

May 2002 PPERRIA Newsletter

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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Our May PPERRIA Meeting is Monday the 20th, 7-9 p.m.

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

1. Welcome.
2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
3. Motions for Consideration

4. New/Old Business.
5. Adjourn.

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Minutes from April 22nd PPERRIA Meeting

1) The 4/22/2002 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Annual meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Steve Cross, President, at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Orlin/Malcolm Avenues SE). A quorum was present. Guests and new members were introduced. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes; "To accept this meeting's amended agenda available at this meeting." Amended was: A) Item 3 Crime Report was tabled until the next meeting as the representatives from the Minneapolis Department were ill. B) Several announcements were added to Item 10. There were no additional changes and/or corrections to Item 10. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the amended minutes of the 3/25/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N [Board of Directors(BOD)/ Membership/Neighborhood] meeting published in the 4/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter." Amended was a name spelling. See attached Item 2. There were no additional changes and/or corrections to Item 2. C) Neighborhood Crime Report tabled to the 5/20/2002 PPERRIA BOD meeting.

2) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the ballot of 20 to be elected as 2002-2004 PPERRIA BOD members as provided by the PPERRIA Nominations Committee, Jerry Stein, Chair." Corrected was the spelling of a name. See attached Item 4. Ballots were distributed to all PPERRIA members present at this meeting. Steve Cross directed that members can vote for up to twenty (20) including any write-in nominations, but ballots with 21 or more nominations will be not counted. There were no additional nominations for the 2002-2004 PPERRIA BOD. There were volunteers who collected and counted the ballots. The results of the election will be announced as Item 14.

3) Guest speaker, Minneapolis Second Ward Council member, Paul Zerby, resident of Prospect Park and member of PPERRIA, talked about his experience since his election, starting 1/2002. A) How is the job different from his initial expectations? A lot more!!! The Second Ward includes seven neighborhoods and at least as many neighborhood business organizations. He has membership on seven council committees and at least as many joint council and other organizations' committees. Too many!!! There seems to be an unlimited number of individuals he has become involved with, as well as events. The challenge is to have time for your own issues and to maintain a private life. B) What is he worried about? Funding of the city's needs. Although city property taxes can increase in these days of increased building and evaluations, these funds can change year by year and this income uncertainty is compounded by the trend of decreasing amounts of income from state and federal sources. Other governments that interact with the city have the same financial situations. Not necessarily a more important issue is "Trust." A major revelation is the less-than-expected trust between those outside the city government and the city government, be they attitudes or the result of actions. City income is as much a conundrum as trust is but of a vastly different nature. C) His goals: Living wage incomes and affordable housing. An increased positive police/resident interaction. Increased positive diversity experiences/ involvement's for all of Minneapolis residents. An increase in the environment within the city of Minneapolis. He considers one of the better possibilities is Minneapolis doing more with Hennepin County. He considers himself a positive person and sees no reason of a change. Most of the comments/questions from those attending this meeting: (although some of the issues are outside the direct authority of the council.) a) Police. Even though there have been recent events, things seem to be going in a better direction. b) School dropouts. As there is an independent Minneapolis School Board, the Minneapolis City Council can support others' actions, offer its opinion and work toward improving some of the things that affect an individuals school experience. c) Quality of life. This question was in reference to the neighborhood's latest experience with zoning decisions that the neighborhood considers negatively affecting the neighborhood. Those within the neighborhood who have been dealing with this issue notice that the council member has been more responsive to the neighborhood's concerns and is working with the neighborhood. d) There seems to be an increasing number of "Them" and "Things" that are negatively affecting the neighborhood. Now seems to be the times for this general attitude and it may pass but now we must be out there positively with our concerns. e) The Central (University Avenue) Corridor (of Light Rail Transportation [LRT]) seems to be driven most by St. Paul's concerns, especially the concept of higher density (resident/commercial/ industrial) along the corridor. The neighborhood is deep into this issue and the neighborhood concerns can be stated within the city and regional agencies involved. Zerby is a member of the Central Corridor Committee.

4) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept as PPERRIA's 2002/2003 Budget, the proposed budget presented by Lois Willand, PPERRIA Treasurer, and available at this meeting." See attached Item 6. Income of \$14,270; which includes transfer of up to \$4,000 from savings for the upgrading of PPERRIA's web site, \$1,875 income from sponsors for neighborhood clean up expenses and \$2,000 income for dedicated activities for which PPERRIA acts as treasurer. Expenses of \$13,927; see income statements regarding individual items. Income over expenses is \$343. PPERRIA also has assets of \$30,400 which includes balances for the several activities for which PPERRIA acts as treasurer. PPERRIA has accumulated a limited amount of physical stuff. PPERRIA has \$0 liabilities. Income primarily comes

from member contributions with expenses primarily for meetings, committees and the PPERRIA Newsletter. Experience over the years has shown the need for a Professional Expense Fund, used as needed for consultant costs. The current PPERRIA Website was installed by a PPERRIA member and has been carried at no cost by a organization that will cease to exist. In addition, there is proposed extensive use of the PPERRIA website for neighborhood business. There will be monthly fees for the site and costs to upgrade the site to a quality that does justice to the neighborhood. The current PPERRIA Newsletter is funded by PPERRIA for PPERRIA and neighborhood material and by funds from the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) for material pertaining to NRP. 7) Jerry Bratt, PPERRIA member and past President, presented a special resolution to recognize Dan Patenaude for his service as PPERRIA Secretary since 1974, 28 years and counting. A certificate was presented by the PPERRIA President. [Secretary's note: I assumed the resolution that was to be presented by Jerry was concerning neighborhood unshovelled sidewalks and untrimmed bushes that overhang neighborhood sidewalks. I thank all!] See attached Items 7A and 7B. 8) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA recognize PPERRIA member Patty Harper for her extensive assistance in updating PPERRIA's Treasury records and process." Motion made and certificate presented by Steve Banks, PPERRIA President Elect. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA recognize PPERRIA member Patti O'Brien for past and ongoing labeling and mailing the monthly PPERRIA Newsletter." Motion made and certificate presented by Steve Cross, PPERRIA President. 9) Brian McMahon, University United Director, talked about University United. It is an organization of organizations that include University Avenue from the State Capital in St. Paul to at present the Minneapolis/St. Paul border. University United and PPERRIA started talking as it seems that the Prospect Park part of University Avenue is affected as much as any other organization that includes University Avenue. University United's goal is to create objective centered forums and processes that allowing understanding of individual projects within the overall area. The PPERRIA Executive Committee has been considering recommending that PPERRIA join University United. Joint concerns include: A) Transit Oriented Development. As much of the proposed University Corridor of Light Rail Transit (LRT) is proposed to run on University Avenue and that it is proposed that there be transit oriented development along the LRT route and that it is proposed by St. Paul that there be higher density use and development along this route, there is a conflict with the PPERRIA proposal of up-to-medium-density use and development along University Avenue that is part of Prospect Park. PPERRIA membership in University United may be one way to resolve the density issue. B) Student housing. There are a number of post-high schools for which University Avenue is a major street, especially for student housing both existing and planned. A consistent policy regarding this issue could be of use to all. C) As the issue of proposed LRT stops in Prospect Park is unresolved, again inclusion of Prospect Park in a larger organization could be useful. 10) Announced were: A) There will be a public meeting Monday 4/29/2002, 7 to 9 PM at the St. Francis Cabrini Church, Franklin and East River Terrace Avenues SE. 7 pm- Re-Development plan and 8 pm Site Pollution Remediation Plan. See attached Item 10A. B) Circulated were sign up sheets for the Pratt Ice Cream Social Friday 5/31/2002, 5:30 to 8:30 PM. See attached Item 10B. C) PPERRIA BOD members were reminded that there is a PPERRIA BOD meeting Thursday 4/25/200 7 PM at the PPUMC. This is the Annual Start the Year Information and Orientation Meeting. D) Due to the city trash trucks and drivers not being available this spring, the Annual Prospect Park Neighborhood Clean Up will be held 9/28/2002 9 am to 4 pm. E) Circulated were sign-up lists for inclusion in a developing e-mail network: Neighborhood Crime Alert, Community Events and others. F) Attendees were encouraged to complete 2002/2003 PPERRIA Membership Applications available at this meeting and published in the 4/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 10F. G) It was announced that there is to be a neighborhood gathering honoring Bruce Graff's pending retirement, Pratt Community Building Director, Sunday 6/9/2002, 4 to 8 PM at the Pratt Building. Watch for announcements. H) Cheryl Vollhaber reported that there will be a 2002 Spring Neighborhood Garden Walk, watch for announcements. I) Clean Environment Now yard signs were available at this meeting. J) All were encouraged to remove past dated signs they may notice posted through the neighborhood. Neighbors who put up the signs do later remove them, but would appreciate help. K) The Annual PPUMC Pie and Pops event, (100 years?) will be held on 5/6/2002, starting at 5:30 pm, Watch for announcements. L) The Annual Luxton Paint Group Show will be held 5/5/2002, 2 to 4 pm at Luxton Park. M) Mentioned was that it is close to being 100 years that there has been a drug store at the now Schneider Drug, University and Bedford Avenues SE. 11) Due to the lateness of the meeting, Peter LaSha will present at the 5/20/02 (Third Monday rather than fourth Monday due to Memorial Day) PPERRIA B/M/N meeting his Then and Now Slide Presentation of Houses of Earlier Movers and Shakers of Prospect Park. 12) Florence Littman, PPERRIA Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair, recommended that "We eat cake now, and table the Zoning and Land Use Committee report to the 5/20/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting." 13) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, seconded Florence's motion to "Eat Cake Now" and referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor report as published in the 4/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. Billed was \$320 from 3/9/2002 to 4/5/2002 for support of PPERRIA/NRP Committees. 14) Elected as 2002-2004 PPERRIA BOD's were: Jane Burnham/Steve Banks; Susan Larson-Fleming; Travis Emdin; Christine Ng/Mike Atherton; Alison/Yasuhiko Katagiri; Jan/Tom Kilton; Florence/Walter Littman;

