

PPERRIA News – October 2012

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting Monday, October 22nd 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues SE

*If you have special accommodation needs, contact
Jessica Buchberger at pperristaff@gmail.com or 612/643-1443
We will make every attempt to meet that need*

Refreshments at 6:30 pm.

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Your current PPERRIA officers:

President: Christina Larson (651-329-2784)...pperriapresident@gmail.com
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Treasurer: Lindsey Wollschlager (438-4068).....lwollschlager@gmail.com

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

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm

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

If you have questions or want further details – call project manager Brian Golberg at 612.710.2860

Notes from the President's Desk

Brr! As I write, the weather turns colder and I think longingly of cozy chairs by the fireside with a cup of hot chocolate and a good book. The trees throw off their green cloaks to reveal lovely yellows, oranges, and reds, and the wind swirls the dry leaves already discarded with the last of summer.

Construction continues apace on our stretch of University Avenue, and I hope everyone is managing to coexist as well as possible with the constant changes and updates.

We are in the process of submitting our request to the City for the next round of Citizen Participation Program (CPP) funds. These are the funds with which we run PPERRIA's operations—including everything from sending out the Newsletter, maintaining our website, paying for our administrative assistant, purchasing the required non-profit insurance, hiring an accountant for our tax preparation, buying check blanks, etc. Without this funding, we would be hard-pressed to keep our correspondence going, much less take action on the things important to this neighborhood such as the increased noise from the newer sound wall.

This CPP submission will trigger a response that we update our bylaws to align with the CPP terms within a specified time period. Our CPP City Neighborhood Specialist has already provided some comments on the PPERRIA bylaws, an overview of which were presented at the October Executive Committee meeting. Due to the scope of the comments and some of the questions he raised, the Executive Committee recognized that it would not

be possible to adequately address all of the details during its regular meeting.

Instead, an *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee has been established to meet with our Specialist, discuss his comments and recommendations, and craft revisions. Their draft will be sent to the Executive Committee for review, and forwarded to the Board of Directors as the bylaws require.

The proposed amendments will be published in the Newsletter in advance and presented to the Board of Directors for ratification at a regular PPERRIA Board of Directors meeting, probably in November or later (stay tuned!). Each amendment will be considered and voted on separately. If any amendments are suggested on optional topics, all amendments on required changes will be presented first. To make the most of your valuable time and energy – and in compliance with parliamentary procedure – any requests for substantive changes outside the scope of a proposed amendment shall be referred back to committee.

If you are a PPERRIA member with expertise, interest, or opinion regarding the bylaws, we invite you to participate in their revision. We anticipate that the service time will be 2 to 4 evening meetings, and the committee service will end with the finalization of the required amendments.

Please join our *ad hoc* Bylaws Committee! Contact me at PPERRIApresident@gmail.com to get involved.

.....your cheerful PPERRIA President,
Christina Larson

Note: *The official minutes of the PPERRIA Board/Membership Meetings for July and September 2012 do not appear, pending approval by the Board. (There was no meeting in August.) In lieu of this, below we offer "Karen's Comments," an unofficial account of the September, 2012, PPERRIA meeting.....the editor*

Karen's Comments on the PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting of September 24, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Bylaw changes vote postponed again**
- **Responsible Banking Petition receives support**
- **Updates from PPERRIA committees**

The monthly meeting of the Prospect Park-East River Road Improvement Association was held in the Prospect Park United Methodist Church Monday, September 24. It was called to order at 7 PM by President Christina Larson. She thanked Kate Donahue for providing refreshments.

No guests or new members made themselves known. The agenda was approved. There was no featured business this month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kilton said, "If it's fall, it must be cleanup." The annual neighborhood cleanup will be held Saturday, September 29. Volunteers should meet at 8:30 AM for breakfast at Tom's house, 1933 East River Road. Tom said that, after many years, "we're getting better and better—we have fewer and fewer things to pick up." The volunteers are not getting any younger, however; the average age of people picking up concrete etc. last year was 67 ½.

