Review Report

February 2013

Dick Brownlee, Chair

On January 15th, the Zoning and Project Review Committee and the Planning Committee met in joint session with Planning Commissioner *Ted Tucker* about possible City zoning code updates specifically in regard to form-based zoning concepts.

At the conclusion of Ted's presentation, the Zoning and Project Review Committee continued with discussion of 1) the CSL Plasma Center relocation issue; 2) a first draft of a proposed PERRIER Liquor License Policy; 3) Zoning and Project Review Committee charges for the year; 4) Committee Budget for the year.

In addition to the monthly meeting, the committee is working to prepare a letter, as requested by the Board, in regard to the proposed Dinkytown redevelopment proposal.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, February 12th, at 7:00pm, at the PPERRIA office.

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Sound Wall Task Force Report

February 2013

Bob Sykora, Chair

LOBIS is short for "Lots O' Butts In Seats"! LOBIS is how we've been able to get and keep MnDOT's attention, and how we've been successful in having them contract with URS to do sound measurements and modeling. If we're going to get a good result out of this thing, LOBIS is how we're going to do it!

NEXT MEETING WITH MnDOT & URS: Tuesday Feb 12th, 6PM Cabrini.

An updated mitigation study document will be available for inspection at the February PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, augmented with the ideas you've sent me since the first draft. Thank you: you are a creative bunch. Hope to see you on Tuesday at Cabrini.

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committee reports

Master Plan Committee Report

February 11, 2013

Dick Gilyard, Chair

Committee Charge

Develop a Master Plan for the Prospect Park neighborhood that will preserve and reinforce the intrinsic character, scale and historic architectural fabric of the neighborhood while encouraging infill that is bold, imaginative and uniquely appropriate to its context; a plan and strategy that represents a proactive stance toward maintaining and developing a sustainable, diverse community.

Formbased Zoning

On Jan. 15, the Master Plan Committee, together with the zoning and project review committee, heard a presentation and participated in a discussion regarding formbased zoning with *Ted Tucker*, the University District Alliance president and City of Minneapolis Planning Commission member. There were many questions regarding advantages and potential issues associated with this planning tool, but there was an endorsement of the City of Minneapolis proposal to explore, in partnership with the University District Alliance, how this approach might be of benefit to the neighborhoods of the District.

Sharing of Resources Between Alliance Partners

Phillip Kelly of the Alliance Vision and Planning Committee described an Alliance initiative to identify the collective talent, expertise and planning process tools residing in the neighborhoods of the District with the goal of facilitating the sharing and application of these resources to projects throughout the District.

The Master Plan Committee met on January 23rd to review, discuss and act on the following agenda items:

Prospect Park 2020 Overview

An overview of planning and development activities was presented; Surly Brewing, Cornerstone Development, Textile Center and Goldstein museum projects are each advancing through various funding and planning phases. All are moving in a positive direction.

Prospect Park 2020 Planning and Marketing

Detailed planning of the station area framework, i.e., public realm, access routes, district energy, etc., are proceeding with the consultant design teams of the Cunningham Group, the U of M Center of Sustainable Building Research. Marketing efforts continue with grocers, hotels, technology firms and others who are in alignment with the PPERRIA endorsed vision for this area.

Prospect Park 2020 Restructuring

It was reported that Prospect Park 2020 is very near applying to become a 501c3 corporation; a transition previously encouraged and supported by PPERRIA.

The committee also voted to authorize \$4,000 of the previously Board approved \$11,000 Master Planning budget to support Prospect Park 2020 in its work of community engagement and implementation of the neighborhood-endorsed project.

Ambulatory Care Center

It was announced that the University and its partners in this project will be convening a project review of this facility in late February. This will be a community-wide review including the business community and all those who participated in the Stadium Village Small Area Plan.

The University District Alliance and the Master Plan Committee of PPERRIA are advocating a neighborhood/Alliance task force to track and participate in the design and development of this project. This approach is not what the University has proposed.

East River Parkway at Franklin/Good Samaritan Site

It was reported that members of this committee are working to attract the attention of investors / developers who would be interested in redesigning, reconfiguring, redeveloping this site for an adult / alumni / workforce market.

