

PPERRIA News – July 2012

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting Monday, July 23rd 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues SE

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

Refreshments served at 6:30 pm.

*Please note: As usual, here will be no Newsletter
or Board/Membership meeting in August.
Don't miss the July meeting!*

JULY AGENDA:

- Historic district designation
- Budget revision
- Noise wall developments
- Committee updates

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Your current PPERRIA officers:

President: Christina Larson (651-329-2784)...pperriapresident@gmail.com
V. President: Currently unfilled
Secretary: Karen Murdock (340-1338).....murdock1212@gmail.com
Treasurer: Lindsey Wollschlager (438-4068).....lwollschlager@gmail.com

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

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 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's Desk

A big Thank You to Julie Wallace for drafting such a thoughtfully-written letter about the Granary Road. Your efforts were recognized and acknowledged at last month's PPERRIA meeting by several members. Thank you also to Dick Gilyard and Dick Poppele for adding insightful comments to it.

Excitingly, Joe Ring brings news that our revised historical assessment document is very close to completion. This will be a useful tool in PPERRIA's toolbox as our city continues to explore what a Conservation District and its ordinances might look like.

PPERRIA exists only in the efforts of its dedicated volunteer-neighbors, each of whom has a passion for something and a desire for action. We now have a PPERRIA Sound Wall Task Force, headed up by Stu Anderson and Bob Sykora. We have a head of the Education Task Force, Jerry Stein. I am thankful for every gift of time and expertise – each of you has skills and talents that I cannot imagine. You'll see elsewhere in this newsletter that we are asking for a person or two who is willing to work with the City to create memorials on some of our triangles for esteemed departed neighbors. We also need more people interested in shaping the neighborhood environment to join the Master Planning committee – if you're passionate about the riverfront or getting a neighborhood grocery store, this might be the committee for you. If you have web skills, our Membership & Communication committee would love you to join them in maintaining a PPERRIA presence online. For sure, I am preaching to the choir, but I ask you again to consider how you might contribute to your neighborhood.

Now on to procedural updates:

Newsletter: To adhere to Robert's Rules of Order, we may not publish draft materials in our official publication. Minutes will be published in the Newsletter after they have been approved by the Board. On the flip side, we now have a Newsletter section for Letters to the Editor. If you would like to write a letter to the editor on a topic near and dear to your heart, please do! To get

your materials submitted in time for consideration by our esteemed editor, please submit them by noon on the second Monday of the month.

Reports from committees: We have begun to provide written reports from each of the various committees at the regular general Board meetings. The Exec Committee will also be providing a written report, which will likely consist of formal minutes (in addition to the motions that the Exec already forwards to the Board). To make sure that Board members are as prepared for each meeting as possible, we will start sending these materials out electronically ahead of the meeting. You'll be able to read them at your leisure. If there's something on a report that you don't understand, we encourage you to contact the committee chair and ask for explanation ahead of time.

Meeting procedures: We will be introducing a new type of agenda at the July Board meeting, called a "consent agenda", in addition to the meeting agenda. The intention of a consent agenda is to provide a way for the majority of precious meeting time to be spent discussing items affecting the future, not the past. You'll be getting more detailed information about the consent agenda prior to the July Board meeting, but in a nutshell, it is a list of routine matters that are voted on as a single package. It may only consist of items that do not need examination. (The items must be distributed and reviewed in advance.) Then, at the meeting, everyone reviews the list. If there is an item that one person wants to examine or discuss in more detail, the person can ask for the item to be moved off the consent agenda to the meeting agenda. We will start with a very modest consent agenda so that everyone can grow accustomed to working with one-- for July, it will probably consist only of the monthly report of the PPERRIA Noise Wall Task Force.

I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful summer weather, and finding ways to stay cool while you enjoy the sunshine!

.....Your cheerful PPERRIA president,
Christina Larson

<http://pperr.org>

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

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

(You may have noticed this item in prior issues – it has been postponed several times....*the editor*)

The Executive Committee proposes the following By-Law changes. This will be voted on at the July meeting. (**Note that:** The following does not comprise the complete By-laws, but only those portions proposed for changing. Also, strike-through text (~~such as this~~) would be deleted while underlined text would be added.)

