

Nov 1999 PPERRIA Newsletter

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Note from the President

Dear PPERRIA members and PPERR neighbors,

As everyone is probably aware, the PPERRIA By-Laws are under revision by the members of the executive committee, and I intend to present an overview of what is involved and the opportunities available for any interested PPERRIA member to help in the effort at this meeting.

Sincerely, Steve Cross

PPERRIA Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our November PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 22th, 7-9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

- 1 Welcome
- 2. Approve minutes from last meeting
- 3. Information:
  - Information on proposed PPERRIA bylaws updates
  - Update Zoning Committee and First Southeast Corp. Recognition of Ralph and Mary Rapson for their contributions.
  - Information A new YWCA near Lake and Hiawatha. Sue Duos, Director and Deanna Hamilton, Membership Coordinator
  - Update Information on Naming Park at Ontario & River Pkwy.
  - Decision Information on options for Motley housing funds
- 4. New/old business
- 5. Adjourn

Minutes of October PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

- 1. The 10/25/99 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association

Inc.(PPERRIA) Board of Directors/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

There were no additions and/or corrections to the agenda available at the meeting. Motion made and seconded to: "Accept the meeting agenda available at the meeting as the official agenda for the meeting." On a voice vote, motion adopted.

Mike Atherton, PPERRIA member, made a parliamentary inquiry about why there was a video camera at the back of the room and whether it was "official"? The chair responded that he had no idea whom or why there was a video camera but that if the questioner wanted to know, he was free to go back and ask the camera operator.

Motion made and seconded to: "Approve minutes of the 9/27/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 10/99 PPERRIA Newsletter." There were no proposed changes or additions. Motion approved on a voice vote.

Motion made by Harrison Nelson and seconded to adopt the minutes of the 4/24/99 Special Meeting as amended.

Motion made by Mike Atherton and seconded to table the minutes of the Special Meeting until the amended minutes have been published in the newsletter. After debate, the motion to table was defeated on a voice vote.

The question reoccurred on the motion to approve the minutes of the 4/24/99 Special Meeting. On a voice vote, the chair was in doubt. On a standing vote, the motion to approve the minutes was adopted.

Motion made by Harrison Nelson and seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/26/99 Annual Meeting.

Motion made by Mike Atherton and seconded "To add to Item 5 that there was a statement heading the ballot for Board of Directors that "you must be a vote for 21 directors." Mike Atherton indicated that he objected to the ballot wording at the meeting. It was indicated that at the Annual Meeting that a point of order was well taken that voters did not have to vote for exactly 21 but only up to 21. In view of that, it was pointless to amend the minutes further.

The question reoccurred on the amendment by Mike Atherton. It was defeated on a voice vote.

The question reoccurred on the motion to approve the minutes of the 4/26/99 Annual Meeting. On a voice vote, the motion to approve the minutes was adopted.

Nicole Magnan and Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police S.A.F.E program provided crime statistics and reported that now that school has started (public and university) the increase in various types of theft should go down. The Minneapolis Police Department 2nd Precinct has set up an E-mail announcement list to quickly get the word out on crime activity.

Send an E-mail to: [2csafe-on@lists.pandh.com](mailto:2csafe-on@lists.pandh.com) and use the subject: "subscribe."

In answer to questions, it was reported that most stolen autos are recovered; Friday and Saturday nights are the most busy; and non life-threatening 911 calls may not get answered as soon as a caller would like; for party house calls the answering officer has discretion as to the type of citation issued; the Minneapolis Park Police have few officers available at night; and, currently there is no formal working agreement between the Minneapolis Police Department and the University of Minnesota Police Department.

Motion made by Bill Kahn that "PPERRIA supports the establishment and maintenance of off-dog-leash areas and will consider the support of East River Flats and West Bank Sites once the actual sites are known." Bill Kahn, PPERRIA Environment Committee co-chair, reported that the organization Responsible Owners of Mannerly Pets (ROMP) has been working on this issue throughout the metro area and that the issue of a friendly relationship between neighborhoods and pets and their owners is included in the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan.

Motion by Mary Ann Page and seconded to amend the Kahn motion to have the question returned to PPERRIA once the Park Board has narrowed its choices of sites.

The question reoccurred on the Page amendment. On a voice vote, it was adopted.

The question reoccurred on the Kahn motion as amended. On a voice vote, it was adopted.

The chair said that the next three items on the agenda referred to him. Under Robert's Rules of Order, when the presiding officer is referred to in a motion, he or she must relinquish the chair for the duration of that debate.

Point of Order by Mike Atherton that the provision in Robert's only is effective when the chair is named. The chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken. The chair said that the provision in Robert's was clear and that whether or not there was a name stated when it was clear that the chair was referred to; he or she must relinquish presiding.

