

PPERRIA News – October 2011

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting

Monday, October 24th

7:00 – 9:00 pm

**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 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.
We will make every attempt to meet that need.*

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OCTOBER AGENDA:

The usual committee reports and updates
No blockbuster issues scheduled
(but look out, that's when things can get exciting)

Your current PPERRIA officers:

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Visit the PPERRIA Office, at the corner of Arthur and University Avenues

Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 3pm

Come in and browse the wall exhibits showing the current Master Plan layouts

(And if you have questions or want further details – call project manager Brian Golberg at 612.710.2860)

Notes from the President

Almost a year ago the PPERRIA Board of Directors met in a Saturday retreat and set out a strategy. It was to devise strategic objectives and work plans to make our PPERRIA committees more relevant for engaging the community in meeting those objectives. Several committees have adopted the work plans and meet on a regular basis. We hope this provides a way for you to participate in discussions of issues in which you are particularly interested.

We have only ten PPERRIA meetings per year, and each meeting deals with many issues. Since only so much can be done in a two-hour meeting, meetings are mostly informative and we can't give every issue the attention or discussion it needs.

However, many of the issues we face as a neighborhood merit careful consideration. One place for this to happen is in the committees. I invite you all to get engaged in the affairs of the neighborhood through participation in one or more of the PPERRIA committees. Here are some of those vital issues.

Administrative Committee – PPERRIA finances are in new territory now that Minneapolis is replacing the NRP structure with a general support program for neighborhood organizations with real dollars attached. We're also obtaining grants to aide in our strategic planning, including development planning for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT).

Historic District Committee – is following up on local historic designation for Prospect Park after rejection of the local designation proposed by the Heritage Preservation Commission last year. PPERRIA is exploring a different model for local designation, a "Conservation District" that allows more neighborhood control than does the City's local "Historic District" designation. This committee is contacting other Minneapolis neighborhoods to join in urging the City to modify its current ordinance to include the Conservation District option. Meanwhile, this committee continues to work on design-guideline details, along with a plan to implement a Conservation District.

MemCom Committee – a combined Membership Committee and Communications Committee. It seeks to strengthen communication links within the neighborhood, and reach out to groups not previously a part of PPERRIA. They hired neighborhood consultants to strengthen ties with 1) local businesses, 2) resident renters, and 3) to revitalize the block club organization,

all as a means of communication among neighbors and connections to the community.

Master Plan and Transit Committees – these have undertaken a major project in partnership with the property owners on University Avenue and around the proposed Prospect Park/ 29th Avenue LRT Station. As I reported in past issues, this has taken on a life of its own with the formation of the Prospect Park 2020 Steering Committee (see below).

Organization Development Committee – is working with consultant Roger Meyer developing plans for fund raising and for further community engagement relative to Pratt Community School and Resource Center. With recent dramatic increases in Pratt enrollment, the school has once again attracted the attention of the Minneapolis Public School Administration, this time in a positive way. Apparently, the long-held desire to build out the third floor of Pratt may happen sooner than we'd thought.

Zoning and Land Use Committee – is very busy reviewing a stream of new proposed developments in the neighborhood, and commenting on proposed changes in the City Zoning Code.

Each committee would welcome new members. If you have an interest in these activities, or any others, and wish to have a role, let us know. Regular meeting attendance is not as important as your interest and input. Contact me or Joyce or, better yet, the committee chair (all are listed in this newsletter). We also welcome you to become engaged in the Prospect Park 2020 project. Have you visited the project office and seen the scale model of the neighborhood? It's at 2950 University Avenue.

The Prospect Park 2020 project held a workshop last month, and reported to the PPERRIA Board and membership at the September meeting. The report outlined the future development objectives for University Avenue and the LRT station. The objectives include a plan for an interconnected Public Domain: open space and green areas that include Tower Hill Park, University Avenue, the station area at 29th Avenue, the proposed Granary Park next to the railroad, and 27th Avenue. Some of this follows the Park Board plan for a new parkway – from Granary Park to the East River Boulevard – along 27th Avenue.

