NOTE

The greater part of the January meeting will be given over to a representative of the Metropolitan Council who will present current plans for the Inter-City Light Rail Transit. This will include extended discussion of the Twenty-Ninth Avenue Station.

As for post-January matters, Notes from the President (page 2) lays out the reasons for proposing changes to the PPERRIA Bylaws. The last executive committee meeting, January 13, 2008, entertained a motion to approve the proposed Bylaw changes included in the Report of the Bylaws Task Force. These will be up for vote by the Board/Membership no earlier than the February, 2008, PPERRIA meeting.

In an unnumbered section of this newsletter you will find 1) a summary of the Bylaws Task Force Report and, 2) the proposed changes.

(The proposed Bylaws – with the Task Force’s rationale for the changes – are available anytime on the PPERRIA website www.pperr.org)

PPERRIA Newsletter

January 2008

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting
Monday, January 28th
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.

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Notes from the president

When the quality of life is threatened in Prospect Park it does manage to get the neighborhood’s attention. So it was with the latest concerns over increased freeway noise resulting from the I-94 detour around the fallen I-35 bridge. Prospect Park residents numbering over 100 at the November PPERRIA meeting let it be known to MNDOT officials and to Senator Pogemiller and Representative Kahn that the noise is unacceptable, and demanded sound abatement.

But this kind of citizen involvement is an old story in this neighborhood, and it is why we are known throughout the city as an informed and activist neighborhood. It is therefore surprising that according to our current bylaws, Prospect Park has among the most restrictive membership rules in the city. In fact, PPERRIA is one of very few neighborhood organizations that is not eligible for the city’s Citizen Participation Program. This is one of the reasons why the Board of Directors charged a task force, chaired by Paul Zerby, to review our current bylaws and make recommendations for revision.

Paul’s task force has worked very hard (meeting 16 times) to come up with recommended amendments that will make the bylaws reflect better the current practices and also help the organization reflect better the neighborhood residents’ desires and needs to maintain and improve Prospect Park. We will have a chance to review and discuss their recommendations at the next two PPERRIA meetings (January 28 and February 25).

The challenges for Prospect Park to maintain its neighborhood spirit and identity have often come from external forces, like the freeway and the University of Minnesota. It was some 40 years when John Jamison, then President of PPERRIA led the fight to redirect the freeway path, intended to go through the Park (and Pratt School), to its current route along the railroad.

The University of Minnesota is another old story as it slowly creeps through the Motley neighborhood toward Prospect Park. The redevelopment of industrial land north of University Ave is yet another old story as this land becomes more attractive to residential developers (note the JPI development now defining a clear border between Minneapolis and St Paul behind KSTP).

These old pressures continue to mount as new ones are added in the form of a proposed LRT along University Ave and proposed new parkway (completing the Grand Round) along 27th Ave. All these changes now underway and those being planned mean that we need to be more alert as a community and figure out how we can adapt to these pressures while preserving the quality of life that is unique to Prospect Park.

PPERRIA can play a role, and we want to have as many neighbors as possible engaged in the effort. Recently, PPERIA held a workshop for the members of the Zoning and Planning and Transportation Committees, and PPERRIA representatives to the SEED Committee and Central Corridor Cooperative, to begin some discussion about how we can proactively meet the many challenges.

The 24 workshop participants on a snowy Saturday December morning heard talks from Councilmember aide Robin Garwood about how the city is organized to address development issues; from the PPERRIA president and from committee chair Florence Littman about what PPERRIA does and has been doing; and from Dean Lund on the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Plan, John DeWitt on the 29th Ave Station Plan, Dick Poppele on the University of Minnesota Impact Report to the Legislature and the University Partnership Alliance; and from Brian McMahon about the University corridor and its development in Minneapolis and St Paul.

In the discussion that followed, a number of critical issues were identified. Discussion continues on how we can best use the resources we have and find additional resources to help us make an orderly transition to the future of higher residential density and increased urbanization that is coming our way. To find out more about what you can do in this effort please contact me or Florence Littman.

………………………Dick Poppele
President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following a social gathering.
President Poppele welcomed the many visitors and introduced Sen. Larry Pogemiller and Rep.
Phyllis Kahn and MNDot representatives Tom O'Keefe and Chris Roy. Many residents of East
River Terrace and East River Mews were in attendance.

1. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mary Alice Kopf. Passed without
noes.

2. A motion to approve the October minutes, after an amendment by President Poppele was
made by Florence Littman. Passed without noes.

