

October 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter

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Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, please contact me at 623-3747 and either E-mail me at <pjwollum@hotmail.com> or provide content on floppy disk. – Pam Wollum

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our October PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 22nd, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (ground floor) SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

- 1. Welcome.
- 5. New/Old Business.
- 2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
- 6. Meeting Evaluation
- 3. Presentations/Informational items.
- 7. Adjourn.
- 4. Motions for Consideration:

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| Decision | Report and motion concerning light rail transit options |
| Decision/Info | Report on historic district survey study and motion to look at preparing a study for East River Parkway, East River Terrace, and Bridal Veil falls area. |
| Decision/ Info | Report and motion concerning power plants. |
| Information | Report on development by Wellington on Franklin Ave. |
| Information | Report on block club development |

Minutes of September PPERRIA Meeting – Will be included next month.

Motions for PPERRIA meeting

Motion: PPERRIA proposes the following resolution for the Central Corridor Transit:

1. PPERRIA supports an LRT mode of transit for the Central Corridor.
2. PPERRIA supports an alignment for the LRT along University Avenue in St. Paul to Berry Street, then turning north to the U of MN bus transit way, following the busway to approximately Huron, then turning to meet Washington Avenue and begin the descent to follow Washington Avenue through the campus below grade.
3. PPERRIA supports an LRT station at Stadium Village and one at Berry Street to service Westgate and the Prospect Park East River Road communities.
4. PPERRIA supports the development and placement of feeder or circulator buses along University and Franklin Avenues.
5. PPERRIA supports a moratorium on development along the Central Corridor transit route.

Motion: PPERRIA will work to begin the process of applying for historic district status for the East River Parkway/East River Terrace area south of the interstate.

Hess Roise has now completed the historic district survey study for Prospect Park and identified the area to be included in historic designation status. The neighborhood can use this information in its requests of developers and jurisdictions who request variances or who take actions which will affect the neighborhood. Because this study included only the central core of the Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood, the committee requests that PPERRIA begin the process of applying for historic district status for the East River Parkway area south of the interstate. The first step in this process will be to determine funding sources for this project.

Motion: To ratify the following statement drafted and released by a national coalition of environmental groups:

**Citizen's Call for
A National Solution to Power Plant Pollution**

Power plant pollution is taking its toll on America's health. Mountains of scientific evidence show that it aggravates respiratory problems like asthma and emphysema and shortens lives. At the same time, power plant pollution contributes to some of our worst environmental problems, such as acid rain, ozone damage to trees and crops, mercury contamination of fish and streams, and global climate change. Power plants are the largest industrial source of air pollution, emitting two-thirds of all soot-forming sulfur dioxide, more than a quarter of ozone smog forming nitrogen oxide, forty percent of the US's carbon dioxide, and thirty-four percent of mercury.

As the debate over energy policy moves forward, all Americans will be affected by the pollution that could result if policy makers fail to protect public health and the environment as they enact policies designed to ensure affordable, reliable energy. The following steps must be taken:

- Strong enforcement of current clean air laws. The Clean Air Act seeks to prevent excess pollution from the oldest and dirtiest facilities. Both state and federal governments must make sure companies obey the law and must hold accountable those that do not.

Power Plan Motion continued

- New clean air laws for power plants that will dramatically reduce pollutants that cause smog, acid rain, respiratory disease, global warming, and mercury contamination.

Studies show that in order to protect public health and restore vital ecosystems, the four major power plant pollutants should be cut by the following amounts by 2007: NO_x emissions should be cut by 75 percent from 1997 levels; SO₂ emissions should be cut by 75 percent from 1999 levels; and CO₂ emissions should be cut to 1990 levels as required by the *Framework Convention on Climate Change*, which was signed by former President Bush and unanimously ratified by the U.S. Senate.

- An end to the grandfather loophole that exempts dirty, old coal plants.

Old dirty power plants emit as much as ten times more pollution than modern facilities. They were exempted from modern pollution controls nearly 25 years ago because it was expected that they would be retired and replaced with new clean plants. However, most of these old dirty plants have not retired> There must be some reasonable limit on the grandfather loophole. All power plants on their thirtieth birthday should be required to meet modern emission standards>

As the scientific evidence of adverse health and environmental impacts from power plant pollution mounts, it is clear that we must take steps to clear the air. Our health and our environment demand it.

MCDA Announces New Mortgage Loan Program - MCDA

The Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) announces a new, lower interest rate of 6.5 percent (with one discount point) on a 30-year mortgage loan through the *CityLiving* home mortgage program. Qualified homebuyers whose annual household income is \$120,050 or less may purchase a single-family home with a sales price of up to \$299,000 with a 30-year FHA, VA or conventional mortgage loan. A *CityLiving* loan can also be used to refinance and rehab when home improvements equal or exceed one-third of the value of the home.

Interested parties can contact the MCDA for a list of participating lenders. For more information, call (612) 673-5288 or visit <http://www.mcda.org> and click on the home finance tab.

Watch for the Orange Cones – John Holmquist

Pratt School will be closing the block of Malcolm Avenue from Sidney Place to Orlin for approximately one hour at noon on school days. This will provide additional play space in the area connecting the school's eastside playground with Tower Hill Park. As enrollment has risen at the school, outdoor play space has filled up. Pratt does have plans to expand play space on the north side of the school.