The plan would also make 4th Street into a residential street between 27th Avenue and Malcolm, similar to River Mews on Franklin Avenue, but with higher density that includes high-rise apartments along the Inter-campus Transit way. In this plan the area around the LRT station

is envisioned as a commercial /civic hub with retail and service centers. And it's a potential expansion area for the Textile Center and a library.

Check out the Prospect Park 2020 website (www.prospectpark2020.org) for more details and images of what is possible for the future.

.....Dick Poppele

A Note from the Vice President

Hello, neighbors! This is my first time writing for the PPERRIA News, and it's because our President Dick Poppele is out of town. (Although it is my fondest hope that he will still write for this issue.)

First some background, since I haven't met many of you yet. My name is Christina Larson. I am a veterinarian at the U of M Academic Health Center. I also run a veterinary consulting business, providing services to several other educational institutions. Born and raised in rural Minnesota (on a farm), I've lived in Morris (during college), the Twin Cities (St Anthony Park, Desnoyer Park, and now Prospect Park), and Northfield. I've always appreciated forested neighborhoods, beautiful old houses, and winding streets. And I love living just a block from the river.

Prospect Park's strong history of neighborhood involvement really draws me in. I'm impressed by the wealth of knowledge and the passion for this neighborhood. Call me crazy, but I'm fairly sure that beautiful places to live inspire their lucky residents to shepherd their beauty and livability. I count myself fortunate to be part of this caretaking.

As was mentioned in the Newsletter last month, the planning and excitement about what is possible at our Light Rail Station continues to grow. The Textile Center is selecting its desired building concept and looking to fundraise for their new

"destination for the arts", while stakeholders in other art-centric projects are intrigued by the Textile Center's plans.

The PPERRIA initiative, as you know, draws on the experience and interests of many local people (homeowners, business owners, property owners) as well as the major local 'groups' (University, City, and County). This is a great cross-section of those who have a vested interest in the neighborhood. We are fortunate that outside interests are beginning to take notice, not only of our 29th Avenue Station's prime location, but also of the cooperative planning effort that our initiative brings into existence.

Additionally, we are in the midst of a wonderful opportunity. The socioeconomic climate, or culture (or both) is calling for people and communities to create artfully intermingled community developments. This isn't just sticking a few art pieces here and there. It means concentrating residences, artists, museums, businesses, and services in a mix that draws residents and visitors alike. Our PPERRIA initiative team (also known as Prospect Park 2020) is planning to solicit formal letters of interest from our various business groups and local governments with the intention of applying for larger planning grants. Our Prospect Park 2020 team has momentum, and is perfectly positioned to keep the ball rolling!

.....Cheers, Christina Larson

PPERRIA Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2011, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Fall hours for Luxton Park building**
- **Update on "Prospect Park 2020" project/Textile Center**

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association was called to order by President Dick Poppele at 7:02 PM. There were no first-time PPERRIA meeting attendees. The agenda was approved as published.

The approval of the May minutes was postponed until the October meeting. Florence Littman suggested that changes to the minutes be discussed with the secretary before the monthly meeting, to facilitate their adoption by the membership. The minutes of the July meeting, printed in the newsletter, were approved with changes in the spelling of "Widder" and "Nordin," one nay vote being recorded.

The Treasurer's report, passed out to the members, was approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jim Widder, who has been hired to improve community outreach from the neighborhood association to the wider business community, introduced Okhui Waller of the Green Spoon restaurant (2600 University Avenue). She

thanked Prospect Park residents for their support of her restaurant, which opened in the spring. She said the Green Spoon is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner (breakfast is 7-11 am Monday through Friday, 9-noon on Saturday). She passed out discount coupons to her restaurant.