3. **Sound Walls for East River Terrace and East River Mews:** The subject of the evening’s
meeting was to learn the impact of the additional lane on I-94 due to the I-35W Bridge collapse on
MNDot’s plans to build sound walls on the south side of I-94. Joe Ring began the discussion with
a brief history of the efforts to obtain sound walls in this part of the neighborhood. MNDot
maintains two lists of proposals for remediation: the first is of those projects completed before
1997, the second those completed after that date. Whether the added lane on I-94 is temporary
or permanent is the pivotal question. If permanent, a new Environmental Impact Statement,
including noise impact would be required. The new lane has reduced crashes, according to
MNDot, and keeping the new lane after the bridge repair could be MNDot’s position. Discussion
ensued about the measurement of noise, and the time that measurements are taken. Residents
say that the noise is highest at night when there is much truck traffic, not at peak traffic hours
when the speed of the traffic is slow because of congestion. The MNDot officials said that they
would be glad to do additional traffic monitoring, but would not state that they would measure at
other than peak traffic times. Factors to be taken into account by MNDot are noise level, number
of homes, and the length of wall required.

Kahn raised the possibility of acting through the federal government’s funding request for the
bridge reconstruction. Pogemiller stated that he thought funding might be available as part of a
state transportation bill. Kahn, Pogemiller and Ring will meet with MNDOT officials in the near
future.

Joe Ring stated that the National Council for Preservation Education advised that PPERRIA
apply for “consulting party status” with the Department of Transportation in relation to the I-35W
bridge replacement project, which includes detours and emergency measures. Such status would
require that PPERRIA receive copies of all correspondence about the bridge project. Dorothy
Davey moved that PPERRIA apply for consulting party status, passed without noes.

4. **Zoning Committee:** Florence Littman reported on a joint meeting with Como residents, and of
the University’s plans to update its 1996 Land Use Plan. There will be future meetings. She
described a point system that enables approval of one-to-four-unit buildings based on complying
with certain recommendations of the City which results in shorter planning commission agendas.
Julie Wallace reported that the University is no longer interested in purchasing the KSTP property
for a parking lot.

5 **Announcements:** Andy Michel noted there will be a Grand Rounds meeting Feb. 12.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clay Lambert. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele,
December – January 2008 NRP Contractor Activities  11/09/07 – 1/11/08

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Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = $192,661.45.  $3847.15 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by Thursday, Feb. 9th
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| Thursday, January 17 6:00 - 8:00 pm | **Pratt Council meeting** at Pratt.                                                 | Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436  
|                     |                                                                                   | Pratt Office 668-1122  |
| Wednesday, January 23 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | **Garden Club** at the home of Vera Marshall, 2019 Franklin Ave SE, 378-3972. Speaker on Tree Care from Rainbow Tree. | Kent Petterson 332-1821  
|                     |                                                                                   | Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436  |
| Saturday, January 26 9 am - noon | **Pratt Open House**                                                              | Pratt 668-1122         |
| Monday, January 28 7:00 pm | **PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting** at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation. | Dick Poppele 378-9242  |
| Saturday, February 2 5:30 - 8:30 pm | **Fire and Ice Festival** at Luxton Park                                         | Choua Thao 370-4925   |
| Wednesday, February 6 7:30 pm | **Luxton Park Council meeting** at Luxton Park                                      | Jim Widder 331-6129   |
| Monday, February 11 noon - 1:30 pm | **JOY Potluck** at Pratt. Bring some food to share or $3.                       | Roberta Mark 331-6621  
|                     |                                                                                   | Luxton Park 370-4925   |
| Monday, February 11 7:00 pm | **PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting** at Prospect Park United Methodist Church  | Dick Poppele 378-9242  |
| Wednesday, February 13 5:00 pm | **Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting** at 92 St. Mary’s Ave.              | Latrisha Collins 342-1952  |
| Tuesday, February 19 7:00 pm | *(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting** at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.                                      | Florence Littman 331-2970  |
| Thursday, February 21 6:00 - 8:00 pm | **Pratt Council meeting** at Pratt.                                                 | Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436  
|                     |                                                                                   | Pratt Office 668-1122  |
| Monday, February 25 7:00 pm | **PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting** 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 | **Garden Club** at the home of Judy Horns, 88 Orlin Ave SE, 379-7247. | Kent Petterson 332-1821  
|                     |                                                                                   | Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436  |

**Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar 2008**  
*Calendar brought to you by PPERRIA  Dates are subject to change – Call for info.*
January:

2 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
14 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
17 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
23 Garden Club meeting, *Vera Marshall, 378-3972*
26 Pratt School OPEN HOUSE, Nine to noon
28 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*

February:

2 Fire & Ice Festival, 5:30-8:30 pm, *Luxton*
6 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
11 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
11 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
13 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
21 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
25 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
27 Garden Club meeting, *Judy Horns, 379-7247*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*

March:

5 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
10 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
10 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
12 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
20 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
24 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
26 Garden Club, *Gratia Reynolds, 331-5312*
TBA Bunny Brunch, 11am-1pm, *Luxton Park*
TBA T-Ball and 4-pitch, *Luxton Park*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*

April:

2 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
14 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
17 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
19 Mississippi River Cleanup
23 Garden Club meeting, *Amy Shellaberger, 379-1142*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*