Bill Seely; Vera Marshall; Cheryl Vollhaber/ Andy Mickel; Janice Noruk; Ralph Rapson; Susan Thrash/Joe Ring; Dave Anderson; Kathy Dahl; Phil Anderson; Elizabeth Zerby; Peter LaSha; Eleanor/David Brown; Rachel/Satish Ramadhyani. Elected by write in, as First Alternate were Margaret/Mike Wood. See attached Item 14. 15/16) Due to the lateness of the hour and the pending Judy Bratt cakes, old and new business were tabled to the 5/20/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N. No old or new business was conducted at this meeting. 17) Motion, made and seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting and have cake baked by Judy Bratt. Mary Alice Kopf, and others too numerous to name, provided a flowering plant, as well as lemonade and cookies, for all who attended this meeting and larger plants for those who were honored at this meeting." Steve Cross reminded the BOD that he is now calling a PPERRIA BOD meeting to elect PPERRIA Officers and an Executive Committee. There was no further business conducted at this meeting. Daniel Patenaude, Secretary.
Comments, changes or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko029@umn.edu

Prospect Park Summer Events Scheduled – Lois Willand

The Prospect Park community is invited to participate in and attend several popular summer events, including the Pratt Ice Cream Social and the Prospect Park Garden Walk. The Ice Cream Social will be Friday, May 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and is sponsored by Pratt Council, ECFE, and the Prospect Park Cooperative Nursery School. As usual, there will be food, games, face painting, plants and other items for sale, entertainment, and the water tower will be open for climbing. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Bruce Graff at 668-1122 or come by Pratt to sign up. This event is impossible to run without many volunteers, so please consider helping out for part or all of the evening.

Garden Walk Scheduled – Cheryl Vollhaber

The Garden Walk is scheduled for July 20. The theme this year is 'New Gardens,' featuring gardens that have never been on the tour before. If you've never been a gardener before, but think this is the year to start, we're also featuring newly established gardens. Hours for the Walk will be announced later. If you have questions or would like to be included on the Walk or recommend someone else, contact Cheryl Vollhaber at 379-7234 or via email at clv@umn.edu.

Summer Sports Abound at Luxton Park – Kris Hammes

The community is welcome to sample the various offerings this summer at Luxton Park – from sports to arts and more. Baseball teams are already forming this spring for T-ball (ages 5-6) on Thursdays 5:30-6:30 and Coach-Pitch Baseball (ages 7-8) Thursdays 5:30-6:30 with games at 7:00 at Van Cleve Park. Cost is \$10 and the season runs May 2-June 6.

This summer, the Park Board is again offering Urban Tennis at Tower Hill Park beginning June 19 and ending July 26. A Fundamental Soccer program will be offered at Luxton for ages 5-11 between June 27 and August 8. In addition, Rookie Baseball League for ages 8-12 will run from June 10-July 31 and RBI Baseball League for ages 13-15 will be June 17-July 31. The First Tee golf Program for ages 6-17 will happen June 25-July 23 in conjunction with Summer Splash, a cooperative program between Luxton and Pratt, which runs June 18-July 26. To sign up, please stop by at Luxton Park building or call Kris Hammes at 370-4925.