Next Meeting

The Master Planning Committee will meet in late February.

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committee reports

Administration Committee Report

February 2013

Dick Poppele, Chair

The committee met on Feb 7 to review the Treasurer's report and the state of the CPP grant. PPERRIA has accepted another dedicated fund by agreeing to act as fiscal agent for the Community Garden group (not the Garden Club). The Good Neighbor grant fund has now been reimbursed and removed from the dedicated fund list. PPERRIA will issue IRS forms 1099 MISC to all those who were paid as contractors in 2012.

The committee reviewed and finalized the reimbursement request to the City Neighborhood Relations Dept for the expenses chargeable to the CPP grant for the period May 1 to Oct 31, 2012. We also reviewed the requirements for submission for the next cycle of CPP funding. The needed policy statements have now been approved by the BOD and the required changes in PPERRIA bylaws are on a path for adoption. We are now preparing the budget and program for the submission.

The committee reviewed the current budget and noted how the actual expenditures to date correspond to the budget in each category. Based on this analysis and the requests from the Membership Committee and Zoning and the Project Review Committee, a tentative budget request was prepared. The current numbers exceed the total available from CPP, so some adjustments will eventually be necessary. Furthermore we did not have requests from all the relevant committees.

In making final budget adjustments, the committee recommends that the Executive Committee review the specific charges and work plans for each of PPERRIA's committee. The CPP expenditures are expected to be directed to PPERRIA's strategic plan and will need to be justified in those terms for our submission.

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Historic District Committee Report

February 2013

Joe Ring, Chair

I have contacted *John Smoley* with city planning and he has not completed a draft of the Conservation District Ordinance that has been approved by his department as of Jan. 25th. I have talked to *Cam Gordon* before I left for Tucson and he said he will be contacting *John* to see if he can get things moving forward.

I did send an email to *Kathryn O'Brien* with the Metropolitan Council about the Central Corridor 106 Parking Survey to document existing parking patterns by a certified historian, but have not had a reply to date.

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SEMCOL annual report

Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning (SEMCOL)

<http://www.semcol.org/>

Report to the Neighborhoods: 2011-12

Southeast Minneapolis Learning Carnival

SEMCOL co-sponsored its second annual Learning Carnival at Van Cleve Park with the Learning Dreams program. It took place on September 29, 2012. In all approximately 150-200 people attended. Local institutions of business and education set up booths at which children and adults could, once again, experience different kinds of learning. Booths were spread across the lawn of the park and also inside the recreation center. Over 35 different activities were available, all for free. New activities this year ranged from art-making with the Textile Center and Articulture, to learning folk dance with Community Folk Dance. For more information and to see video highlights from the Learning Carnival go to www.semcol.org.

Learning Dreams

In 2012, Learning Dreams worked with over 100 elementary school children in Southeast helping them consider their dreams in life, and helping them and their parents find ways to make some progress on those dreams. In addition Learning Dreams co-sponsored the Learning Carnival (described elsewhere in this report). Learning Dreams also helped to dialogue with Hennepin County representatives about possible options for a Hennepin County future library in Southeast Minneapolis, as well as had an exhibit in downtown Minneapolis for the month of October 2012, in the Hennepin Gallery that featured SEMCOL and the Learning Carnival.

Southeast Reads Project: The Southeast READS project supports the guiding philosophy of SEMCOL (Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning) in its efforts to establish a culture of learning in homes and in the community. Southeast READS projects have focused on encouraging reading in families by collecting and distributing hundreds of books to children in the schools and community centers. The future of the Southeast Library remains to be determined. However, Southeast READS is an effort to supplement the limited library services. During the past year, SEMCOL continued to collect and distribute new and gently used children's books with the help of participants in the Restorative Justice program and others. More than 100 books were contributed to after-school and summer programs at Pratt School and Marcy Open School. SEMCOL also had book-take-away tables at the Fire and Ice celebration at Luxton Park and the ice cream social at Pratt School. SEMCOL has received \$250.00 in donations from Restorative Justice participants this fiscal year. This money is dedicated for the purchase of children's books to be given to either the Fire and Ice celebrations of after school programs at Pratt or Marcy Open schools. Restorative Justice participants have also sorted donated books, placed the SEMCOL label and bookmarks in the books.