Christina Larson said that voting on proposed amendments to the PPERRIA bylaws has been postponed for input from the city of Minneapolis. In a review of the Citizen Participation Program, the city noticed some "red flags" in the bylaws of several neighborhood organizations.

UPDATE ON LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT LINE

Joy of Ames-McCrossen said that construction of the Central Corridor light rail project is on schedule. Some "rail strings" have been installed. The Bedford/University intersection will reopen in about a week. Permanent sidewalks have been installed between 29th Avenue and Malcolm. Dan Piper of the Metropolitan Council said that the Bedford/University intersection will be reconstructed as it has been in the past and not "straightened out" as some residents had hoped would happen.

John Holmquist said that Bedford Street south of Franklin has had three power outages this summer. David Coats said that Excel Energy attributes these episodes to squirrels chewing through the wires.

RESPONSIBLE BANKING PETITION

Carolyn Belle introduced herself and her partner, Sandra Levine, who live at 167 Bedford Street and Dave Snyder, who works for Jewish Community Action. Carolyn said that the housing foreclosure crisis has hurt children especially hard, since they lose their pets and their sense of security when they are forced from their homes. She said that "fair banking practice" legislation would make the lending and foreclosure practices of banks more transparent. Dave S. said he has visited neighborhoods all over Minneapolis to urge them to support a responsible banking ordinance. This ordinance, which is in the process of being developed, would require that large banks which do business with the city disclose their "financial footprint" in the community. This would include disclosing such things as small business loans, community development loans and home foreclosures by zip code.

Karen Murdock said that this proposal, in practice, would apply only to the two very large banks that do business in Minneapolis, US Bank and Wells-Fargo. Ryan Shepard asked if this ordinance might cause some bank branches to close. Dave S. said that Cleveland has had this ordinance in effect for a decade and there have been no branch closings in that city. Florence Littman said that the Neighborhood Reinvestment Act of 1977 aimed to do some of the same things proposed by this new fair banking practice legislation.

Dave S. presented a proposed "Minneapolis Responsible Banking Petition" (see p.—) that was supported by the PPERRIA membership on a voice vote.

UPDATE: CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Bob Roscoe (1401 East River Road) said he chairs a neighborhood committee (Prospect Park Conservation Guidelines Group) that is dedicated to developing a "conservation district ordinance" in the city of Minneapolis. Other members of the committee are Phil Anderson, Richard Adams, Dick Poppele, Joe Ring, Mary-Alice Kopf,

and Dick Gilyard. This committee is working with City Council member Cam Gordon and the city attorney. Greg D'Onofrio of the U of M School of Design provided models of conservation districts from across the nation.

Richard Adams pointed out that, as applied to Prospect Park, this is a two-step process:

1. Establish a city ordinance
2. Decide as a neighborhood whether or not we want to establish a conservation district in Prospect Park

A "conservation district" will not be the same thing as a "historic district." Dan Peters asked if there would be "style guidelines" for houses in a conservation district. Bob R. said that the committee was interested in the "common characteristics" of houses in the neighborhood and that the idea was to establish "flexible methods" for guidelines. Dick Poppele said that a major difference between a "historic district" and a "conservation district" was that a historic district was "top-down," relying heavily on guidelines from the federal Secretary of the Interior. A "conservation district" was a "bottom-up" approach, arising from individual neighborhoods.

A handout from the Prospect Park Conservation Guidelines Group was passed out. This compared conservation districts and historic districts.

Dick Gilyard said that he hoped a conservation district would "encourage the richness of the mix" of architectural styles. Bob R. praised the "delightful eclecticism" of houses in the Park.

Robin Garwood of Cam Gordon's office said that each conservation district in the city would develop its own unique guidelines.

