

September 2005 PPERRIA Newsletter



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Please note location change! The September meeting will be held at the University Village Great Lakes Conference Center. Follow the signs starting at the Leaning Tower of Pizza.

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, September 26, 7-9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of agenda**
- 3. Approval of minutes from July 25th**
- 4. Motion to release \$7,500 for 29th/University Ave. Guidelines**
- 5. PPERRIA Board/Secretary Opening**
- 6. NRP II Plan Report**
- 7. Graffiti**
- 6. Announcements**
- 7. Old/New Business**
- 8. Adjourn**

Motion: To authorize release of \$7,500 of NRP I funds to hire the preparation of design guidelines for the University Avenue SE/29th Avenue SE Station Area Master Plan. John DeWitt.

Board of Directors/Secretary Opening

There is an opening on the PPERRIA Board of Directors due to the resignation of Dan Patenaude as Secretary and Board Member. The new Board Member will be elected at the September 26 Board/Membership meeting. The newly elected member shall then be elected Secretary of PPERRIA.

NRP II

The NRP II Action Plan adopted by the neighborhood was approved by the NRP Policy Board on August 22, 2005. The Policy Board was complimentary about the Plan and sent it on to the City Council for action. The Plan will be presented to the Community Development Committee of the Council on September 27, 1:30 p.m., the Ways and Means/Budget Committee on October 3, 2005 at 1:30 p.m., and the City Council on October 27, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Housing Committee

In anticipation of the approval of the NRP II Action Plan, an NRP II Housing Committee will be formed to work on the implementation of the Housing portion of the Plan. Dick Poppele has agreed to chair the committee. He will be assisted by Steve Cross. Others are invited to volunteer to join the Committee. Contact Joe Ring to indicate your interest in serving.

Minutes from July 25, 2005

PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2005, 7:05 p.m.
Prospect Park United Methodist Church

1. President-elect Phil Anderson presided and welcomed visitors Katie Weiss, chair of Minnesota Student Association's Facilities and Housing Committee, and Lou Ann Wilcox, Park Board candidate for District 1.

2. Approval of Agenda. Addition of item to be 3A: presentation by Jeff Washburn of the City of Lakes Land Trust. Bill Seeley MOVED, Dean Lund seconded, approval of amended agenda. Motion carried with no 'noes'.
 3. Approval of June 27 minutes as in newsletter. Two corrections: Strike "and PPERIA member" before the name Walter Dziedzic (item 6); Strike Rachel Ramadhani's (erroneous) job title in item 8. Dean Abrahamson MOVED, Dean Lund seconded approval of amended minutes. Motion carried with no 'noes'.
- 3.A. City of Lakes Community Land Trust. (Brochures were available.) Jeff Washburn, Director, described the history, purpose and achievements of this trust, initiated four years ago to help low- to medium-low income households cope with rapidly escalating house prices. The Trust purchases the land on which a house stands and leases out the house. The financing mechanism permits the occupant to realize some gain while enlarging the Trust's working capital. If and when a development opportunity should arise in the PPERIA neighborhood, the Trust would hope we would become its partner. At the urging of the body, Mr. Washburn read a draft letter of support for the Trust. Lois Willand MOVED, John Kari seconded, that PPERIA sign and send such a letter to this Land Trust for its use. Motion carried with no 'noes'.
4. MOTION to approve the NRP Phase II Action plan was made by Steve Cross and seconded by Betts Zerby. If the meeting approves the Plan, the steering committee process ends, Steve explained. He summarized each element of the Action Plan, which has appeared on the PPERIA web site and of which printed copies were available at the meeting. Asked who would administer the home loan program, Steve said PPERIA would choose a contractor. The motion was carried with no 'noes'.
 5. MOTION to reallocate \$15,302.32 in NRP Phase I funds for the design/planning process for the 29th Street station, was made by Joe Ring, seconded by George Brauer. In fact, because the County has committed \$10,000 toward this project, it is anticipated that some of our funds will be returned to our account for a new reallocation. John DeWitt noted that the money enables us to get adequate graphics such as the neighborhood saw at its earlier meeting concerning a light rail line environment. The question for the neighborhood is what people want Prospect Park to look like in 25 to 50 years. The motion carried with no 'noes'.
 6. Livability Report: Parking, traffic planning for intersection of Bedford and University. Joe Ring, acting chair of the new Livability Committee, reported on a July 10 meeting at Schneider Drug. (1) One outcome is that the city will post limited parking on Bedford St. and the South side of University Ave. near the intersection. Long-term parking has harmed the store's business. (2) A push button has been installed for pedestrians who cross University at Bedford. Pressing this button yields a "Walk" signal roughly three times as long as previously. (3) A proposal to add left turn signals and lanes onto Bedford is complicated by the consequent need to eliminate parking in one direction to accommodate the extra lane. There was a brief discussion of the growing need for additional lights given the current extensive development of

- new housing. Joe reported briefly on his recent visit to the Historic Preservation Society in Washington, D.C. He further reported that the city's Planning Department now says it would support creation of the Prospect Park Historic District, a move that would protect Pratt School since Pratt is in the district. In addition, the Planning Department will work towards getting the funding and a study for a thematic historic designation for schools; the theme would be the role the schools have played in the development of the city.
7. Proposal for neighborhood emergency fund. Ginia Klamecki explained that a neighbor's recent financial crisis (to which people responded very helpfully) had prompted the suggestion that an emergency fund be established. After a discussion of possible agents and the role of the churches, Dick Poppele MOVED and Karen Murdock seconded charging the Executive Committee to explore the needs and a suitable mechanism. Motion carried with no 'noes'.
 8. Staff Report. Joyce Barta referred members to her written report in the newsletter.
 9. New business. A tactic to reduce graffiti on utility fixtures is to telephone the relevant business, whether Xcel Energy, Center Point Energy, or Qwest, immediately upon seeing the tagging.
 10. Announcements. (1) Tom Kilton reminded all that Sept. 17 is the neighborhood clean-up date. This project requires a big crew of volunteers. (2) Joe Ring said the Executive Committee at its August meeting will need to solve the issue of a new secretary for all our meetings. (3) Betts Zerby corrected the Pratt Boot Sale and Breakfast date: It will be Sept. 24. (4) Council Member Paul Zerby said the city is looking at possible permit parking for Bedford. (5) Dave Barnhart jubilantly announced that Prospect Park Properties has become the owner of the Kemp's Building and will host an open house ice cream social there on Wednesday, August 10.

