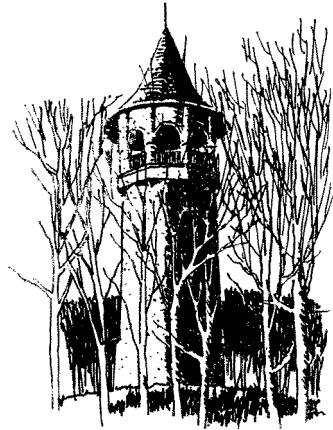


PPERRIA News – March 2009

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, March 23rd

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 to 7:00 pm.

If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact
Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268
We will make every attempt to meet that need.

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THE MARCH meeting agenda includes:

- The impact of the central corridor LRT on Historic Preservation*Joe Ring*
- The status of our NRP funds – what’s doing, what’s left
- We continue the conversation on PPERRIA’s future

NOTE:

Streetscape meeting – Monday, March 30th
7 to 8:30pm. At the Textile Center
Corner of University and 29 Avenues, SE

Help shape the look and feel of University Ave. SE from 29th Ave. to Emerald with the construction of the Central corridor light rail line.

Topics will include: • Boulevard widths • Power poles
• Trees • Lighting • Planted islands at Malcolm and at Clarence • Crosswalks
.....*John DeWitt*

Notes from the President:

Our February meeting discussion about PPERRIA's future was a beginning to an ongoing conversation. One encouraging message: we have willing volunteers who want to know what they can do to help. I believe the PERRIA committees are key to tapping into this community resource.

We are fortunate to have people in our community with expertise in community issues. We saw how this can work for us with the presentation by our Planning Committee at the November 2008 meeting. This committee has professional planners and architects working alongside recent and long-time residents and business members. It has also been working closely with the University Alliance Planning Group to coordinate PPERRIA planning with that of the City, University, and other Southeast neighborhoods. The result is the start of a Master Plan that will guide how we face future developments.

Currently, we have 10 standing committees working on issues ranging from zoning, land use and planning, to transit and transportation, to livability and to basic PPERRIA business. Most of the committees were active in a number of issues this past year. Committee meetings provide the basis for volunteer involvement. Whether a committee has regular meetings or agendas depends in part on whether the committee chairs have the time to organize meetings and keep track of the issues.

As I have pointed out before in this column, the list of issues affecting Prospect Park livability grows almost daily. It is not possible for a few PPERRIA officers or active committee chairs to keep up with them all and to respond appropriately. The only way we can succeed in doing this is to spread the workload and make it possible for busy people to

help. We need to strike a balance between depending on a few active residents to “take care of things,” on the one hand, and a more broad-based participation that involves more residents.

I will make broader engagement my priority as President by proposing some committee reorganization and by trying to recruit committee chairs who will effectively engage our community. Currently I think we expect too much from a relatively small number of stalwarts who have long been at the forefront of PPERRIA. While this has worked for us, it is unsustainable if we do not bring new people into the process. I believe that a longer term solution will require more paid staff time to provide day-to-day support for committee chairs. Currently, the time-consuming aspects of committee functions such as keeping track of issues and correspondence – and also organizing and staffing meetings – tends to hinder effective community activity. We need to make this easier and more effective.

The new bylaws we adopted in June outline different ways of doing business than we were accustomed to in the past. Starting with the approaching annual meeting in April, the Executive Committee membership will consist of the four PPERRIA officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), the immediate past President and the chairs of the Standing Committees. This means that the committees will drive the PPERRIA agenda. The Committee Chairs will take issues to the Executive Committee and then to the Board. Helping to make these committees more effective will be key to PPERRIA's success in maintaining the livability we all cherish for our neighborhood.

.....Dick Poppele

PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2009, 7:15 p.m. Prospect Park United Methodist Church

1. President Dick Poppele called the meeting of the Association to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dick Kain. Passed without noes.
3. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dick Kain. Approved without noes.

4. Committee Reports:

Zoning: Florence Littman reported on the report authored by Rachel Ramadhyani, which was due before the Zoning Committee or Board meetings. The thrust of the report was that the University needed to pay more attention to its relationship with the surrounding communities with earlier sharing of plans, establishing University boundaries. David Preus moved ratification of the response. Approved without noes. Paul Zerby moved that the University be urged to collaborate with the City and the Alliance on addressing binge drinking in the University area. Passed without noes. Bob Kaar moved that the ZPPR Committee work on the problem of shifting home ownership to rental housing and mini-dorms. Passed without noes. Other items facing ZPPR: setting a limit on liquor licenses in University area; changing administrative review standards; changing the relative homestead law. The Heritage Preservation Committee has proposed new language. Adoption of changes has been postponed. There will be two public meetings on the issues. The committee will deal with a variance for a garage at 68 Barton, and use of part of land as a parking lot at 64 Bedford.

