



PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

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SEPT. PPERRIA BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The next PPERRIA meeting will be September 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast).

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve agenda and approval of minutes
3. Motions for Consideration:
 - Decision: Revised PPERRIA website information and proposed costs for maintenance.
 - Information: Update on Emerald Gardens project by Wellington Development.
 - Information: Report by Paul Zerby on the status of new city organizational development.
 - Information: Status of NRP Plan projects and funds remaining.
4. Old/New Business
5. Adjourn

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WELCOME TO NEW PPERRIA NEWSLETTER EDITOR (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

The PPERRIA Executive committee is pleased to announce that Joe Rockers of East River Parkway is the new PPERRIA Newsletter editor. Joe has extensive experience with newsletter editing and writing and brings a fresh format to our paper. To submit items for publication, please call Joe



at 333-1967, fax to 673-0408 or email to joemr@msn.com by the

second Monday of each month (other than August and December). Welcome Joe!

NOTE: If you have pictures or other items of interest, please forward them to Joe. When space permits, he will include the pictures and events in the newsletter.

Special Points

- Please check your mailing label—this issue may be your last unless you have renewed your membership.

PPERRIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS ON MCKINSEY REPORT (STEVE CROSS)

At the July, 2002 Board Membership Meeting, the subject of the "McKinsey Report" came up. There was insufficient time to consider it then. It was indicated that the Executive Committee would study the report. If it found it necessary, it would call an emergency meeting for PPERRIA to consider its position. The Executive Committee did study the matter. It decided to adopt a position as the Executive Committee rather than calling an emergency member's meeting. The following is the text of the resolution adopted by the PPERRIA Executive Committee on August 12, 2002}

PPERRIA Executive Committee Observations on McKinsey Report

The Executive Committee of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) at its meeting on April 12, 2002 discussed the report of McKinsey & Company to the City of Minneapolis. We believe that:

(1) McKinsey & Company has performed a valuable public service in recommending the reorganization of the city's development functions.

(2) It is useful to declare for the city to now set long term and intermediate goals for the development of housing

and jobs. All involved city departments should be required to submit regular reports on activities taken to reach those goals.

(3) The city must take additional steps to communicate and coordinate inter-related functions of the city among city departments and employees.

(4) Consideration should be given to whether a city manager would be beneficial to coordinate city functions.

(5) It is bad public policy to mix regulatory and promotion functions. For that reason, we are opposed to the merger in one department of any building regulation and building development activities of the city. We believe there are alternatives that promise a better result. One is to provide for the appointment within the development offices of an advocate to the regulatory offices to expedite priority projects.

(6) Zoning is a useful way to prospectively determine the nature of city development. Ordinarily, zoning decisions should be respected so that any zoning decisions that interfere with any development are not overturned on the request of any developer. A possible standard for change is the inability to anticipate material events.

(7) The NRP and the MCDA are multiple-jurisdictional agencies under state law and not an instrumentality of the city. We fail to see advantages of making those agencies "just" a department of the city's government. However, we do think that the city must exercise its influence over the NRP and the MCDA so that they play a prominent role in meeting the city's housing and jobs development goals.

(8) The actual role of the neighborhoods in the new development process seems inconsistent with an enhanced role for neighborhoods in that process.

(9) We do not believe that a case has been made for the merger of the city's Public Works Department into a merged development agency.

(10) Changes should be implemented step-by-step so there is sufficient time to evaluate as each step is completed.

These observations are solely those of the PPERRIA Executive Committee. PPERRIA's membership has not yet seen let alone approved this statement. No membership meeting is scheduled before the City Council will apparently act.