Joe Ring said that most conservation districts in the United States have formed in reaction to a threat. In Cambridge, Massachusetts, the threat was that people were turning the first floors of their houses into parking garages; the conservation district set up in Cambridge forbade this practice. In Red Wing, Minnesota, the threat was that homes were being converted into offices in residential areas; an ordinance was passed to make this practice difficult. Each conservation district has unique needs.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July meeting were approved with one addition and one spelling correction and will be printed in the next PPERRIA newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report by Lindsey Wollschlager was not printed for review tonight but was reviewed by the Executive Committee. Copies will be brought to the October meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership/Communications Committee – Betts Zerby said PPERRIA has 406 household members, representing over 600 individual members. She renewed her call for Board members to contact neighbors who are not members and urge them to join.

Administration Committee – Dick Poppele said that Joyce Barta has resigned from her position with PPERRIA in order to take a full-time job. The committee interviewed several people to replace Joyce. Jessica Bushburger has been hired. She has lived in Prospect Park, on Malcolm Avenue, for a year and a half.

Historic District Committee – Joe Ring said that the state historic preservation office is being swamped with applications because of federal and state tax credits which now total 40 % of a project's cost.

Zoning and Project Review Committee – John Wicks said that a task force has been formed to meet with the proposed developer of the Parton Machine property at 4th Street and 27th Avenue. The developer wants to put in student housing on the site. The Park Board wants the road here to have a 120-foot-wide right of way in order to accommodate "Grand Rounds" landscaping; however, the developer would prefer the standard 80-foot-wide right of way. The Z & PR Committee would like the building to be "adaptable" so that it could accommodate other residents besides students. The proposed development has a density of 120 units per acre; the Z & PR Committee would prefer a density of 300 units per acre on this site.

Karen M. pointed out that the issue of building height comes up again and again in discussions of proposed new buildings, especially of student housing. Buildings of 6 stories or less can be built with wooden "sticks" (two-by-four framing). However, taller buildings require steel framing, which adds to the cost. This structural limitation explains the height of many new buildings.

Transit Committee – John DeWitt said that some buildings along the Midtown Greenway have their first floors devoted to parking. He said he hoped that demand for parking would taper off as transit improves. A task force on parking in Prospect Park has been formed.

Lois Willand asked about the new "right turn arrow" in the intersection of East River Road/27th Avenue/Franklin Avenue. Are cars heading east-bound on the Franklin Avenue bridge allowed to turn onto both Franklin and East

River Road on this right turn arrow? John D. agreed that this was confusing. Discussion ensued with a consensus opinion emerging that right turns onto both Franklin and ERR were permitted on the right turn arrow. Dick Kain said it was encouraging that, after two and a half years, the city had done something to try to improve this intersection. Tony Garmers said that traffic flow at this intersection used to work well when there were no slip-channel “islands” in the intersection but simply stop signs.

Organizational Development Committee – Dick Poppele said this committee is in need of a chairperson. The Good Neighbor Grant to Prospect Park from the U of M is winding down.

Master Planning Committee – Dick Gilyard said the committee met on July 24 and on August 15 took a tour of the new Stadium Village Flats development. The CVS store there provides no parking but does not need any. Only one-third of the provided parking spots of Stadium Village Flats are rented to those who live there.

Cornerstone Developers has purchased the old Boeser site (north of the old Kemps site) and proposes to build a mixed housing development in two or three phases. This will be a high density development. Cornerstone is interested in looking into “shared parking” for several properties in this area. Cornerstone has a purchase agreement for the Harris site on 30th Avenue north of the U of M Transitway. Surly Brewing is interested in building a brew pub on the site of the old potato processing plant east of Malcolm; this is an 8 ½ acre site with the “urban qualities” Surly is seeking but will require significant cleanup. The McKnight Foundation is interested in funding transit-oriented development but wants to work with organizations larger than a single neighborhood. The U of M Foundation was given the Dinnaken property on Washington Avenue so is now in the real estate business.

Stanley Hubbard of KSTP met with representatives from Prospect Park 2020. He is very interested in the idea of a “research park” between TCF Bank Stadium and Hubbard-owned land north of KSTP.