- Meredith Poppele asked for volunteers to provide refreshments for upcoming PPERRIA meetings.
- Betts Zerby said “it’s sweatshirt weather.” She has Prospect Park sweatshirts on sale for \$20.
- Huy Nguyen, the director of Luxton Park, thanked PPERRIA for its donation of \$250 for sports programs. The Park was able to support two basketball teams and one baseball team this year. The building had to be closed several times during the summer due to excess heat. Some bids have been put in to install air conditioning. Luxton Learners, which brought children and parents to the Park, had about thirty participants. About 90 children were fed each day during the summer. A new Farmers Market has opened at Luxton this summer. Hours are Wednesday from 1 to 3 PM. The market will continue for another few weeks. Huy hopes to bring back the crafts program this fall. The annual Halloween Party will have a haunted house this year. He left brochures detailing the fall programs. Lindsey Wollschlager said she has played in a rec league in St. Paul. She asked if Luxton offered dodge ball for adults; Huy said not yet, but the Park is for adults as well as for kids. The new hours for the Luxton Park building are:

Monday—Friday: 3 to 9 PM

Saturday: 9 AM to 4 PM

- Susan Larson-Fleming of SEMCOL (Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning) said that SEMCOL has been in existence since 2003. It was founded by ex-mayor Don Fraser. A report on educational options in Southeast Minneapolis (outside of the regular schools) has just been issued by SEMCOL and the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the U of M. The first “Learning Fair” in Southeast took place last Saturday at Van Cleave Park. About 200 people attended. Pratt School is “stuffed to the gills” this school year, with 240 students (in Kindergarten—Grade 5). The school is on the School Board list to receive some money for capital improvements. Susan expressed hope that this might enable the “build out” of the attic. A Fulbright Grant has brought an Arabic teacher from Egypt to Pratt for the second year in a row. Susan Gottlieb said that SEMCOL is accepting volunteers to serve on the Board (which meets four times a year). Dick Poppele said that Roger Meyer, who served as facilitator for the PPERRIA Board retreat last December, might be hired to work with various Pratt stakeholders on the future of the school. Judy Farmer emphasized the importance of the fact that Pratt has been recommended for capital improvements; this shows a level of support for the school which has been lacking in the past few years and “will convince residents that Pratt is not going to go away.”
- Tom Kilton said that the annual neighborhood cleanup, held Saturday, September 24, was quite successful and “we’ve made a significant dent in the number of tires” collected from the neighborhood (in former years the total approached 100 but this year it was only 10). Five tons of concrete were collected this year.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION

Joe Ring of the Historic District Committee offered a resolution on a proposed new type of neighborhood protection (new to Minneapolis) called “conservation districts.” The resolution called for the City Council to direct planning staff of the city to draft a conservation district ordinance for Minneapolis “and that the said ordinance contain the intent, language and structure similar to the Conservation District Ordinance for the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts.” Three other neighborhoods in Minneapolis are also interested in getting such an ordinance and passing such a resolution: Marcy-Holmes, Lowry Hill, and East Isles. Some PPERRIA members objected to the language of the proposed resolution. Richard Adams suggested to “frame this in a more positive way.” Dick P. proposed that the membership adopt the resolution “in principle” tonight with the final wording to be worked out by the end of the week by a committee consisting of Joe Ring, Richard Adams, Jim Oberly, Peter LaSha, Stu Anderson, and Judy Farmer. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. This can be considered a vote of the Board, a quorum being present. The agenda item ended with a round of applause to Joe and a singing of “Happy Birthday” in appreciation of his spending his 65th birthday evening at a PPERRIA meeting instead of celebrating elsewhere.

PROGRESS REPORT ON “PP 2020”

Dick P., Dick Gilyard and John DeWitt presented a handout on the “Prospect Park 2020” project. The budget, which is balanced through the end of 2011, totals \$122,100. A workshop on PP2020 was held at the Tierney Brothers offices on September 17. PP2020 concentrates on the area around the Light Rail Transit station, which will be built on 29th Avenue just north of University. But the “PP2020” area includes the whole area north of University in Prospect Park. Interest in this area goes back a long way. The SEMI (Southeast Minneapolis Industrial area) plan was issued in 2001. Design objectives and guidelines for the 29th Avenue area were finished in 2005 and were adopted by the city in 2006. Demographic projections for Southeast Minneapolis show that this area will gain 25% in population over the next few decades. The Master Plan Committee has discussed the development of an “urban village” north of University Avenue. Development around the station will take place with or without input from PPERRIA; all the planning is an attempt to steer that

development in such a way as to benefit the neighborhood. (“Density” is one of the areas of concern to the neighborhood identified in the Board retreat in December.) Stakeholders in this process include Hennepin County (University Avenue is a county road), the city of Minneapolis, the U of M, and residents of PP.