[Adopted by the PPERRIA Executive Committee on August 12, 2002]

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ANNUAL PRATT BOOT SALE TO FEATURE PANCAKE BREAKFAST & PRATT SCHOOL RUMMAGE (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

Pratt School will hold a school-wide rummage sale at Pratt Community Center during the annual Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast. The event will be held on Saturday, 9/21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested participants

in the boot sale may contact Deb Clark at 668-1122 to reserve a "stall" in the parking lot or show up that morning. Cost to sellers is \$10. Proceeds from the school sale (which feature lots of clothing, leather jackets,

bikes, household goods, and plenty of kid's equipment and toys) will be used to supplement supplies and equipment for the school. Donations are tax-deductible.

REALLOCATING NRP FUNDS TO BE DISCUSSED & VOTED ON IN THE FALL (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

There will be a series of neighborhood-wide meetings to be held this fall/winter to discuss and vote on reallocating NRP funds within the NRP Action Plan. Currently, funds remaining are approximately \$550,000, most of which is from the Housing Redevelopment section of the NRP Plan. These funds were originally set aside to attract housing investment from developers for three primary sites identified by the neighborhood: Kampa Tire site, Watkins Trucking site, and Unocal/Gopher Oil site. Currently, Hubbard Broadcasting owns land from the former trucking site and plans office development in the future for its own corporation. Brighton Development has worked closely with the neighborhood and MCDA to develop townhomes on both the other sites. Building has begun on 4th Street,

while the project on the Unocal site will begin this fall. Housing redevelopment goals having been met, there remains approximately \$518,000 in the NRP Plan, which can be redistributed to other strategies within the Plan or to new strategies identified and agreed upon by the neighborhood.

Once meeting dates are set and publicized, anyone who wishes to propose a use for these funds may complete a proposal form. These forms will be available at various neighborhood outlets, such as Pratt Center and Tower Grocery, or by calling NRP Implementation Coordinator Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104. Any proposal must identify the amount of funds for transfer and the strategy within the Plan to receive the money. At the first informational meeting in late October (date

TBA), all interested neighbors will explain and discuss the merits of all the proposals. Once the informational meeting has been held, no further proposals will be accepted, in order to comply with NRP rules regarding reallocation of funds and sufficient notice. All proposals will be publicized widely, and a second neighborhood-wide meeting will be held at least 30 days later to vote on which proposal(s) will receive funds. Once the vote has occurred, the NRP has a number of steps of approval to ensure adequate attention is paid to use of these public monies.

If you would like to submit a proposal for funds, please contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 or by email at susansmg@aol.com.

NRP/PPERRIA CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES—07/06/02 THROUGH 09/06/02 (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

- Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts
- Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee
- Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center
- Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood
- Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
- Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites
- Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for spring, 2002
- Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project

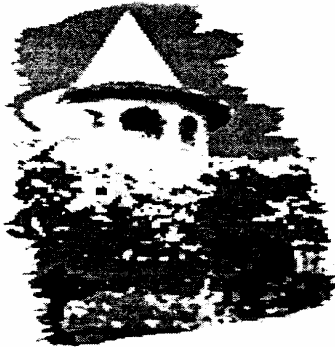
EXPENSE FOR CONTRACTORS' SERVICES:	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL EXPENSE	% OF BUDGET
Totals 7/6/02 to 9/6/02	41.0	\$656.00	.4%
Totals 10/18/95 to 7/5/02	7,950.85	\$132,353.88*	88.7%
Totals 10/18/95 to 9/6/02	7,991.85	\$133,009.88*	89.2%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$150,674.15; **\$17,664.27** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, and 6/25/01 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker. *NOTE: NRP Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03, David Kaar, whose contract expires 9/30/02 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/03. PPERRIA Contractor is Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02.*

Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$96; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,304.00

ANNUAL PROSPECT PARK/EAST RIVER ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP



Annual Prospect Park / East River Road Neighborhood Cleanup

Our Neighborhood Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, **September 28, 2002** – rain or shine! Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. on East River Road for breakfast. A light breakfast and a great lunch (at Luxton Park) will be provided for those working the Clean-Up. If you'd like to ride a truck or volunteer to help in anyway, call *David Kaar* at 612-275-5165 or 612-331-9015.