PP2020 Organization – Dick G. said that the organization is in transition. It was originally funded by a contribution of \$5000 from PPERRIA, which leveraged money from the Funders Collaborative and other sources totaling \$120,000. This has been used to pay for the PPERRIA office in the M Flats building and for a salary for Brian Golberg. If these efforts are to continue, PP2020 will need \$300,000 in the next two or three years. Paul Zerby asked that the budget of PP2020 be brought to the October meeting of PPERRIA; since the PP2020 money flows through PPERRIA, the Board of Directors of PPERRIA is ultimately responsible for these funds.

Paul Z. proposed a motion “that the neighborhood supports getting a grocery store and/or a brewery in Prospect Park.” He said his proposal was aimed at, but should not be limited to Trader Joe’s and Surly Brewing.

The motion passed unanimously and can be considered a Board vote, a quorum being present.

Paul said he hoped that large events at TCF Bank Stadium would be “consistent with neighborhood values.”

Chet Bodin of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA) introduced himself and said his organization represents grad students at the U of M. Chet said that GAPSA is trying to find ways to connect grad students, with their education and skills, to city neighborhoods. Paul Z. pointed out that anyone who lives in Prospect Park is welcome to join PPERRIA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

<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.

TWIN CITIES DAILY PLANET “Local News For Global Citizens.”

Find their coverage of the University District Neighborhoods – and links to other resources at:
<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/universitydistrictnews>

Minutes of the PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting, October 8, 2012 At the PPERRA office, 2950 University Ave SE, convened at 6:30pm

Attendees: Christina Larson (President), Karen Murdock (Secretary), Lindsey Wollschlager (Treasurer), Dick Poppele (Immediate Past President), Betts Zerby, John DeWitt, Paul Zerby, Lois Willand, John Holmquist, Dick Gilyard

The consent agenda, consisting of the previously-distributed committee reports from Transit, Admin, MemComm, and Historic District Committees, was approved (See appendices), the meeting agenda was approved as written, and the September meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Reports

Presented corrected August Report. The September treasurer report was sent out the night before, the differences in month-to-month budgets explained to the committee. Report Submitted for audit, so moved.

Bylaws

President presented overview of red flags as notified by Lance Knuckles. Decision to create Temporary Committee to review and change By-Laws approved, thus far Betts Zerby, Dick Poppele, and Christina Larson are on said committee.

Prospect Park 2020 Financial Reports

The printer was broken and most of the committee had not seen the reports. Movement to table discussion to November, no second. Suggestion for Treasurer: Find tax forms 990's to ensure taxes were properly filed for Prospect Park 2020. Once again a movement to table discussion to November meeting, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Dave Barnhardt tear-down

Subject: Mr. Barnhardt tore a house he owned down, there was a question over proper permitting. The house was previously on the list of contributing properties to make Prospect Park a historical district, was actually taken off list earlier this year. It was determined that Barnhardt had a permit.

Critical Parking Question

Parking on Motley was a remainder issue from July (?) meeting. Cam Gordon is seeking a letter of support to make Motley parking available for 24/7/365 public use. Action decided was to call Becky and Robin before any letter or further action is taken, and find the meeting minutes when this was discussed.

Update from Master Planning Committee: Submitted September 2012 Report

Organizational Development Committee: Still lacks a chairperson.

Zoning & Project Review Committee: No report.

Pratt Funds for Renovations

Funds available for Pratt renovations, architects would like community input for public space. Motion to put announcement for input in newsletter: John Holmquist will contact Chuck Holtman to ask for an announcement that can be published in the newsletter seeking public comments and ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Addendum to the minutes: (Motley critical parking)

Rebekah Lorence contacted PPERRIA about our stance on Motley's request for 24/7/365 critical area parking. Cam Gordon is seeking a letter of support from PPERRIA. This had been discussed and moved at a June or July Board meeting. Action decided was to call Becky and Robin before any letter or further action is taken, and find the meeting minutes when this was discussed.