In summary, the proposed changes (other than housekeeping matters) would:

- ease membership access for both business entities and individuals
- reduce the number of the board of directors from 40 to 30
- encourage an increased level of participation by board members generally
- reduce votes needed to approve amendments from “two-thirds,” to “a majority” of all the directors

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

Article III Membership

C. Membership

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

Article IV Directors and Officers

A. Board of Directors

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

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

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

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

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D. Nominating Committee

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

Article V Meetings

A. Annual Meetings

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

D. Voting

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

Article VII Amendments

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

.....Submitted by Betts Zerby

By-laws changes – Are they necessary?

June 19, 2012

To: Christina Larson

From: Dean Lund, Florence Littman, Susan Larson-Fleming, and Andy Mickel

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the PPERRIA By-Laws

This memo is in reply to your memo requesting that I provide you with one or more questions pertaining to the proposed amendments for you to think about prior to a discussion with several Board Members, who have signed this memo. We have chosen to interpret your request broadly by starting with a fundamental question.

Is it necessary or desirable for the PPERRIA Board of Directors to reconsider two substantive amendments to the BY-LAWS which were rejected by the Board of Directors the last time amendments were considered two or three years ago and several other amendments which are either clearly inappropriate or are of questionable value?

The first substantive amendment referred to above concerns the proposed amendment that would delete the following sentence from Article IV A. Board of Directors. “All directors must reside within the boundaries of PPERRIA.” This language was specifically added to the BY-LAWS by a two-thirds vote by the Board of Directors the last time amendments were considered. There is no explanation provided for why this thoroughly debated provision needs to be reconsidered. Residence has always been an important consideration for PPERRIA and it continues to be a key to its success.

The second substantive amendment referred [to] above concerns the proposed amendment which would reduce the size of the Board of Directors from the present 40 to 30. The last time amendments were considered, a proposal was made to reduce the size of the Board of Directors to 20 which was defeated at that time. The central point which is sometimes missed is that PPERRIA represents the residents of a specific geographic area within Minneapolis. In order to do that, PPERRIA needs a relatively large Board of Directors which meets ten times a year. If you reduce the size of the Board, you inevitably reduce the opportunities for residents to participate in the decision-making process. As a community organization, PPERRIA should not reduce the number of persons involved in the decision-making process if it wants to be successful.

One other proposed amendment warrants special attention. It pertains to Article VII Amendments and would reduce the number of affirmative votes necessary to pass a proposed amendment from two-thirds of all the directors to a majority of all the directors. This is truly a radical proposal which, if utilized frequently, could destabilize PPERRIA as an organization and critically impede its ability to function. It is truly bazaar [sic] and should be withdrawn from consideration.

The other amendments being offered are not of sufficient importance to warrant a high priority. However, one other general observation may be worth repeating: Since it is necessary to obtain the affirmative votes of 27 Board members to approve any change in the BY-LAWS, it is very difficult indeed to accomplish this during the summer months when many Directors are away on vacation.

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as the “PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar”)

*To include items in the next PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wed, Sept 5th** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 612-859-4960*

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Monday, July 23rd, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

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

Garden Club Potluck meetings: Wednesdays, July 25th (at the home of Mary Alice Kopf, 137 Warwick, 379-7436), and August 22nd (at the home of Pat Lee, 133 Warwick, 378-3219), 6:30pm.

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

Membership/Communications Committee meetings: Usually the second Thursday of the month, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697 or Betts Zerby at 379-8095.

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

PPERRIA Executive Committee meetings: Usually the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Zoning & Project Review meeting (Tentative): Usually the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7pm, PPERRIA Office – Contact Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

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

CRITICAL PARKING

Sidney Place, the one-block-long street bordering the north side of Pratt school, has instituted critical parking. The residents got their designation by following the standard procedures. They make the process sound fairly simple, and seem satisfied with the results.Lois Willand

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Administration	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Executive	Christina Larson	pperriapresident@gmail.com	651-329-2784
Historic District	Joe Ring	jring@jringglass.com	379-4587
Master Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Membership and Communication	Paul Zerby, Co-chair Lois Willand, Co-chair	pgzerby@yahoo.com loiswilland@gmail.com	379-8095 378-9697
Organizational Development			
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Project Review	Dick Brownlee	dickbrownl@mac.com	339-2472

Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups

4 th Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Luxton Book Exchange	Becky Shockley	shock001@umn.edu	379-7907
Motley Crew	Rebekah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Prospect Park LRT Station Area Plan	Dick Gilyard John DeWitt Dick Poppele	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net jdewitt@comcast.net dick@umn.edu	362-8995 338-1871 378-9242
Community Events	Marybeth Luing	mb.luing@gmail.com	507- 581-0836
Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com	339-3064
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:

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

Sidney Pratt is your neighborhood grade school and Resource Center

Look for a variety of Community Ed fall-winter-spring-quarter classes starting this October.

.....Jan Thurn, Pratt Community Ed Staff

Karen's commentary

On the June 2012 PPERRIA Meeting

The PPERRIA policy on minutes of meetings was changed to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition. I enjoy chronicling the meetings for the Newsletter, but this is an informal article, not the official minutes.

.....**Karen Murdock**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **secretary's minutes to be much reduced**
- **update on Light Rail Transit**
- **brief updates from PPERRIA committees**
- **March and May minutes adopted; objections declared out of order**

FEATURED LOCAL BUSINESSES

Jim Widder introduced Josh Jore, sales manager of **General Nanosystems**. The firm was founded in 1995. It fixes computers and sells computers built according to customer specifications. No appointments are needed for computer service; the business encourages "walk-in" customers. Jim said that he hoped Prospect Park residents would "make an effort to shop locally" for their computer needs. General Nanosystems can perform general diagnostics for computer problems "while you wait." The company stocks more than 2000 computer parts.

Derek Grams, the new owner of the **Signature Café**, introduced himself. He has been in the restaurant business for 20 years. He said his philosophy was to buy locally whenever possible. The bread at the Signature, for example, comes from the New French Bakery and the pot roast from Everett's. Derek said he did not expect to make many changes to the menu. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM for lunch. Dinner hours are Monday through Thursday from 5 PM to 8 PM, Friday and Saturday till 9 PM. The Signature is closed on Sundays in the summertime.

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE

Jessica Hill of the Central Corridor light rail project office said that construction of the rail line and its components along the north side of University Avenue through Prospect Park is almost finished. Trees will be planted in the fall, when there is less heat stress. Spire bank is changing the alignment of its parking lot. Malcolm Avenue near University will be closed for four weeks, starting July 7. Most work will cease at 6PM, six days a week. Occasional night work will last until 2 AM. Marybeth Luing said that the LRT line was very responsive to reducing noise levels during the Dean Magraw concert on June 12.

Greg Bernstein asked about "backup beeping" noises from trucks. Jessica said this noise was a requirement from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), is aimed at increasing safety for construction workers, and cannot be dropped.

A large map showing how to get around the University Avenue area during construction will be posted at Schneider Drugs for everyone to see. George Brauer asked about walking along University; Jessica assured him that there will always be a path to walk on, along both the north and south sides of the street.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christina asked for participation of members on committees. She said that committees can register what people think is important to the neighborhood.

Dick Gilyard of the **Master Plan Committee** said his committee has asked "What is our vision for the neighborhood?" and has identified several "target areas," primarily the area near the new 29th Street LRT station and the "gateway" areas of Bedford/University and East River Road/Franklin. He said that developers are likely to target the Stadium Village/Motley area for new student housing. The U of M has identified Motley as a "joint planning area" to be overseen by both the neighborhood and the U. The new head of facilities development at the U is Ann Wheelock, replacing Kathy O'Brien.

Steve Ficker said he would like to see affordable housing built in Prospect Park, as envisioned in the NRP action plan. Dick G. said that the "Prospect Park 2020" plan covers the area along University Avenue and nearby. The former "Boeser property" (behind the former Kemps building, now Prospect Park Properties) has been purchased by Cornerstone developers, which plans to build "mixed occupancy" housing, including at least 25% "affordable" housing. He said "housing is a huge component of any development" but it perhaps does not have as high a profile as other components because PPERRIA does not have a housing committee.