The Central Corridor Funders Collaborative is a group of foundations (Ford Foundation, McKnight Foundation etc.) which are giving out grants dealing with various aspects of the University Avenue light rail transit line between the two downtowns (called the “Central Corridor”). PPERRIA received \$60,000 from the Funders Collaborative.

One of the areas of most concern to PP2020 is the Textile Center. This is a national organization of 40 guilds related to the fiber arts. Its building at Arthur and University is its national headquarters. The Textile Center has been in Prospect Park for 10 years. They like the Park and the central location in the Twin Cities. During their time here, they have thrived and are now in need of space to expand. They would like to at least double their space. James Dayton Design was hired as a consultant to develop options for the future expansion of the Textile Center. Dayton built a model of the area, which was unveiled at an Open House held at the Textile Center in July. The Board of Directors of the Textile Center is now reviewing these plans (four proposals were made for the expansion: Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large). The model is now on display in the PPERRIA office.

Dick P. said that a newly-enlarged Textile Center could be “an anchor for future development” along University Avenue. Dick G. said that the Center wants to attract other arts organizations to the area and to have “shared spaces.” Textile designers might be attracted to locate near the Textile Center. John D. pointed out that the Textile Center’s Board is also considering expansion somewhere outside Prospect Park. Dick P. said that parking is a big problem in PP and the Raymond/University intersection in Saint Paul has more parking than does Prospect Park.

Another area of concern for PP2020 is the public realm. This includes not just parks but the LRT station, University Avenue and the proposed Granary Park and Granary Road. The goal is to make the public realm in Prospect Park “safe and attractive 24/7.” One aim is to make University Avenue more inviting; one proposal is to make a center median with plantings in the part of University Avenue not occupied by the LRT line. John D. said that a strong public realm would spur private development and that “Prospect Park has a strong sense of place.” He stressed the connectivity of the public realm (for example, 27th Avenue in the Park is part of the city-wide “Grand Rounds”). The goal is “when you walk out your front door you see green.” Fourth Street will be a “greenway.”

Plans call for higher-density housing to be built north of University Avenue and student housing west of 27th Avenue. Residential buildings of 6 to 10 storeys could be accommodated near the U of M Transitway. Dick G. said the overall goal is to “preserve the integrity, character and diversity” of Prospect Park’s existing housing, while allowing for additional diverse residential development. He said that PP has “a large amount of underutilized land” north of University Avenue. He hopes to find “developers who embrace the vision” that PP2020 has laid out.

Tony Garmers said he hoped the new housing in the Park would attract U of M faculty and staff. Dick G. noted that increased population would create more markets.

The Harris property on 30th Avenue north of the Transitway is up for sale. Dick G. said this property, which includes several derelict 19th-century railroad-related buildings, presented a “rich opportunity” for development and would be “ideal for a university-related conference center.”

John D. said that while more parking was needed in the neighborhood, the goal was to make parking “as invisible as possible.”

Hennepin County is considering building a new library in Southeast Minneapolis. One possible location would be a “transit-oriented” community library at the LRT station.

The current hours the PPERRIA office is open (in the U Flats building at Arthur and University) are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to 5. The next PP2020 workshop will be held Saturday, November 5.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Betts Zerby and Lois Willand of the **Membership-Communications Committee** said that three new outreach workers have been hired for the following tasks:

Elizabeth Miller will work with renters and landlords

Jim Widder will work with local businesses

Steve Cross will work to rebuild block clubs

During the first week in September, 300 “welcome bags” were distributed to rental units in Prospect Park. More people signed up for the e-list at a table at the Pratt Boot Sale. Prospect Park has 1500 rental units, with room for 7000 renters. Not all of the rental units are in apartment buildings. Many homeowners have a rental unit in their homes. 82 homes in Prospect Park have rental and homeowner in the same house.