Thanks!

DETAILS:

Be sure all eligible trash is at your curb before 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sep.28th, 2002. (Each type of truck makes only one sweep down each street) Put each type of eligible trash in a separate pile, easily seen from the street. (If you cover one type of trash with another type, the bottom trash may not be picked up.)

ELIGIBLE TRASH (What We Can Pick Up) **How To Prepare This Trash**

Concrete, concrete debris & paving debris	Place in its own pile, easily seen from the street.
Scrap metal (steel, iron, aluminum, etc)	Separate metals from any attached materials like wood or concrete and place in their own pile.
Tires	Place tires at the curb in their own pile.
Brush - tree branches, bushes, shrubs	Stack brush at curbside. Do NOT cover other types of trash with brush!
Burnable trash like carpeting, scrap wood.	Place at curbside in their own pile.
Construction materials, shingles, sheetrock, etc.	Place at curbside in their own pile WITH voucher
<i>NOTE</i> → Call Solid Waste (673-2917) a week ahead to obtain a voucher and attach this to the material we will transport to the Transfer Station.	
Paint, aerosol cans, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, rechargeable batteries	Put in corrugated box for moving and we will take to the Transfer station.
Rechargeable hand held tools (Regular batteries can go into recycling, but we will take them as well)	

What we don't want to pick up and → **How you can dispose of these items**

Recyclable items such as: cans, glass, paper, plastic	Separate each of these recyclable materials and put out for recycling
Appliances including refrigerators, washers, air conditioners, etc.	Attach a note: "For Solid Waste" and put these out with your regular trash on recycling day.
Large furniture including armchairs, couches, mattresses, box springs, etc.	Attach a note: "For Solid Waste" and put these out with your regular trash.
Leaves and grass clippings	Bag these up and put out on garbage pickup day.

*Thanks to Aspen Environmental, NRG Reprocessing, and the City of Minneapolis for their assistance and contributions !
And thanks to you for making PP-ERR a great place to live.*

PROSPECT PARK BUCKTHORN REMOVAL PROJECT

Buckthorn was originally planted because it was a tough, reliable landscape plant that adapted to a variety of planting situations. Unfortunately, buckthorn also adapted well to wetland and forested areas. Buckthorn seeds on plants growing on residential property are eagerly eaten by birds and then spread in their droppings to our natural areas. In these areas it grows vigorously, smothering out the native plants that provide food and habitat for wildlife. The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association is again sponsoring a buckthorn removal to help eliminate this invasive plant from our community.

This year, because the Neighborhood Cleanup is being conducted in the fall, we are combining the buckthorn removal with the curbside pickup of brush. This allows us to offer the pickup at no cost to our residents.

This removal is being sponsored by the Landscaping and Garden Committee of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association using funding from a USDA Forest Service Grant for Woody Invasive Species obtained through the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Aspen Waste Systems is providing us with trucks. NRG Processing Solutions, LLC has agreed to dispose of the brush for us at no charge.

In 2001, the University of Minnesota Extension Service and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board trained Master Gardeners and neighborhood volunteers to identify buckthorn, and they surveyed private property visually from sidewalks and alleys. Whenever buckthorn was identified, a doorhanger was left that included information about our project and how to take part. Unfortunately, because surveys could only be conducted from public

property, much of the buckthorn was not visible to surveyors. If you received a doorhanger and were unable to remove your buckthorn during last year's removal project, plan to join in this year for the free pickup. If you did not receive a doorhanger but would like to determine if there is buckthorn on your property, call and request a visit by a volunteer.

Please help us with this challenging project by removing buckthorn from your property. If you'd like to join in, fill out and mail the form that is an insert in this newsletter.

NRP NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION SET

(SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

The date for the NRP Neighborhood Representative Election has been set for Thursday, November 21, 2002. If you are interested in filing to be a vital member of the NRP Policy Board, please call Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104

for an application. Forms may be filed until noon of September 23.