Bruce Graff Retirement Party June 9th

You are cordially invited to join the Pratt community in celebration of Bruce Graff and his years of friendship and service on Sunday, June 9, from 4-8 p.m. on the Pratt Village Green. The party will be indoors in Pratt in case of rain. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

We wish Bruce and Elona the best of everything and thank them both for their vision, service, and caring.

University Avenue Planning – Pam Wollum

The University Avenue Planning committee is a newly established PPERRIA committee, and everyone in the neighborhood, PPERRIA member or not, is welcome to join. The goal of the committee is to ‘shape high-quality development along University Avenue to be compatible with the scale and character of the existing Prospect Park neighborhood.’ The reason this is a high priority item now is that planning for LRT and surrounding development is being shaped by the Rail Authority’s planning process. PPERRIA wants our planning process to be ahead of or at least keep up with the Rail Authority’s process.

The focus of the committee is on planning the type of development the neighborhood would like to see happen along the University Avenue corridor between the city limits (Emerald) and the western edge of the neighborhood (27th Street). The committee was formed in April, and has meetings as needed. We also meet with city, county, and state officials in their offices during the day as necessary.

We have an idea of the type of plan we’d like to see, and a rough idea of how much that plan would cost. We’ve been seeking funding for the planning process and information on how our plan would dovetail with other planning activities that are going on at the city and county level. So far in our search for funding and planning information, we’ve met with three officials for the City of Minneapolis: Paul Zerby, our City Councilperson and Alan Bernard, Council Aid, who has been helping us enormously, and with Chuck Ballentine, Planning Director for the City of Minneapolis. We’ve also met with two officials from Hennepin County: Steve Cramer, Director of the newly formed Housing, Community Works and Transit group, and Larry Blackstad, Community Works Division Manager, both in the Department of Transit and Community Works.

Because this committee calls meetings more frequently than once a month, and we meet with officials when they can schedule us in, it’s important to be on our email or phone list to hear about everything that comes up. To join the committee, please contact Pam Wollum via email at pjwollum@hotmail.com or by phone at 623-3747. I need your email address, phone, FAX, and home address.

The reason this committee meets often and calls meetings as necessary is that the planning for LRT by the Rail Authority is moving rapidly, and we want our planning effort to stay ahead of the progress of that group. You certainly don’t have to attend all of our meetings to be part of this group, but be prepared to be called on to offer something.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs/Contacts

Community Events	Lois Willand	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	331-8819
Environment	Bill Kahn	378-5287
Executive	Steve Cross	376-0094
History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman Dean Lund	331-2970 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Membership	Dan Patenaude	378-3038
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: April 6, 2002 through May 3, 2002. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites		
Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center	Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for spring, 2002		
Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood	Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contractor Budget
Totals 4/6/02 to 5/3/02	29.0	\$464.00	.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 4/5/02	7,708.85	\$131,341.88*	89.0%
Totals 10/18/95 to 4/5/02	7,737.85	\$131,805.88*	89.3%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$147,646.15; **\$15,840.27** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, and 6/25/01 and adds in funds from Livability B.2.b. Landscaping Projects – Buckthorn removal program, from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker.

NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03, Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02, David Kaar, whose contract expires 8/31/02 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/02.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, May 3, 2002.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, 6-8 pm May 16	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Sunday, 2:00 pm May 19	Prospect Park Community Choir Spring Concert at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Curt Oliver 331-3713
Monday, 7:00 pm May 20	PPERRIA Membership and BOD meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Tuesday, 7:00 pm May 21	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm May 22	Garden Club meeting at 120 Orlin Ave. SE	Pam Harris 331-6626
Monday, May 27	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	
Friday, 5:30-8:30 pm May 31	Pratt Ice Cream Social at Pratt Community Center – entertainment, food, climb tower, games and more	Bruce Graff 668-1122
Sunday, 9:30 am June 2	Blessing of the Animals service at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Becky Sechrist 378-2380
Wednesday, 7:30 pm June 5	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Sunday, 4-8 pm June 9	Farewell reception for Bruce Graff at Pratt Community Center	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Monday, 7:00 pm June 10	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm June 12	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 4 – 5pm 1 st Monday 11:15-12:15 3 rd Monday 2:30-3:15pm 4 th Tuesday 3:15-3:45pm	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC	Curt Oliver 331-3713

PPERIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperia/>

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