Appendices to the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting [Committee Reports]

Appendix A: Transit Committee – John DeWitt (jdewitt@comcast.net or 338-1871)

Met with city planner Haila Maze re permit parking. Requested further information from Haila.

Appendix B: Administrative Committee – Dick Poppele (dick@umn.edu or 378-9242)

The Administrative Committee received six inquiries in the search for the position that has been held by Joyce. After reviewing the references provided by the applicants, the committee recommended to offer the position to Jessica Buchberger. Jessica lives in Prospect Park. She graduated from Beloit College in 2010, has had extensive experience as an event organizer, volunteer coordinator and manager. She also has relevant experience performing administrative duties, including payroll and budget management.

The recommendation was sent to the Executive Committee members by email for their review and a majority of the members approved it by return email (there were no negative votes). The position was offered to Jessica and she accepted. A contract was signed at the September Member/Board meeting. She has since taken on the responsibilities of the position.

At its monthly meeting on October 4, the committee reviewed the Treasurers report and the dedicated funds held for Prospect Park 2020. The financial statement to be presented to the Executive Committee by Prospect Park 2020 was reviewed and discussed.

The committee will be preparing the annual report to the Citizen Participation Program (CPP grant) for submission by the end of October. The report will include PPERRIA's application for the next 18 months of support.

Appendix C: MemComm Committee – Paul Zerby (pgzerby@yahoo.com or 379-8095)

MemComm staffed a table at Pratt Pancake Breakfast. Got six new e-list subscribers, three new members. Committee met with Wil Oberly on September 28, 2012 to review activities:

- Decal for businesses to publicize membership in PPERRIA to be provided to businesses. Cost about \$100 per 100. More if color used in logo.
- Will had lined up Green Spoon and Affinity for Sept. meeting, but had mistakenly given them the wrong date. Will reschedule for next meeting.
- PPERRIA restaurant lunch to be tried in October. Invite sent out via E-list, rsvp to let restaurant know approximately number of attendees.
- Wil has met with businesses and has several who will finish applications. Spire credit union new member.
- Signature wants to put sign to restaurant at Franklin & Warwick. We saw no problem with it. Suggested he try it and see if it caused any problem.
- The Hub bike shop was very pleased with response to last promotion and wants to come back to PPERRIA.
- Wil will work with Spire and/or Affinity to prepare a financial literacy class to be presented at Luxton in conjunction with Luxton. Possibly plan such a class to be presented to Prospect Park renters.
- Scheduled next Committee Meeting for October.

Appendix D: Historic District Committee – Joe Ring (jring@ringglass.com or 379-4587)

We have received the long-awaited letter from Denis Gardner, the National Register Historian for the State Preservation Office. It did appear to Charlene Roise and myself that with the changes that he has outlined in his letter he would support the Prospect Park Nomination, but I did not want to announce that to our community until I had a direct yes from Denis. Charlene set up a conference call with Denis yesterday and the short direct response is that if the changes are made that are outlined he will support the nomination. Charlene feels that she can make the needed changes within the next two months and if Denis OK's them the application forms would go before the State Review Board in March.

Presented, Verbatim, below is the petition offered by Carolyn Belle, Sandra Levine, and Dave Snyder of Jewish Community Action. (See p.2, "Karen's Comments," above). The PPERRIA Board and membership – meeting September 24, 2012 – voted in support of this petition.