Also, if you are interested in serving as an elector and voting for neighborhood representatives, please contact Susan.



WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I would appreciate your comments regarding the newsletter.

If you have compliments or complaints, please let me know.

Joe Rockers

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PPERIA COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND CONTACTS

Community Events	Lois Willand	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	331-8819
Environment	Bill Kahn	378-5287
Executive	Steve Banks	321-9064
History Project	Betts Zerby	379-8095
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman; Dean Lund	331-2970; 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Membership	Dan Patenaude	378-3038
Tower Hill Park	Susan thrash	379-4587
Transportation	TBA	
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970
LRT Planning	John Dewitt	338-1871

2002-03 PPERIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & SAGES

Steve Banks, President	321-9064
Steve Cross, Immediate Past President	376-0094
Dan Patenaude, Secretary	378-3038
Lois Willand, Treasurer	378-9697
Andy Mickel, Vice-President/Website Manager	331-8396
Cheryl Vollhaber, Vice-President/Database Manager	379-7234
Florence Littman, Vice-President/Zoning Committee	331-2740
Bill Seeley, Vice-President/Finance	378-2713
Pam Wollum, Vice-President	623-3747
Karen Murdock, Vice-President/Membership	340-1338
Susan Larson-Fleming, Vice-President/NRP	331-8819
Tom Kilton, Vice-President Elect	339-3064
Jim Widder, Past President	331-6129
Mary Alice Kopf, Past President	379-7436
Dean Lund, NRP Director of Financial Review	378-2486

PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Thu., 9/19, 6-8 p.m..	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center, 66 Malcolm Avenue S.E. Childcare and rides are available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Sat., 9/21, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast at Pratt Community Center.	Ginia Klamecki, 331-7056
Sat., 9/21, 6-8 p.m.	Spaghetti Dinner at St. Francis Cabrini Church, 1500 E. Franklin. Scholarship fundraiser for	Call 339-3023, ext. 10.
Sun., 9/22, 1 p.m.	Textile Center Library Grand Opening. 3000 University Ave. S.E.	
Mon., 9/23, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Wed., 9/25, 7:30 p.m.	Garden Club meeting at 1827 Franklin Ave. S.E.	Cris Nelson, 379-1236
Sat. 9/28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Neighborhood Clean Up and Buckthorn Removal Project	David Kaar, 331-9015 Paula Denman, 338-1871
Wed., 10/2, 7:30 p.m.	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park Building.	Jim Oberly, 379-3397
Wed., 10/9, 5 p.m.	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Avenue.	Shirley Davis, 342-1952
Sat./Sun., 10/12-13	Mostly Weaving Show. 27 Melbourne Ave. S.E.	
Mon., 10/14, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Executive committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Tues., 10/15, 7 p.m.	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Thurs., 10/17, 6-8 p.m.	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center. Childcare and rides are available.	Gary Jordan, 673-09713
Mon., 10/28, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Sat. 11/2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Bazaar and Art Fair. Prospect Park United Methodist Church. New artists welcome.	Mary, 379-1730
Sun. 11/3, 9:30 a.m.	Centennial Celebration. Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	
Wed. 11/27, 7:30 p.m.	Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	

RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Day and Time	Event	Whom to Contact
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Avenue.	Ginia Klamecki, 331-7056
Tues. 4 to 5 p.m.	Bookmobile at Luxton Park	Susan Larson-Fleming, 331-8819
1st Mon., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Bookmobile at Pratt Cmty Center	
3rd Mon., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.		
4th Tues., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Bookmobile at University Good Samaritan Center	
Tues., 7 p.m.	Community Choir at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Curt Oliver, 331-3713
Fri., 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Adult badminton at Luxton Park. \$2	
Sat., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Aerobics for adults. Luxton Park.	
All	Labyrinth at Franklin Oval always open. Franklin Ave. S.E. between Bedford & Cecil.	

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