Livability: Joe Ring reported on upcoming meetings at St. Anthony Park on March 19th regarding the Franklin Avenue traffic, bikers. Hennepin County has requested Prospect Park to nominate persons to represent it on a task group to study the Franklin/East River Road intersection. Volunteers included Phil Anderson, John Wicks, Dave Johnson and Dan Cross.

Transit Committee: John De Witt presented information on the results of an ad hoc committee with Prospect Park, St. Paul Districts 7, 11, and 12 who studied trucking alternatives for SEMI and the Intermodal BNSF facility. The group had assistance from University United and U-Plan. The group came up with three alternative truck routes, a 280-Energy Park Drive connecting, the missing link bridge, and the Wabash truck route. John proposed a resolution: Whereas Minneapolis' Prospect Park neighborhood seeks to connect the proposed Granary Road with roads that provide suitable access to Hwy 280, I-94, and other roads in St. Paul while minimizing truck traffic on University Avenue; and whereas St. Paul neighborhoods in districts 7, 11, and 12 share similar concerns about truck and commercial traffic, therefore be it resolved that PPERRIA agrees to work collaboratively with, and in support of other community organizations in finding common solutions to our shared concerns about traffic that will meet individual neighborhood needs and visions for their futures. Passed without noes.

Education Committee: Susan Larson-Fleming outlined the proposal of the NRP Education Committee to release NRP funds for the redesign of the Pratt playground which will be voted upon at the March meeting.

Planning Committee: Dick Gilyard thanked the membership for their comments on the plan that was presented at the January meeting. The group will come back with a revised plan in two or three months. He noted that the University's group proposing an Ambulatory Care Center had approached PPERRIA asking what the community wanted.

Central Corridor Community: Phil Anderson announced that the District Central Corridor Collaborative was sponsoring a "Summit" to come up with solutions to issues surrounding the light rail development on University Avenue on Saturday March 7 and Sunday March 8.

NRP Report: Peter LaSha reported on an NRP meeting to determine representatives to be selected for a board to replace the NRP Advisory Committee. The meeting was to select a process to reduce the representatives from 81 down to 8. Peter pushed for a person from the southeast area. Another meeting will be held.

By Laws Amendment: A vote of the Board was taken on Dean Lund's proposal to amend the By-Laws to limit PPERRIA Board membership to residents of the neighborhood. The amendment passed with 27 yes votes to 8 no votes: Voting yes were: Wanda Alexander, Phil Anderson, Richard Brownlee, Tom Clausen, Robert

Estes and Matthew James, Bridget Ferguson, Susan Gottlieb, John Holmquist, Gail Hughes, Tamara Johnson, Dick Kain, Kimberly Kensinger, Ginia Klamecki, Christina Larson, Peter LaSha, Florence Littman, Dean Lund, Dorothy Marden, Andy Mickel, Ann Munt, Karen Murdock, Dan Peters, David Preus, Joe Ring, Joan Schneider, Julie Wallace, John Wicks. Voting no were Richard Adams, David Coats, John DeWitt, Kate Donahue, Tony Garmers, Walt Jacobs, Meredith Poppele and Paul Zerby. Four board members were absent.

Future of PPERRIA: Dick Poppele, Steve Cross, Joe Ring and Steve Banks led a discussion on the future of PPERRIA. The many issues facing the community were presented: Dick spoke about PPERRIA's finances, Joe Ring addressed the issue of volunteers, Steve Banks spoke about sustainability, and Steve Cross laid out the possible solutions. Their discussion pointed out a need for additional finances and the need for additional staff time to do administrative overhead work. Much discussion ensued from the membership. Further discussions will be held.

Announcements:

Dick Kain announced a Station Art Committee meeting.

Steve Cross announced the DFL Caucuses to be held March 3.

April 22, 10 a.m. there will be a showing of Frost/Nixon.

March 11 there will be a meeting at Pratt regarding parks, schools, and the City. 7:00 to 8:30.

Staff Report: As reported in the January newsletter.

A motion to adjourn by Dave Johnson was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Zerby, Secretary

Joe Ring, President

Pratt in Bloom

*The second annual Pratt in Bloom art show
Thursday April 23 - 4:00pm to 7:30pm*

An un-juried, un-hurried exhibition open to all: Pratt students, parents and teachers as well as to resident neighbors. Stop by and celebrate the unique and varied expressions of our local creativity.

Better yet, exhibit your own work!