Minneapolis Responsible Banking Petition

Whereby fair and equitable access to capital, through small business loans, home mortgage loans, and traditional banking services is a cornerstone of asset-building, family and neighborhood stability and sustainable community development;

Whereby the denial of fair access to capital has contributed to racial disparities in home-ownership, lending practices in Minneapolis and throughout the Twin Cities;

Whereby responsible banking ordinances, as passed in the cities of Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh, seek to leverage responsible loans, investments and services from banks receiving municipal deposits, and hold banks publicly accountable to lend and invest responsibly in all communities;

Therefore, we, the undersigned Minneapolis residents, congregations, neighborhood and community organizations, hereby declare our support for Responsible Banking principles, and call upon the City of Minneapolis to champion and enforce Responsible Banking by taking actions such as requiring banks that wish to receive municipal deposits or investments to:

√ Disclose data on lending activities, including small business lending, home lending and foreclosure prevention, by zip code and race/gender of borrower.

√ Make concrete, measurable commitments to improve lending practices and outcomes to fairly and equitably serve all residents of Minneapolis, and to adopt best practices such as broad principal reduction of distressed and “underwater” mortgages, and foreclosure mediation programs such as are in effect in 19 states and 2 cities in the U.S.

We welcome Nancy Vague –

As of this academic year the new Principal at Sidney Pratt School. Nancy is no newcomer to the system, having taught 15 years of elementary school; and is no newcomer to Pratt, having been part of the Pratt staff for at least the past year. When Anne Wade, the former Pratt Principal retired last spring, Nancy applied for and was chosen to fill the position.

Nancy celebrates Pratt as “truly a community school.” She adds that Pratt’s Early Childhood Special Education, its proximity to the University of Minnesota, and its partnerships with various community organizations, all “provide additional enrichment and academic support for our students.”

We have a neighborhood tradition where parents of students, as well as others in the community, participate in the volunteer opportunities that Pratt offers. Nancy encourages us to continue that tradition.

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

*To include items in the next PPERRIA schedule, contact Jessica Buchberger by **Wed, June 6th** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 612-859-4960*

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Monday, October 22nd, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Administration Committee meetings: Usually first Thursday of the month at the PPERRIA Office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Garden Club: No Garden Club Meetings until January, 2013.
Questions? Call Pam Harris at 331-6626.

Glendale Residents Council meeting: Usually the 4th Friday of the month, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net.

Membership/Communications Committee meetings: Usually the 4th Thursday of the month, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church.
Call Lois Willand at 378-9697 or Betts Zerby at 379-8095.

Organizational Development Committee meetings: Usually the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE.
Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting: Monday, November 5th, 6:30 pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784.

Zoning & Project Review meeting (Tentative): Usually the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7pm, PPERRIA Office – Contact Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

– Plus –

Prospect Park Annual Bazaar and Art Fair: Saturday November 3rd, 9am-3pm
Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave. SE.

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

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Zoning & Project Review	Dick Brownlee	dickbrownl@mac.com	339-2472

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Motley Crew	Rebekah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
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Community Events	Marybeth Luing	mb.luing@gmail.com	507- 581-0836
Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com	339-3064
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@usiwireless.com	379-7436
Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@comcast.net	338-1871

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

Education & Human Services	Contact: Jerry Stein or Chuck Holtman
Prospect Park Construction Communication Committee (for the Central Corridor LRT)	Julie Wallace (rep PPERRIA), John DeWitt, Phil Anderson (rep DCC)
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Greg Bernstein, John Kari (Alt.)
Southeast Minneapolis Council on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Gottlieb
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard, Alternates: John Kari and Julie Wallace
Stadium Village Station Area Plan Steering Committee	Rebekah Lorance, Tamara Johnson, Dick Gilyard, Hilary Holmes

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



FYI: **A top floor for Pratt?** In September 2011, Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) found that the Pratt School and Resource Center building ranked among the three highest in the district in its “ability to support its instruction program.” For most of us, this translated into fulfilling a long-held dream: the build-out of Pratt’s third floor.

However a noted school design firm subsequently retained by MPS developed a concept plan the first draft of which finds other, more compelling, needs for the building. This relegates the third floor to a lesser consideration.

An informal Pratt community group has met in an “effort to timely give input to the MPS process . . . in advance of a more structured engagement of the community.” They are organizing a meeting to include all the players. No date yet, but stay tuned.

And Remember:
What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today