Jim Widder is talking to local businesses and gathering information. He is updating the list of local businesses and doing interviews with business owners. He is encouraging businesses in the neighborhood to get involved with PPERRIA and to be linked to the PPERRIA website. Strategies to deal with LRT disruption will be of interest both to businesses and to local

residents. There are an estimated 300 businesses in Prospect Park, of a very diverse character, including some home-based businesses.

Steve Cross passed out a handout, "Block Club Organization and Leader Duties, proposals by Steve Cross, Block Club Outreach worker," detailing his plans to rebuild block clubs in Prospect Park. Steve recommends that PPERRIA have a member of the Board of Directors responsible for block clubs. He would also like to see Board members serving as block club leaders. He has drawn up a map with tentative boundaries for block clubs in the Park. The aim is to see "that everyone's in a block club somewhere."

Dick Brownlee of the **Zoning Committee** has developed a letter of agreement for developers in the neighborhood. The city of Minneapolis wants to eliminate the Conditional Use Permit for new developments, which the Zoning Committee opposes. Florence L. said that the city has been trying to get rid of neighborhood input for years. A CUP means that some conditions can be put on new developments. Dick B. put forward a proposal opposing the elimination of the CUP; a vote was taken on this proposal and passed unanimously. This can be considered a vote of the Board, a quorum being present.

Zachary Campbell the program director for the Alliance Clinic at 3329 University Avenue reported on plans to expand the clinic. Alliance Clinic, which opened in 2000, treats opium addicts with methadone. It plans to expand into the second floor of the building (5000 square feet).

Christina Larson prepared the treasurers report for the **Administration Committee**.

Henry Keshi of the **Glendale Residents Council** said that September 16 saw a "listening circle" of GRC and the District Collaborative. Glendale would like to provide English Language Learning (ELL) classes onsite. They have the space but not the staff.

STAFF REPORT

The staff report was published in the July newsletter. In July and August Joyce Barta worked 36.75 hours for a cost of \$882.

NEW BUSINESS

Cam Gordon, our city councilman, said that they are "deep in budget season" at City Hall. He recommended the new "One Minneapolis, One Read" program, in which all members of the community are encouraged to read a single book at a single time. The first book recommended is *The Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris, NPR host and Minneapolis native. The book is about the experience of being the first black family on a block in south Minneapolis. For those who wish to contact him, Cam's office phone number is (612) 673-2202.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, Secretary

Proposed changes to the minutes for the PPERRIA meeting of May 23, 2011

Under the item "PROPOSED PPERRIA STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2010-2011," the May 2011 minutes read: "The charges of the various committees were presented and voted upon. All of them passed unanimously and can be considered a vote of the Board, a quorum being present."

The proposed changes – to be voted on in October – would state that:

1. There was one nay vote. So approval of the charges of the committees was not unanimous. And,
2. No separate Board of Directors vote was taken on the charges to the committees.

<http://pperr.org>

Have you visited our PPERRIA Website lately? We benefit from the work of some very bright volunteers, led by our venerable WebMaster Andy Mickel. While on the subject, the Website could use more photos. Andy says: Submit them on CDs, flashdrives, or other device amenable to electronic transfer.

LUXTON PARK FALL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Huy Nguyen, Luxton Park Director

Luxton Park is falling into fall with much energy from a fun filled summer. Summer Splash with Pratt and Community Education was a great success. We had 60+ youth registered for enrichments courses and recreational activities. Job well done by Debra Clark and the leaders that provided a wonderful service for our children and youth in our neighborhood to keep them busy, healthy, learning, and active.

Luxton Learners, our academic enrichment program, was also a delightful success. This program is coordinated and directed by Jean Emmons and East Side Neighborhood Services. This program had 25 + registered morning participants to engage, challenge, and enrich their own creative minds. Thank you to our teen leaders, ESNS coordinators, Luxton Park staff, and those who helped bring this quality program together.

Luxton Park in conjunction with Minneapolis Public Schools, the Midwest Dairy Council, and the National Football League also partnered to feed and get kids in the community moving for 60 minutes per day. Our average lunch distribution for youth 18 and under held steady around 60 meals per day. Our snack distribution hovered around 90 snacks per day. Furthermore, with supplies and support, Luxton Park staff provided over 2500 minutes of exercise for the "Play 60" program this summer alone. Thank you staff and children for a healthy and sweaty summer.