The chair said that none of the four vice-presidents wished to preside so he had asked Tom Kilton, a former PPERRIA president to preside as chair pro-tem. The chair asked whether there was any objection to

electing Tom Kilton chair pro-tem. The chair said he heard no objection and ruled that Tom Kilton was elected chair pro-tem by unanimous consent.

Mike Atherton indicated that he had objected and was asking for the floor when the chair ruled that there was unanimous consent. The chair responded that he was sorry that he hadn't seen that Mike was objecting. However, the ruling stands that unanimous consent was received.

Tom Kilton took the chair as chair pro-tem.

Point of Order by Mary Ann Page on whether if the first of Mike Atherton's three motions was defeated, voting on the other two was then moot. Before a ruling by the chair, Mike Atherton said he would withdraw the last two motions if his first motion was defeated.

Motion by Mike Atherton and seconded that: "The PPERRIA president includes a statement in the newsletter apologizing for the mis-statements made in an official PPERRIA memo, titled, "Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project," addressed to the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works Committee, dated 5/10/99.

Mike Atherton pointed out that the copies of the 5/10/99 PPERRIA memo available at this meeting do not have PPERRIA's letterhead. He asked all to listen to the facts—"they are not disputed." The letter was sent to the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works committee on 5/10/99. It is not known who authored the letter. PPERRIA bylaws indicate that in the event of an issue of importance, any action must be pre-approved. This is the issue: bylaws violated. In his opinion, there are a number of mistakes and lies that he can prove.

It was pointed out that PPERRIA had earlier approved its position regarding the issue of neighborhood sidewalk lighting. There followed at least one hour of discussion regarding this issue. Several pointed out that statements were "becoming personal." Several PPERRIA members said that questionable statements were attributed and documents not approved by them were used to support the "no" position on neighborhood sidewalk lighting. Mike Atherton said all he is asking for is a few sentences of acknowledgment that maybe this issue was not done right: "This will not go away, I will make sure PPERRIA does the right thing. I will sue. I will file grievances and who will pay the attorney costs?"

Motion by Mary Ann Page and seconded to call the previous question on the first Atherton motion. On a voice vote, the call of the previous question was adopted.

The question then reoccurred on the Atherton motion to require that

the PPERRIA president publicly apologize for "mis statements" in a letter to the City Council. On a voice vote, the motion was defeated.

Motions by Mike Atherton:

Motion 2: "The PPERRIA president send a letter to the Minneapolis City Council that a PPERRIA memo titled, "Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project" addressed to the committee, dated 5/10/99, included statements that were

either mis-representive or false."

Motion 3: ""The individual/individuals who were primarily responsible for authoring the PPERRIA memo titled 'Facts regarding neighborhood street lighting project,' addressed to the Minneapolis City Council Transportation and Public Works committee, dated 5/10/99 resign from official duties on the PPERRIA Executive Committee or the Board of Directors."

The maker withdrew those motions.

The PPERRIA President, Steve Cross, resumed presiding.

The chair noted the lateness of the hour and asked for and received unanimous consent to table until the next meeting the remaining items on the agenda which were:

1. Information on PPERRIA Bylaws proposed changes.
2. Information on Motley housing funds proposal.
3. Zoning report.

The chair called for announcements:

\* By the 11/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting the current PPERRIA bylaws will be available on the PPERRIA web site at

<http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>

\* Watch for posters and announcements of the PPUMC Bazaar and Community Art Fair on 11/6/99.

\* The Prospect Park Nursery School will have their annual Election Day bake sale at Pratt.

\* Interested in the Prospect Park Garden Club? Call Vera Marshall at 378-3972. The PPERRIA/NRP staff report was included in the 10/99 PPERRIA Newsletter.

\* Darlene Edwards, Glendale Resident President and PPERRIA member, is now living in Fargo, North Dakota because she

is diagnosed with a terminal illness. She will be given a McKnight award for the work she had done. The chair asked for and got unanimous consent to send a congratulatory

letter to Darlene on behalf of all of PPERRIA.

There was no new or old business.

Motion made, seconded and passed on a voice vote "To adjourn."

- Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary. Comments and corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or [marko001@po.metrostate.edu](mailto:marko001@po.metrostate.edu)

#### Old PPERRIA Meeting Minutes Needed – Steve Cross

The PPERRIA Executive Committee is compiling a book of documents to be made available to all PPERRIA members upon request (to check out from the PPERRIA records). This book includes the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Approved policies and procedures, and minutes of past PPERRIA Executive Committee and Membership meetings (from 1993 to present).

Some of the minutes are missing from record. If anyone has minutes from PPERRIA meetings (or Executive Committee meetings), especially from 1998 and before, please contact Steve Cross at 376-0094.

#### PPERRIA Bylaws Getting Another Look – Steve Cross

The PPERRIA Executive Committee has begun to review the current PPERRIA bylaws to suggest possible revisions to the General Membership. The limitations of the current bylaws became clear over the past year as questions arose about membership and voting, in particular. Anyone seeking to have input into this process before it comes before the membership should contact Steve Cross at 376-0094.

