PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, June 26th, 7:15-9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

29th Street Design Guidelines Up for Approval
The Guidelines for the University Avenue/29th Street Transit Corridor Plan are available for review on the PPERRIA website (pperr.org). The Guidelines will be voted upon at the June 26th PPERRIA meeting. The document is quite long, so it cannot be included in this newsletter.

PPERRIA Response to Central Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement, May 22, 2006

The Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) in Minneapolis appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Central Corridor Draft Environmental Impact Statement. PPERRIA continues to support the resolution passed at the January 2002 PPERRIA Board/Membership meeting. That resolution stated that light rail was the preferred mode for transit improvements in the Central Corridor and recommended a University Avenue alignment through Prospect Park. PERRIAQ finds that the DEIS is consistent with that standing resolution.

PPERRIA does have four major areas of concern however;
1. Any alignment of the line on Washington Avenue through the U of M must be below grade. 
2. Streetscape improvements on University Avenue through Prospect Park must be maintained.

3. Granary Park Drive must be constructed before the Central Corridor construction begins. This is especially important with the addition of the new U of M stadium.
4. If the location of the U of M football stadium would require an increase in cost for the construction of LRT that location should be adjusted to ensure that those costs are not added to the cost of the project.

PPERRIA strongly encourages the Central Corridor Coordinating Committee to work closely with the Stadium Area Advisory Group to maximize the synergies between light rail and the new U of M stadium in order to minimize traffic impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

PPERRIA does intend to maintain a very active role in the planning and implementation of the light rail in the Central Corridor.
1. President Joe Ring called the meeting of the Association to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sean Broom. Passed without noes.

3. Jeff Jellinek introduced **Anytime Fitness**, a new facility located in the former Kemps building. It is a 24-7 facility with reasonable ($30's) fees, and is eligible for discounts for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and UCare members. Several members spoke favorably of the facility.

4. **Prospect Park Cooperative Nursery School Lease.** The issue of the potential non-renewal of the lease that the Prospect Park Cooperative Nursery School (PPNS) has for space in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) was discussed. Pastor Nancy Victorin-Vangerud presented the reassessment for PPUMC needs for its space and reasons therefor. Several nursery school parents presented the parents’ concerns and consternation at the difficulty of short notice of a need to find alternate space. After considerable questioning and discussion, and high feelings were disclosed, Steve Banks moved that PPERRIA invite PPUMC and PPNS to mediate the issue with participation from Pratt Council and PPERRIA within 30 days. PPUMC and PPNS would each have up to 3 participants in the mediation. The motion passed, after the passage of a motion by Sean Broom to call the question.

5. **U of M Stadium Update.** Steve Banks and Florence Littman reported on the passage of a bill to fund a football stadium on the University campus. Many items that PPERRIA favored were passed, including a mitigation fund of $1.5 million, to be controlled by a newly constituted Stadium Advisory Group, provision banning the use of eminent domain to acquire Station 19, and a requirement that the University report to the legislature on the impact of University actions to the surrounding neighborhoods by January of 2007.

6. **Historic Designation for Neighborhood.** Joe Ring moved the release of NRP funds of $28,000 for hiring Hesse Roise to conduct a study of the neighborhood to facilitate designation of Prospect Park as a federally designed historic district. This will be supplemented by $8,300 of PPERRIA funds which has been raised for the project, and a grant obtained by Hesse Roise. A major effect of such designation would be to require a section 106 review of the negative impact of, and mitigation factors required by any federally funded projects, which would include Light Rail on University Avenue. Joe stated that it would mean that any widening of University Avenue for Light Rail would have to be made on the north side of University. After discussion, and passage of a motion to call the question by Susan-Larson Fleming, the motion passed without noes.

7. **Central Corridor Light Rail.** Joe reported that comment on the Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement would be taken in the next week. He presented for approval a comment [included in full as amended herein on page 1]. A motion by Peter LaSha to amend the language of concern regarding Granery Road to make it clear that PPERRIA considered the construction of Granary Road prior to the construction of the Light Rail necessary was passed following discussion and passage of a motion by Susan Bardill to call the question. Paul Zerby moved to change the wording of the provision regarding the need for the line to go underground through the University if on Washington Avenue, to leave open the possibility of running the line above ground on a northerly route through Dinkytown. The motion was passed following passage of a motion by Betts Zerby to call the question. Peter Wagenius moved to include a provision that would require that if extra costs of the Light Rail line were to be incurred by the building of the U. of M. stadium, that the stadium placement be secondary to the needs of the Light Rail. After the question was called by Sean Broom, and the motion passed, the amendment was passed. Following the amendments, the main motion was passed.