MOTION to adjourn made at 8:52 p.m. by Betts Zerby, seconded by Karen Murdock. Carried with no 'noes'.

Meredith Poppele
Secretary pro tem.

Graffiti Epidemic

Our neighborhood has seen a sharp increase in the amount of graffiti recently. If you are a victim of graffiti, immediately report all graffiti damage to the police. If you have information on individuals involved in the crime, see graffiti in progress, or if the damage is less than an hour old, call 911 as soon as possible.

It is essential to get photographic documentation of graffiti whenever possible. Photographs allow police to link vandals to other cases. For a free pamphlet about ways to prevent graffiti and tips for removing graffiti, call the City of Minneapolis Graffiti Hotline at (612) 673-2090, or fax information to (612) 370-3879.

If you don't get action with the above, remove it yourself! Materials for Graffiti removal will be available at the PPERIA meeting on September 26.

PPERIA Committees and Chairs

Community Events	Lois Willand	jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net	378-9697
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	Tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Environment			
Executive	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman Dean Lund	littm005@umn.edu djlund@usfamily.net	331-2970 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
Landscape subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Livability			
Membership	Dan Patenaude Tom Kilton	marko029@tc.umn.edu Tom@tomkilton.com	378-3038 339-3064
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Transportation and Land Use	John Dewitt Phil Anderson	jdewitt@mn.rr.com philanne@ties2.net	338-1871 627-9471
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970 627-9471

NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period July 7, 2005 - August 5, 2005. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	
Worked to finish NRP Phase I		Worked to begin NRP Phase II	
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 07/07/05 to 08/05/05	23.75	\$ 475.00	0.2 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 07/07/05	10,415.66	\$178,885.15	92.7 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 08/05/05	10,438.41	\$179,360.15	92.9 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89; **\$13,559.22** remains.

These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01, 7/22/02, 1/25/05, and 3/28/05 and includes funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, PARC B.2. History Editor, and Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker, Education A.1.a Pratt Liaison, and \$7,250 of Phase II Development funds. *NOTE: Current NRP Contractor is Joyce Barta, Implementation Coordinator, whose contract expires 10/31/05.*

Reporting period August 5, 2005 through September 9, 2005. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	
Worked to finish NRP Phase I		Worked to begin NRP Phase II	
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 08/05/05 to 09/07/05	15.75	\$ 315.00	0.2 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 08/05/05	10,438.41	\$179,360.15	92.9 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 09/07/05	10,455.16	\$179,675.15	93.1 %

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-Joyce Barta

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Friday, October 7, 2005.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, September 20	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric 370-4925
Tuesday, 7:00 pm September 20	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Saturday, B'fast 8:30-10:30 September 24 Sale 8:30-12	Community Sale and Pancake Breakfast at Pratt	Deb Clark 668-1122
Monday, 7:00 pm September 26	PPERIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at University Village, 2515 University Ave SE. Follow signs from Leaning Tower of Pizza	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, 6:30 pm September 28	Garden Club at the home of Noreen Keilty, 1901 E. River Terrace	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Wednesday, 7:30 pm October 5	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, 11:00 am-1:00 pm October 7	JOY Book Club at Luxton Park	Eric 370-4925
Saturday, Oct 8 10 am-4pm Sunday, Oct 9 1pm-4pm	Mostly Weaving Sale at 27 Melbourne SE	
Monday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm October 10	JOY Pot Luck at Pratt	Eric 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm October 10	PPERIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Tuesday, October 18	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric 370-4925
Tuesday, 7:00 pm October 18	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm October 20	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt	Greg Bernstein 378-3489
Monday, 7:00 pm October 24	PPERIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587

Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm October 31	Halloween Party and Haunted House at Luxton Park	Eric	370-4925
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Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact	
Tuesdays, 10am – 4:30p Thursdays	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary’s Ave. Donations can also be left at Prospect Park United Methodist Church or at Luxton Park.	Ginia Klamecki	331-7056
	Bookmobile – There is currently no bookmobile service.	Shirley Davis	342-1952
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Bookmobile	630-6630
Fridays 10am - noon	Luxton Painters at Luxton Park	Curt Oliver	763-208-6556
		Kevin Cook	370-4925
		kcook@minneapolisparcs.org	

Care and Share Food Shelf Needs Donations

Please remember to donate to the Care and Share Foodshelf. Volunteers are also needed. Care and Share Foodshelf is located at 92 St. Mary's Ave. SE on the right side of the Headstart building. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Donations can be left at Prospect Park Methodist Church or the Luxton Park Building as well. The Foodshelf phone number is 612-342-1952.

Neighborhood Information Available

Check out the PPERRIA website at <http://www.pperr.org>. To subscribe to the community e-list and receive current neighborhood news and events announcements, send an email to jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net.

PPERRIA Web Site: <http://www.pperr.org>

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