Phil Anderson said that the Franklin Avenue bridge will be resurfaced and reworked in the next 2-3 years. John Orrison said parking will become more and more of a problem in Prospect Park. Dick G. said "you can't separate parking from development" but that residential parking should be separated from commercial parking as much as possible.

A further look at the future of the neighborhood will be presented by Ignacio San Martin of the U of M this Wednesday at 4:30 PM in Rapson Hall.

John DeWitt of the **Transit Committee** said that a task force will work with the MTC on the future of bus routes through the neighborhood.

Dick Poppele of the **Administration Committee** said that the financial software used by PPERRIA has been changed to be more flexible. He said the \$20,000 left over from NRP and earmarked for housing has been frozen. David Coats asked how this money would be used. Dick P. said this was unknown since PPERRIA does not currently have a housing committee.

Christina said that a chair was needed for the **Organizational Development Committee**. Dick P. said this committee handles the operating funds of PPERRIA. The new “Prospect Park Forward” initiative, announced at the annual meeting in April, has a goal of raising \$100,000. Twenty-three people have pledged donations totaling over \$14,000 to date.

Dick Brownlee, chairman of the **Zoning Committee**, said the committee has changed its name to **Zoning and Project Review**. He said the committee has been charged with keeping fast food restaurants out of the neighborhood, dealing with parking issues, and reviewing applications for liquor licenses. He said the committee would like to encourage “quality development” and has a set of “design guidelines” it would like to see new development adhere to. Henry Keshi asked what powers the committee has to control student development. Dick B. said the power of the committee is limited by the city zoning code but that sometimes a trade-off can be bargained for. For example, a developer whose proposed building was restricted in height by the zoning code might be granted increased height in return for a promise to plant more landscaping on the property. The neighborhood can encourage developers to provide various forms of housing, but the ultimate judgment on economic feasibility is up to the developer. Dick G. said the neighborhood was trying to pursue a more “proactive” approach and to look for developers who will do something other than student housing.

Joe Ring of the **Historic District Committee** said he has been working for the past two or three years to get a “Conservation District” provision written into the city zoning code. An ordinance to this effect is currently being drafted. The committee would like to see the hill area of Prospect Park made into a nationally-designated historic district. Dick Brownlee asked if there were any historic properties in the Motley district. Joe said that this district was surveyed over a year ago and that no historic assets were left here. Larry Lorence said the church in Motley was built in 1900 and should be preserved. Joe advised him to contact the State Historic Preservation Office and talk to our legislators, Representative Phyllis Kahn and Senator Kari Dziedzic.

In the district north of University Avenue, Joe R. said, the Harris Machinery property has the only building with historic merit. However, Joe added, “you can’t force a property owner to do something he doesn’t want to do.”

Dick P. said the only standing committee mentioned in the PPERRIA bylaws is the Membership Committee (currently the **Membership/Communications Committee**). Lindsey Wollschlager said that the committee has prepared a welcome flyer which will be handed out at the “Meet and Greet” event cosponsored by the city, the U of M, and the surrounding neighborhoods. The “Meet and Greet” will be held this year on Thursday, September 6. Tony Garmers said he often has student renters living next door to him and the first thing he does when new students move in is to go over, introduce himself, and give them a piece of paper with his name, address, and telephone number. He tells his new neighbors, “if you need something in a hurry, call me—I’m closer than your parents.” He said this was best way to assure good relations between long-time residents and new student renters.

Susan Larson-Fleming said she served as chairman of the **Education/Human Services Committee** for 15 years, from 1993 to 2008. The last bit of money from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program is now being spent on improvements at Pratt School. The Pratt Council (of which Susan L-F is vice president), the Parent-Teacher Organization and SEMCOL (Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning) are all operating organizations and going strong. A priority for Pratt is getting the 3rd floor built out. The principal of the school, Ann Wade, has announced her retirement; 100 people have applied for the job. The annual boot sale will be held September 15. The second annual “carnival of learning” will be held at Van Cleve Park from 1 to 4 PM on September 29.