If you wish to share something of yourself, please call Jan Thurn (612.668.1100) or Jakki Kydd-Fidelman (612.668.1104).

..... *Mary Alice Kopf*

Nominees for election to the board in April

Here (listed alphabetically) are your nominees to-date for Board of Directors, to serve two-year terms beginning May 2009. There are a total of 20 positions to be filled. Seventeen of those listed below are incumbents standing for re-election. The names of the seven non-incumbents are signified by an asterisk. A couple comprises a single voting unit.

Dean Abrahamson	Tamara Johnson	Dan Peters
Richard Adams	Dick Kain	Dick & Meredith Poppele
Ken Cassibo*	Roger Kiemele	Paul Scheurer*
Travis Emdin*	Ginia Klamecki	Jerry & Margie Stein
Steve Ficker*	Mary Alice Kopf*	Carla & John Urban*
Tony & Greta Garmers	Susan Larson Fleming*	John & Wendy Wicks
Dick Gilyard	Peter LaSha	Lois Willand
John Holmquist	Dean & Janet Lund	
Walt Jacobs	Ann Munt	

Current members may make additional nominations from the floor at the March meeting, keeping in mind that your nominee must be: 1) a resident, and have been a past member of PPERRIA for at least one year and, 2) certified as willing to serve if elected (meaning: she or he must either be present and orally attest, or provide a written statement to that effect acceptable to the current board). You may also nominate yourself.

Members will vote at the annual meeting in April. The officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will be chosen by the new board immediately following the general election.

For your information, following are the current Board members. They are now in mid-term and will serve through April 2010:

Wanda Alexander	Susan and Jeff Gottlieb	Ann and David Preus
Phil Anderson	Dick Hendrickson	Joe Ring & Susan Thrash
Richard Brownlee	Gail Hughes	Joan Schneider
Sigrid and David Coats	Kimberly Kensinger	Andy Mickel & Cheryl Vollhaber
John DeWitt	Christina Larson	Paul & Betts Zerby
Kate Donahue	Florence & Walter Littman	
Robert Estes and Matthew James	Dorothy Marden	
	Karen Murdock	

Staff Report for March 2009

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
02/03/09 to 03/07/09	27.50	\$ 660.00	0.3 %
10/18/95 to 02/03/09	11,111.51	\$195,275.15	96.8 %
10/18/95 to 03/07/09	11,139.01	\$195,935.15	97.2%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 and 2 budget for independent contractor services = \$201,661.45. \$7139.15 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 by **Thursday, April 9th**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, March 17	7:00 pm (Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, March 19	7:00 - 8:30 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, March 23	7:00 pm - 9:00 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, March 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club meeting at the home of Jean Bauer, 209 Bedford St SE.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Jean Bauer 379-7380
Wednesday, April 1	7:30 pm Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park.	Jim Widder 331-6129
Wednesday, April 8	5:00 pm Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Monday, April 13	noon - 1:30 pm JOY Potluck at Pratt. Call for information.	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, April 13	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Thursday, April 16	7:00 - 8:30 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Saturday, April 18	9:30 am - noon Mississippi River Cleanup - Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Wednesday, April 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club meeting at the home of Amy Shellabarger 238 Emerald Ave SE.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Amy Shellabarger 379-1142
Sunday, April 26	4:00 pm Community Choir Spring Concert at PPUMC.	
Monday, April 27	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm ANNUAL PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
Livability (Subcommittees listed below, designated by *)	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Membership	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu phil.ann.anderson@gmail.com	331-2970

Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Forces

4 th Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Luxton Book Exchange	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
Motley Crew	Rebakah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Nominating Committee	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396

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

Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Jakki Kydd-Fidelman, Susan Gottlieb
Southeast Minneapolis Economic Development Committee (SEMI)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard

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FYI: Central Corridor LRT Station Art –

Between March 11 and 26 you're offered opportunities to see and talk with the artists who will design art to be incorporated into the Central Corridor LRT stations.

Meeting schedule for the stations in our area are:

East Bank Station – March 24, 2:30pm, 420 Washington Ave. SE, Room 2-122

Artist: Nancy Blum of New York, NY

Stadium Village Station – March 17, 9am, Station 19, 2001 University Ave. SE

Artist: Roberto Delgado of Los Angeles, CA

29th Avenue Station – March 19, 7pm, Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE

Artist: Janet Lofquist of Minneapolis

Westgate Station – March 26, 6pm, Court International Building North Atrium at 2550 University Ave., Saint Paul

Artist: Myklebust + Sears Studio of Stockholm, WI

Questions or comments? Contact the staff at 651.602.1645, or at: Centralcorridor@meyc.state.mn.us