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By-laws Task Force Meeting

6 February 2013

Dick Poppele, Chair

Attendees: Dick Poppele (Chair), Steve Cross, Lois Willand, Dean Lund, Steve Ficker, Florence Littman, Jessica Buchberger (Admin Assistant)

Meeting began at 6:15pm

Steve Cross wrote a proposal to mimic the State voting laws on the topic of Same Day Registration to apply to PPERRIA member registration. This has been approved by Bob Cooper of NRC to be compliant with CPP guidelines.

The statute would allow limitless numbers of people from a non-profit or business in Prospect Park to vote.

Dick Poppele would like to propose that to be a member you have to fill out a contact sheet and prove eligibility. The proof of ownership, lease of business, or residency must be provided when voting for the first time. This would also only allow one person to represent a business or non-profit as per the PPERRIA by-laws.

Poppele provided wording that would work for the Membership section of Article III:

C. Membership

C.I. Persons become members upon demonstrating eligibility and submitting an information form approved by the Board of Directors.

A membership is effective until a member resigns or is no longer eligible for membership (See Article IIIA)

If needed, the Board can also adopt the following policies:

1. Any eligible person may become a member of the Corporation by submitting their name and mailing address, and what other contact information, such as email address, they wish to the Secretary, who will maintain a database of all members and their contact information. Names are to be entered in the membership database as soon as they are found to be eligible members according to the Corporation bylaws.

2. Eligibility may be demonstrated in a manner equivalent to voter registration during same day registration. For Prospect Park residents, this simply requires a proof of current residency, such as a Minnesota driver's license, MN identification card, or some form of residency verification. For business or organization representatives, it requires proof of ownership or lease of a business, or government entity located within Prospect Park.

3. Only members of record and those completing the membership requirements in policies 1 and 2 will be issued ballots to vote for Directors of PPERRIA.

4. Each member shall be mailed notice of the Annual Meeting by first class mail with return address and forwarding address notification. All returned notices will be used to update the database. Any members who are deceased or have moved away from the Prospect Park neighborhood shall be removed from the membership rolls.

Dick Poppele moved to strike the Article III Section C from the bylaws edition "Revised and CPP Approved Bylaw Amendments" from 2/6/2013 and replace it with the above version, labeled "CPP Mandated Changes to PPERRIA Bylaws."

Steve Ficker has made a request to be given copies of all letters from the City about bylaws and any PPERRIA.

Florence Littman called the previous question to stop further discussion, which was passed. *Dick Poppele* called vote the above motion, which passed with one opposed. The motion will be sent to the Executive Committee.

Meeting ended 7:15pm

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Summary of Proposed Changes

As reviewed by Executive Committee

11 February 2013

The proposed changes concern mostly the PPERRIA membership, who is eligible and any perceived barriers to membership. The intent is to bring the bylaws into conformity with Minnesota state law regarding non-profit neighborhood corporations.

1. Article II: Purpose

Change emphasis to “neighborhood” instead of “residents”. Therefore the purpose includes neighborhood businesses and other stakeholders.

2. Article III, Section B membership eligibility

Removes the requirement for a completed membership application as a condition for membership. See section C.

3. Article III, Section C becoming a member.

Prospective members must demonstrate their eligibility (e.g that they live in Prospect Park) and submit certain personal information (name, address, etc) to become members. There is no waiting period and a reference to dues or donations is removed.

4. Article V, Section C Special meetings.

The requirement for three days notice is changed to five days notice.

5. Article V, Section Voting

- Emphasizes that State law requires that the business affairs of PPERRIA be managed by the Board of Directors
- Anyone eligible for membership attending a PPERRIA meeting may vote and the results are presumed to be a Board vote, unless challenged. In that case a separate Board vote will be taken as required.
- Only members may vote for Directors.

The proposed changes do not affect the make up of the Board of Directors nor the qualifications to serve as a Director as currently stated in the by-laws.

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CPP Mandated Changes to PPERRIA Bylaws Passed by Executive Committee in January 2013

- (1) Article II is amended to read as follows

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 within the association's geographic jurisdiction neighborhood and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the neighborhood environment in which those residents reside.