Christina asked if we wanted a permanent PPERRIA Education Committee. Susan Gottlieb said that Jerry Stein was willing to coordinate the efforts of various groups devoted to education. His “Learning Dreams” (a community-based learning effort) has a website and works with people at Luxton Park, Glendale and other places outside of Pratt. Dick Kain said he thought Jerry might have “more credibility” if he was the head of a PPERRIA committee, so he supported having an Education Committee, headed by Jerry. John Orrison made a motion that “Jerry Stein be appointed as a one-man committee.” This motion passed on a Board vote of 13-0.

Christina put in a plea for members and a chairperson to step forward and form a **Housing Committee**.

ADOPTION OF MAY MINUTES

Steve Ficker had extensive proposed additions and changes to the May minutes as published in the PPERRIA newsletter. He displayed these proposals on overhead transparencies. He said that, in his opinion, the process for the approval of minutes at PPERRIA meetings was “not a very democratic process.” Christina Larson said that PPERRIA operates under *Robert’s Rules of Order* and, according to this source, minutes should include what was done at the meeting, not what was said. She therefore declared Steve’s motion out of order. The minutes of the May meeting were then adopted without changes.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

PARKING IN MOTLEY

Becky and Larry Lorence submitted the following motion: “PPERRIA supports 24/7/365 critical permit parking in the Motley district.” She said that Cam Gordon was in favor of this motion. Karen Murdock said this motion was premature, since getting changes in Critical Parking Areas requires the approval of a high percentage of the residents of the area and this approval had not been obtained. Becky said she thought PPERRIA support would help get the parking change approved. Karen M. spoke against the motion, arguing that it was far too restrictive, that restrictions already applied to this area on weekdays, that the change would simply push parking into other parts of the neighborhood, and that “24/7/365” parking restrictions vitiated the very notion of “public streets.” The motion passed with one nay vote. This can be considered a Board vote, a quorum being present.

GRANARY CORRIDOR LETTER

A 3-page letter on the proposed Granary Corridor, drafted by Julie Wallace, was signed by PPERRIA President Christina Larson after it was unanimously approved. by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meredith Poppele thanked Ryan Sheppard for bringing refreshments for the evening.

A last-minute plea was made for a volunteer to attend the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) election meeting, to be held on Thursday, June 28 at Minnehaha Academy. The NCEC is similar to the former Neighborhood Revitalization Program policy board. Nobody volunteered to serve in this position. Dick Gilyard said that we should find a way to create a structure to fill this position. Christina L. charged Dick with finding such a structure.

Lindsey Wollschlager said she has T-shirts with a Janet Rose map of the neighborhood for sale for \$11.

Marybeth Luing said the community concert on July 17 will feature Nick Jordan and Mary DuShane.

Karen Murdock showed a map of the Garden Walk, held June 23. This was approximately the 15th year the Garden Club has been sponsoring a free garden walk in Prospect Park. It is an excellent way to bring in visitors from outside the neighborhood and even outside of Minneapolis.

Anticipating the Green Line

The good news: Light rail construction season is about half over.

The bad news: There’s another four months of construction before winter.

But now that the majority of the work is complete for Prospect Park on the north side of University Avenue, we can begin to glimpse the final product. And, looking down the street into St. Paul, we get a feel for completed streets and looming stations.

Many of us living east of Tower Hill will be using the station just over the border in St. Paul, near Wells Fargo Bank. That station is taking final shape with combinations of sculptural walls, glass and fences, copper roof edges, and final signage declaring it to be the Westgate Station on the Green Line. The split platform is in the center of the street, with the westbound platform between Bedford and Berry, in front of KSTP. It will be accessed from the sidewalk in front of Schneider Drug. The eastbound platform is between Berry and Curfew, in front of Dunn Brothers.

Final electrical work will be done next summer – when the station art will be installed as well. At the Westgate Station, art work by Andrea Myklebust and Stanton Sears will reflect the transportation corridors and industries that are part of the area’s history. The theme is wheels, from tractors to autos to trains. The plan envisions large inset granite lettering and directional arrows reading “Minneapolis” on the westbound platform and “St. Paul” on the eastbound platform, with rumble strips on the street surface at the border.