Moving into fall, Luxton Park will be changing to school based hours. These hours will be Monday through Friday from 3pm to 9pm and Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. Furthermore, we are introducing some new and all ready existing programs this upcoming fall that can be seen at the website below:

http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/documents/recCtrs/CSA_7_Fall_Program.pdf

Some of those programs include craft classes, G.Y.M. class, Pool Sharks: Billiards for Youth, and much more. Also, don't forget to check out the Luxton Book Exchange, which is an exciting way to discover some great reads for the family.

Thank you Lois Willand, Meredith Poppele, and Rebecca Shockley for your continued hard work and dedication in making the exchange beautiful.

Lastly, Luxton Park says thank you, and welcome to our park and its programs.

Live. Share. Recreate!

Melia's Day

Wow, First Grade. And y'know what? – It's upstairs. With Ms. Krause! And some of the kids are new. And Ms. Krause says we'll have not one, not two, but three field trips this year. Wow!

What else do I like? Well. There's noodle tag in the gym with those long foam noodles in crazy colors. There's dancing in music class. There's my Grandma Ginia, the Lunch Lady, and I helped the new kids find their way to lunch. Maybe best of all there's Jakki and her Tower Club. And, it's warm, so we can stay longer on the playground. It's good to be back in Pratt!

(Editor's note: Melia, a flesh-and-blood girl, started Kindergarten at Pratt in September 2010. Her "Day" will read as a diary through the school year relating her thoughts as accurately as we can project them. While reflecting every Pratt student, they will gradually reveal the real-life Melia.)

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as “the PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar”)

To include items in the PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wednesday, Nov 9th** at *bartajm@yahoo.com* or 612-859-4960

Communications Committee meeting: Thursdays, October 27th and November 17th, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697.

Administration Committee: Thursdays, November 3rd and December 1st, 7pm, PPERRIA Office, 2950 University – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Organizational Development Committee: Wednesdays, November 9th, and December 7th, 7pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University – Call Rob Nordin at 331-1766.

Garden Club Potluck meetings: There will be no Garden Club meetings in October, November or December. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at Vera Marshall's house, 2019 Franklin Avenue, SE.

Glendale Residents Council meetings: Friday, October 28th, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, *keshi@minn.net*.

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Mondays, October 24th and November 28th, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting: Mondays, November 14th and December 12th, 7 pm. PPERRIA office, 2950 University – Call President Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative): Tuesdays, November 1st, and December 6th, 7pm. Prospect Park United Methodist Church, or PPERRIA office, 2950 University – Call Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

September 2011 PPERRIA Staff Report

9/1/2011 – 9/30/2011

Staff hours for regular PPERRIA tasks from September 1 through September 30, 2011 totaled 41.5 hours for a cost of \$996.00. This was paid out of PPERRIA funds.

“Do more than belong: participate.”*William Arthur Ward*

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<i>The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:</i>			
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Greg Bernstein, John Kari (Alt.)		
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Gottlieb		
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson		
Central Corridor Construction Communication Committee for University Avenue West	Julie Wallace		
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard,		

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FYI: *For over a decade, dreamers have conjured the possible uses for Pratt's Attic.*

As mentioned on p.2 (Notes from the President), the school district appears to be moving now with serious plans for rehabbing Pratt's third floor (details of which are not readily shared). Otherwise known as the "attic," Pratt's third floor offers thousands of square feet of high-ceilinged floor space. On Pratt's three lower levels – ground, 1st and 2nd – classroom space itself is limited, having already crowded out many of the wider-community programs that once filled the building.

The "problem" is actually an excess of good news: Pratt is once more a thriving public school!

But a built-out third floor would solve all sorts of conundrums, and would only enhance Pratt's value as a vital neighborhood resource. So, let's dream on.....*the editor*

Luxton Park Halloween Party Monday – October 31st – 6pm to 8pm.

There will be candy bags, pictures, crafts, face painters, sensory tables, and a haunted house.

This event should be spooky fun for friends and family

Come on down and celebrate with us

And Remember:

What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today