- (2) Article III, Section B, is amended to read as follows

B. Eligibility

Any adult who resides within the boundaries of PPERRIA, or who owns or leases a business or property within the boundaries of PPERRIA, or one representative of each nonprofit organization, business, or government entity located within the boundaries of PPERRIA is eligible for membership in PPERRIA. The individual must complete and submit to the Membership Committee the adopted PPERRIA membership application.

Membership records shall be maintained and kept current by the Secretary and PPERRIA staff.

- (3) Article III, Section C, is amended to read as follows

C. Membership

Persons shall become members from the next meeting following approval of the completed membership application by the Membership Committee. 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 immediately upon demonstrating eligibility and submitting an information form approved by the Board of Directors.

A membership is effective until a member resigns or is no longer eligible for membership. moves from the membership eligibility area. (See Article IIIA) An annual donation, to defray the costs of the organization, is requested from members but is not required.

- (5) Article V, Section C, is amended to read as follows

C. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Corporation members and the Board of Directors may be held at any time upon the call of the Executive Committee or petition of at least 25 members of the Corporation. Notice of special meetings shall be communicated to members and the Board of Directors at least three five days prior to such meetings, provided that in the event of an emergency, notice may be waived by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. Any such emergency special meeting shall be open to members. Business transacted at a special meeting where notice has been waived, may be called for reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Corporation.

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(6) Article V, Section E, is amended to read as follows

E. Voting

As required by the law of Minnesota, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Except where special committees are governed by special rules the following shall apply:

Voting on any matter shall be by voice vote (yes, no, abstain) but there shall be a division in cases of doubt as to the result. All members of the Corporation whose names appear on the roster of members at the time of the meeting shall be eligible to vote and participate fully at any meeting of the Corporation members. There shall be no voting by proxy and each member shall be entitled to only one vote on any issue.

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.

Anyone eligible for membership attending any membership meeting, whether or not he or she is then a member of record, may vote on any question. The result of any membership vote is conclusively presumed to be that of the Board of Directors.

However, if any member of the Board of Directors votes in the minority on any membership vote and anyone then requests a "division of the Board of Directors," then a separate vote of the Board of Directors must also be taken and recorded in the minutes. That vote may be taken by any method allowed by Robert's Rules of Order. That separate vote of the Board of Directors governs PPERRIA.

Only members may vote for members of the Board of Directors.

BOARD POLICIES

It is recommended that the following be adopted as Board policies or alternatively be included in Section C of Article III of the by-laws. Note that CPP is OK with this approach of using policy to clarify and amplify the by-laws.

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PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENT

22 feb

Glendale Residents Council meeting: Usually the 4th Friday of the month, 3:30 PM
Luxton Park Rec Center, 112 Williams Ave SE Contact *Henry Keshi* keshi@minn.net

25 feb

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Monday, February 25th, 7 PM
Prospect Park United Methodist Church Contact *Christina Larson* pperriapresident@gmail.com

27 feb

Garden Club Pot Luck: February 27th, 2013, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
See contact for this month's location Contact *Mary Alice Kopf* mollisk@usiwireless.com

28 feb

Membership/Communications Committee meeting: Usually the 4th Thursday of the month, 7 PM
Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Contact *Lois Willand* loiswilland@gmail.com

7 mar

Lunch in the Park: Usually first Thursday of the month, Noon
Local restaurant to be selected Contact *Will Oberly* oberlywill@gmail.com

7 mar

Administration Committee meetings: Usually first Thursday of the month, 7 PM
PPERRIA Office, 2950 University Ave SE Contact *Dick Poppele* dick@umn.edu

11 mar

PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting: Usually the second Monday of the month, 6:30 pm, at the PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE Contact *Christina Larson* pperriapresident@gmail.com

12 mar

Zoning & Project Review Committee meeting: March 12, 7:00 PM, at the PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE Contact *Dick Brownlee* dickbrownl@mac.com

25 mar

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Monday, March 25th, 7 PM
Prospect Park United Methodist Church Contact *Christina Larson* pperriapresident@gmail.com