8. **Silent Auction:** Bridget Ferguson announced that the silent auction to raise funds for Pratt School activities and supplies would be on line. Many items have been donated and the auction will conclude at the Ice Cream Social on June 2.

9. **Zoning Report:** Florence Littman reported on the Zoning Committee meeting held on May 16 at the Tower Grocery site. A proposal to open a restaurant with a bar and patio service at the site was discussed. Many zoning variances would be required to facilitate such a use for the site. No full plan has been presented.
The Committee voted to approve expansion of a two-car garage to a three-car garage at 1649 East River Terrace, but against a setback variance to allow the applicant to face the garage toward the side yard rather than the street. Florence reported that discussion by the applicant and the neighbors had resolved the issues. The Citgo station on University Avenue at 25 Street is planning to rebuild and resituate the building on the lot. The committee was favorably disposed toward the applicant’s plan, but suggested that approval of the immediate neighbors be sought. Florence also reported on proposed zoning text amendments which would facilitate more Farmer’s Markets.

A motion to adjourn by Dan Cross was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Zerby
June NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 5/04/06 – 6/09/06

Supported PPERRIA activities and NRP I and NRP II development

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Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = $206,426.89*; $10.904.22 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by Thursday, July 6, 2006.

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<td>Tuesday, June 20</td>
<td>Summer Concert at Pratt School Amphitheatre. Pachamama Band, inside PPUMC if it rains.</td>
<td>For information 378-9697 To put up posters 379-7320</td>
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<td>Monday, June 26</td>
<td>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Social hour from 6:45-7:15</td>
<td>Joe Ring 379-4587</td>
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<td>Tuesday, June 27</td>
<td>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</td>
<td>Florence Littman 331-2970</td>
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<td>Wednesday, June 28</td>
<td>Garden Club at 1827 Franklin Avenue</td>
<td>Cris Nelson 379-1236</td>
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<td>Monday, July 10</td>
<td>JOY Picnic at Luxton Park</td>
<td>Eric Cherland 370-4925</td>
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<td>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church</td>
<td>Joe Ring 379-4587 321-9064</td>
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<td>Wednesday, July 12</td>
<td>Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary’s Ave.</td>
<td>William Tweet 342-1952</td>
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<td>Saturday, July 15</td>
<td>Prospect Park Garden Walk. Pick up a map as Schneider Drug. Rain date is July 16.</td>
<td>John Wicks 348-5252</td>
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<td>Summer Concert at Pratt School Amphitheatre. Long Time Gone (a bluegrass band), inside PPUMC if it rains.</td>
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Eligibility: Any person 18 or older is eligible to join PPERRIA whose permanent and primary residence is within the geographic boundaries of the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood of Minneapolis (Oak Street to the St. Paul city limits).

Cost: Annual donations pay PPERRIA operational costs. Please contribute according to your means and according to the value that PPERRIA provides to the neighborhood. Last year, 80% of the donations were between $20 and $40 per household. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax-deductible. A single donation applies to the memberships of all eligible persons living at the same street address.

Duration: Persons shall become members from the first PPERRIA meeting following the submission of the completed application and the payment of the annual donation to the PPERRIA Executive Committee. A membership submitted with this form is effective through the 2005 annual meeting (4th Monday in April).

Please send membership form to:
PPERRIA Membership
106 SE Arthur Avenue
Minneapolis MN 55414

Today's Date: ___________________________ Amount Enclosed: $____________________

Names: ______________________________________ / __________________________
_________________________________________ / __________________________

Daytime Phone #: __________________________ Evening Phone #: __________________________

E-mail Address 1: __________________________ E-mail Address 2: __________________________

Comments:

Please check which areas you are especially interested in:

___ Arts and Recreation ___ Business & Jobs ___ Community Events ___ Education & Human Services ___ Environment
___ History Project ___ Housing Improvement ___ Housing Re-development ___ Landscaping & Garden Club ___ Parks
___ Safety & Security ___ Sound Walls ___ Transportation ___ Zoning & Site Plan Review

Please check any skills you would be willing to occasionally offer to PPERRIA:

___ Accountant ___ Architect ___ Art & Design ___ Attorney ___ Construction ___ Editor ___ Government Relations ___ Journalist ___ Lobbying ___ Management
___ Landscape Designer ___ Printer ___ Public Sector Experience ___ Teacher ___ Volunteer Coordinator

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