Municipal permits have been retained and these current plans have the approval of the School District, City Council, and Public Works department. Police, fire, and ambulance drivers regularly deal with street closings.

Public Meetings Announced to Discuss Bike Trail – Jennifer Ringold

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has now set dates for additional meetings for the public to discuss the proposed bike trail along East River Parkway. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 2nd. Additional meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, November 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave. S.E. Call Jennifer Ringold at 661-4800 for further information.

Some Neighborhood Libraries Begin Sunday Hours – Minneapolis Public Libraries

Four Minneapolis public libraries – **East Lake**, North Regional, Northeast, and Walker Community Libraries – are now open Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Also, Saturday service has been added at Franklin Community Library, now open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PPERRIA Centennial Celebration Set for November – Susan Gottlieb

The PPERRIA Centennial Celebration is scheduled to immediately follow a brief PPERRIA business meeting on Monday, November 26th, 2001. It will include a nod to Prospect Park residents from 100 years ago, a timeline of accomplishments, a celebration of past presidents, refreshments and community choir performance.

If your community group or committee would like to have a table to display their work or sell PPERRIA or Tower Hill merchandise, or if you are a past president from any era, please contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104. Also, please consider volunteering to help with the celebration. Complete the form (below) and return it to the PPERRIA mailbox at Pratt by November 19th.

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Yes, I'd like to help with the PPERRIA Centennial Celebration!

Please sign me up to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with set-up (about 6:00 p.m.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up refreshments (6:30 p.m.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake fruit cobbler | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve refreshments/make coffee & tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate old, period clothing for the evening My Phone #: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Put up flyers in the neighborhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Name _____ Phone # _____

Proposal for Housing Development on Emerald St. S.E.– Steve Banks

Wellington Management, Inc., has approached the City of St. Paul with a proposal for the development of housing on the two blocks bounded by Franklin Ave., Emerald St., Ellis Ave., and Curfew Street. The proposed development, called Emerald Park, includes the renovation of the large shed building on Emerald St. into 75 condominium loft units, new construction of 21 additional ownership townhouses next to it on the same block, and construction of 220-240 rental apartment units in a four-story building on the block to the east, between Berry and Curfew.

Both blocks would be served by underground parking. As proposed, the condominium lofts would range in price from \$185,000 to \$400,000, and the townhouses would range from \$250,000 to \$425,000. The projected rents for the apartments are \$1025 per month for a one bedroom to \$1400 per month for a 2 bedroom plus den. Twenty percent of the rental units will be affordable as required by the city's housing policy.

By the time this paper goes to press, Steve Wellington will have made his informational presentation at the St. Anthony Park Community Council meeting on October 11.

If you have questions, you can contact Donna Drummond, City Planner in St. Paul at 651-266-6556.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Safety & Security | Harrison Nelson | 378-5377 |
| 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: September 8, 2001 through October 5, 2001. Major activities and results:

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| 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 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 9/8/01 to 10/5/01 | 41.5 | \$664.00 | .5% |
| Totals 10/18/95 to 8/10/01 | 7,445.10 | \$127,121.88* | 94.5% |
| Totals 10/18/95 to 10/5/01 | 7,486.60 | \$127,785.88* | 89.7% |

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$142,447.69; **\$14,661.81** 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 – and from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination.

NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 12/31/01, Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02, and David Kaar, whose contract expires 8/31/02.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, November 9, 2001.**

| Date and Time | Event and Location | Whom to contact |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, October 16 | 7:00 pm (Tentative) Zoning & Planning meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Florence Littman 331-2970 |
| Thursday, October 18 | 6-8 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center, childcare & rides available | Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 |
| Monday, October 22 | 7:00 pm PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Steve Cross 376-0094 |
| Wednesday, October 31 | 6-8 pm Halloween Party and Haunted House at Luxton Park | Kris Hammes 370-4925 |
| Saturday, November 3 | 9am-7pm Art Fair and Bazaar at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Becky Sechrist 378-2380 |
| Wednesday, November 7 | 7:30 pm Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building | Jim Oberly 379-3397 |
| Thursday, November 8 | 6:30-8:30 pm Bike Trail discussion meeting at St. Frances Cabrini Church | Jennifer Ringold 661-4800 |
| Monday, November 12 | 7:00 pm PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Steve Cross 376-0094 |
| Wednesday, November 14 | 5:00 pm Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave. | Shirley Davis 342-1952 |
| Wednesday, November 21 | 7:30 pm Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Frances Cabrini Church | Marie Rossa 339-3023 |
| Monday, November 26 | 7:00 pm PPERRIA Board and Membership Meeting & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Steve Cross 376-0094 |

| Day and Time | Recurring Community Events | Whom to contact |
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| Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 – 4 pm | Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's | Ginia Klamecki 331-7056 |
| Tuesdays, 1 st Monday 4 th Wednesday | 4 – 5 pm Bookmobile at Luxton Park 11:15 am Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center 9:45 am Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center | Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819 |
| Tuesdays | 7:00 pm Community Choir at PPUMC | Curt Oliver 331-3713 |

PPERRIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>

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