22 apr

PPERRIA Annual meeting: Monday, April 22th, 7 PM
Location TBD Contact *Christina Larson* pperriapresident@gmail.com

To include items in the next PPERRIA calendar
Contact *Jessica Buchberger* pperriastaff@gmail.com or 612/643-1443

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PPERRIA STANDING COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

Administration	<i>Dick Poppele</i>	dick@umn.edu
Executive	<i>Christina Larson</i>	pperriapresident@gmail.com
Historic District	<i>Joe Ring</i>	jring@jringglass.com
Master Plan	<i>Dick Gilyard</i>	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net
Membership & Communication	<i>Paul Zerby, Co-chair</i> <i>Lois Willand, Co-chair</i>	ejzerby@yahoo.com loiswilland@gmail.com
Organizational Development	<i>no chair</i>	
Transit	<i>John DeWitt</i>	jdewitt@comcast.net
Zoning & Project Review	<i>Dick Brownlee</i>	dickbrownl@mac.com
Nominating Committee	<i>Andy Mickel</i>	andym@pperr.net

PPERRIA TASK GROUPS

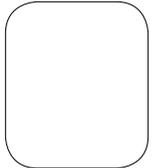
Sound Wall	<i>Bob Sykora</i>	bob@sykora.org
By-laws	<i>Dick Poppele</i>	dick@umn.edu
4th Street	<i>Julie Wallace</i>	jwallace3@comcast.net
Luxton Book Exchange	<i>Becky Shockley</i>	shock001@umn.edu
Motley Crew	<i>Rebekah Lorence</i>	rlorance@mm.com
Prospect Park LRT Station Area Plan [Prospect Park 2020]	<i>Dick Gilyard</i> <i>John DeWitt</i> <i>Dick Poppele</i>	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net jdewitt@comcast.net dick@umn.edu
Community Events	<i>Marybeth Luing</i>	mb.luing@gmail.com
Community and River Gorge Cleanup	<i>Tom Kilton</i>	tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

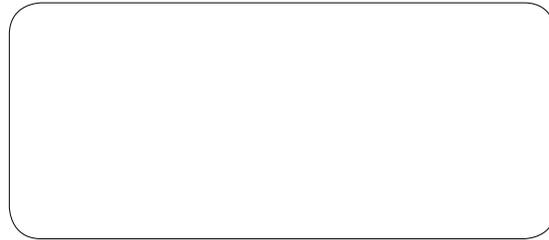
Garden Club	<i>Mary Alice Kopf</i>	mollisk@usiwireless.com
Tree Health Project	<i>Paula Denman</i>	pjdenman@comcast.net
Prospect Park Community Gardens	<i>Del Hampton</i> <i>Sam Johnson</i>	ppcg.coordinators@gmail.com

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS: PPERRIA REPRESENTATIVES

Education & Human Services	<i>Contact: Jerry Stein or Chuck Holtman</i>
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	<i>Greg Bernstein, John Kari (Alt.)</i>
Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning (SEMCOL)	<i>Susan Gottlieb</i>
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	<i>Phil Anderson</i>
University District Partnership Alliance	<i>Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard,</i> <i>Alternates: John Kari and Julie Wallace</i>
Stadium Village Station Area Plan	<i>Rebekah Lorance, Tamara Johnson,</i>
Steering Committee	<i>Dick Gilyard, Hilary Holmes</i>



**Prospect Park East River Road
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66 SE Malcolm Avenue
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PPERRIA Nomination Committee

Per PPERRIA By-laws, the Nominations Committee is convened to identify neighbors to run for the Board of Directors at the PPERRIA annual meeting April 22, 2013. Persons interested in either assisting the nomination process or stepping forward to run for election to the PPERRIA Board of Directors should contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson:

Andy Mickel at andym@pperr.net.

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PPERRIA BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Vote on proposed amendments to PPERRIA By-laws is to be held at March 25th Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM Prospect Park United Methodist Church. A quorum of board members is essential to accomplishing this task.

Background, summary, and content of the bylaws amendments are featured on pages 12 through 15 of this newsletter. Discussion of the proposed amendments is on the agenda for the February Board/Membership meeting.