#### Gimme (Y2K) Shelter – Paula Denman

Earlier in the year the city of Minneapolis announced that in September or October it would publish the locations of emergency shelters in case residents had problems in their homes January 1, 2000. These emergency shelters have been identified throughout Minneapolis, but will not be published ahead of time.

Deputy Fire Chief Dick Turner, Director of Emergency Preparedness, said that Minneapolis is working with the Red Cross to set up sites. The Red Cross has found that if sites that will be used should an emergency occur are announced ahead of time, people will show up at them even if the emergency situation does not occur. The city will open and staff emergency shelters where and when they are needed, and the opening of each site will be publicized as it is opened.

If problems do arise in your area, the first step in locating a nearby shelter would be to tune into the radio for announcements. Turner says most stations should carry shelter-opening information, but he says that WCCO will definitely be working with the city on getting out the information. If you have no operational radio, a call to 911 would be the next step. If neither power or phone service were working at your home, you would instead go to the nearest fire station or police station, both of which will have specially assigned police officers on staff to direct residents to the nearest shelter.

Although specific locations won't be publicized, Chief Turner reassures Prospect Park East River Road residents that several buildings in the immediate area have been identified as sites because they have independent heat systems and backup generators. He said that the same is true for other neighborhoods

throughout the city.

The fire station in the Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood is Station 19, located at 200 Ontario Street SE, near the intersection of Oak Street SE and Washington Avenue SE. The phone number is 673-5369. The 2nd Precinct police station is at 1911 NE Central Avenue. Their non-emergency phone number is 673-5702. All emergency calls must be made to 911. If you have further questions, Deputy Fire Chief Turner suggested that you contact him at 673-2870.

#### PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

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 Glendale/Prospect Park Jerry Stein 623-0588 History  
Project Florence Littman 331-2970 Holiday Cards Mary Alice  
Kopf 379-7436 Housing:

Co-liaisons Housing

Housing Improvement  
Fourth Street Housing  
Unocal Oil Housing

Florence Littman

Sally Bell

Andy Mickel

Mike & Mary Huss

Dean Lund

331-2970

623-0390

331-8396

379-3362

378-2486 Landscape Karen Murdock 340-1338 Membership Dan

Patenaude 378-3038 Safety & Security Harrison Nelson 378-5377 Tower Hill

Park Susan Thrash 379-4587 Transportation Eleanor Montgomery 378-2714 Zoning

& Plan Review Florence Littman

Alison Savin 331-2970

378-9751

#### November 1999 PPERRIA NRP Contractor Activities

Reporting period: October 9, 1999 through November 5, 1999. Major activities and results:

Worked on issues related to NRP Phases I and planning for Phase II  
Worked on Glendale jobs initiative and translation support for community in job-seeking activities  
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood  
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee  
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter  
Worked to develop a neighborhood school at Pratt  
Maintained the Neighborhood Calendar.  
Helped ESNS serve Glendale/Prospect Park residents.  
Expense for contractors' services: Hours billed  
Total expense % of total contr. Budget Totals  
10/9/99-11/5/99 22.0% \$352.00.3% Totals

10/18/95-10/8/996,511.35\$108,883.6093.2%Totals  
10/18/95-11/5/996,533.35\$109,235.6093.5%Total PPERRIA NRP budget  
allocated for independent contractor services = \$116,852; \$7,616.40  
remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar  
Day and TimeRecurring Community EventsWhom to contactTuesdays &  
Thursdays 1 to 4 pmFood donations can be dropped off at the Care &  
Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary'sContact Ginia Klamecki at  
331-7056 for optionsTuesdays, 4-5 pm  
1st Monday 11:15am  
4th Wed. 9:45 amBookmobile at Luxton Park  
Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center  
Bookmobile at Univ Good Samaritan CenterContact Susan Larson-Fleming  
at 331-8819 for more informationTuesdays 7:00 pmCommunity Choir  
at PPUMCCConnie Balcom 379-49580ther Events and LocationTuesday,  
7:00 pm

November 16(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect  
Pk United Methodist ChurchFlorence Littman 331-2970Thursday, 6-8  
pm

November 18Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center (Rides &  
Childcare available)Susan Larson-Fleming  
331-8819 Monday, 7:00 pm

November 22PPERRIA General Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United  
Methodist ChurchSteve Cross 376-0094Thurs, November 25  
ThanksgivingWednesday, 7:30 pm

December 1Luxton Council meeting at Luxton Park BuildingJim Oberly  
379-3397Wednesday, 5:00 pm

December 8 Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St.  
Mary's (Tentative) 342-1986Monday, 7:00  
pm

December 13PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United  
Methodist ChurchSteve Cross 376-0094To include items in  
PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by Friday,  
December 10.

PPERRIA WebSite: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria>

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