May:

5 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
7 Luxton Park Council meeting, *Luxton*
12 JOY Potluck, *Pratt*
14 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
15 Pratt Council meeting, *Pratt*
19 PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
28 Garden Club meeting, *Sally Jorgenson, 332-1140*
30 Pratt Ice Cream Social, Tower open 5:30-8:30 pm, *Pratt Community Center*
TBA Luxton Painters Annual Art Show
TBA Pops & Pie, 7:30 pm, *PPUMC*
TBA Community Choir Concert, *PPUMC*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*
TBA Mississippi River Cleanup

June:

9 JOY Picnic, *Luxton Park*
9 PPERRIA Executive Committee, *PPUMC*
11 Last Day of School, Minneapolis Public Schools
11 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
17 Community Concert 7:30pm, *Pratt*
23 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, *PPUMC*
25 Garden Club meeting, *Abby & Kent Petterson, 332-1821*
TBA Summer Splash Program begins
TBA Urban Tennis Program begins
TBA Prospect Park Garden Walk 10am – 3 pm
TBA SE Human Services Network, *Deb 668-1108*
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, *Choua 370-4925*
July:
9 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
14 JOY Picnic, Luxton Park
14 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
15 Community Concert 7:30pm, Pratt
23 Garden Club, Mary Alice Kopf, 379-7436
28 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, PPUMC
TBA Urban Tennis Program ends
TBA Summer Splash Program ends
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

August:
5 National Night Out Block Parties
11 JOY Picnic, Luxton Park
11 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
13 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
27 Garden Club meeting, Chris and Harrison Nelson, 379-1236
TBA Art in the Park, Luxton
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

September:
3 Luxton Park Council meeting, Luxton
8 JOY Potluck, Pratt
8 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
10 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
18 Pratt Council meeting, Pratt
22 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, PPUMC
24 Garden Club meeting, Karen Murdock, 340-1338
TBA Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast, Pratt
TBA Fall Clean up
TBA Back to School Party, Luxton Park
TBA Fundamentals of Soccer, Luxton Park
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

October:
1 Luxton Park Council meeting, Luxton
8 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
13 JOY Potluck, Pratt
13 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
16 Pratt Council meeting, Pratt
27 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, PPUMC
31 Halloween Party & Haunted House, Luxton Park, 6-8 pm
TBA Mostly Weaving Sale, 127 Melbourne
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

November:
5 Luxton Park Council meeting, Luxton
10 JOY Potluck, Pratt
10 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
12 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
20 Pratt Council meeting, Pratt
24 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting, PPUMC
TBA Community Art Fair and Bazaar PPUMC
TBA Harvest Dinner, 6-8 pm, Luxton Park
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

December:
3 Luxton Park Council meeting, Luxton
8 JOY Potluck, Pratt
8 PPERRIA Executive Committee, PPUMC
10 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting
18 Pratt Council meeting, Pratt
TBA Fundamentals of Basketball, Luxton Park
TBA Prospect Park Community ChoirConcert,PPUMC
TBA East Side Holiday Store
TBA JOY Book Club, JOY Outing, Choua 370-4925
TBA SE Human Services Network, Deb 668-1108

Luxton Painters: (Choua Thao 370-4925) Luxton Park Council: Room A (Jim Widder 331-6129)
PPERRIA Executive Committee: 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm, PPUMC (Dick Poppele 378-9242)
PPERRIA General Membership: 4th Monday except Aug & Dec, 7 pm, PPUMC (Dick Poppele 378-9242)
Glendale Resident Organization: 2nd Wed. of the month, 6 pm, 92 St. Mary’s (Latrisha Collins 342-1952)
Pratt Council: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 – 8:30 pm, Pratt (Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 or Pratt 668-1100)
Garden Club: 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm, (Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436, Kent Petterson 332-1821)
JOY: Pot Luck 2nd Monday, 11:30-1:30, Pratt (Luxton in June, July and Aug); Outings/daytrips and Book Club are arranged monthly - call for info. (Roberta Mark 331-6621 or Choua Thao 370-4925) Southeast Human Services Network (SEHSN): 1st or 2nd Tues, 1-2:30 pm, Luxton Park (Deb Clark 668-1108) PPERRIA Zoning Committee: usually 3rd Tuesday 7 pm, PPUMC (Florence Littman 331-2970)
Coming Events at Sidney Pratt Elementary School

ANNUAL PRATT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

When: Saturday January 26, 2008
Hours: Nine to noon
• Come, satisfy your curiosity about your neighborhood public elementary school
• You’re invited to meet the teachers and staff
• Talk with parents, teachers and students

ART SHOW

When: Thursday April 17, 2008
Hours: 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm
This is an un-juried exhibition, open to students, parents, teachers and neighborhood residents. Come, display your work, and see the works of others in a diverse community of all ages.

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