We can now see some differences between St. Paul and Minneapolis decisions. The two cities chose different street light designs. And in St. Paul (extending to Bedford) the street is edged with permeable pavers, while Minneapolis chose sod instead. Several varieties of trees will replace those that have been removed, and the two triangles flanking Tower Hill will be replaced and planted with shrubs and flowers.

The staggered closings of Malcolm and Bedford, and the temporary sidewalks on the south side, will make these next months especially difficult for businesses on that side. Use our summer weather for walking to University Avenue businesses, and supporting them during this last push. Check the Central Corridor web site regularly at www.centralcorridor.org for the latest maps and information on plans, closings and detours.

.....Julie Wallace

MISCELLANY

NEW STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON

Greetings!

I am an Assistant to the Coordinator for the Student Neighborhood Liaisons at the University of Minnesota. I took your neighborhood with which to act as a contact between your association and our program. I will be present at most or all meetings and events, and will keep other Liaisons informed of Prospect Park happenings.

I am from Northfield, MN – now living in the SE Como neighborhood – a graduate of the U of M, with a Bachelor's in Studio Art, and a minor in Youth Studies.

(One of our summer programs – Lawn Game Night – is at Luxton Park every 4th Thursday of the month, 5-7pm.)

Please let me know if you have any questions about me, or the Student Neighborhood Liaison program. I hope to see you around the neighborhood.

Marie Fischer mariefischer@gmail.com

CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER (CRC)

The Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Conflict Resolution Center is seeking a representative of PPERRIA to attend an upcoming “Taste of Mediation,” which introduces individuals to mediation and CRC. The one-hour program is at the CRC, 2101 Hennepin Avenue South #100. Free parking is available behind the building. For further information go to: http://www.crcminnesota.org/?page_id=24.

Upcoming Taste of Mediation dates are:

- Tuesday July 24th, 5:30pm, 2101 Hennepin Ave S
- Tuesday Aug.14th, 5:30pm, 2101 Hennepin Ave S

Light refreshments will be served.

The Conflict Resolution Center, a community resource since 1983, works with families, businesses, neighbors, schools, and more to resolve conflicts by giving all parties a chance to work together to develop a mutually agreeable resolution without the stress, time, and expense of going to court.

Mediation is a process in which people meet with the assistance of a neutral mediator to resolve their differences. To learn more, please call [612-822-9883](tel:612-822-9883).

Carol Oosterhuis, [612-227-9958](tel:612-227-9958) or cmoosterhuis@msn.com

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS:

THE LAST FREE SUMMER CONCERT AT PRATT ALL ARE WELCOME

Pratt Outdoor Amphitheater 7:30 PM, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE

Tuesday, August 14th.....Performer(s) to be announced

Supported by • Prospect Park Community Events Committee • Pratt Council • PPERRIA •
• Luxton Park • Schneider Drug • Tierney Brothers, Inc.
In case of rain or extreme heat look for signs to alternative locations

OTHER SOUTHEAST SUMMER CONCERTS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AGES

Father Hennepin Bluffs Park, 420 Main Street SE

For updates and more information: <http://www.mplsmusicandmovies.com/>
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St. Anthony Main Outdoor Concert Series

Fridays and Saturdays, 7-10 pm; Sundays, 5–8 pm

Outdoor stage at St. Anthony Main, between Tuggs Tavern and VIC'S, 219 SE Main Street

For full schedule and more info, visit:

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A CALL FOR A BUSINESS OUTREACH PERSON

The Membership/Communication committee would like to find a volunteer to serve as a business outreach person for PPERRIA.

If you are someone who cares what businesses we have in our pperr neighborhood, if you're interested in how the businesses relate to us and to each other, and if you'd like to be the person who talks with present business owners and meets owners of new businesses, then you're the person for this committee job.

Interested in being the business outreach person for PPERRIA? Have questions about it?

Contact Paul Zerby, or Lois Willand, co-chairs of Membership & Communication.

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FYI: **Volunteer Call - Memorials**

Are you looking for a short-term, one-time, PPERRIA volunteer op?

Money has been solicited for memorials for Norma Olson and Ralph Rapson. Someone needs to volunteer to take on the task and get it done! These outstanding former neighbors deserve to have their names memorialized.

Contact Christina Larson at pperriapresident@gmail.com.

.....Betts Zerby

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