

# February 2006 PPERRIA Newsletter



## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-9 p.m.**

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

### WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT CRIME?

Second Precinct Inspector Valerie Wurster, Shift Commander, and Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Oosterhuis are coming to the February PPERRIA meeting to discuss with the neighborhood the current upswing in criminal activity in the neighborhood. Come and be prepared to discuss what we can do to make the neighborhood safer .

### NEW, NEW, NEW!



PPERRIA is going to try to be more neighborly, and start each meeting with a cup of coffee and a short social time before we get to work . Bring a friend to the meeting and meet your neighbors. Business will start at 7:00.

## Earth Day River Cleanup

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> PPERRIA will host its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Earth Day River Cleanup. It's a perfect time to spend a few hours with your neighbors and at the same time provide a valuable neighborhood service. We will actually clean the area of the Mississippi from the University to the St. Paul Border, from the river to East River Parkway. We will provide gloves, bags, and trash pickup. Arrive at Franklin Ave. and East River Parkway about 9:30 a.m. to register (get your coffee and bagels), and cleanup instructions. Report back to the registration area about 11 a.m. for a light lunch and heavy THANK YOUs. We need about 50 volunteers to make this a successful effort. Hope you can join us.

## HOUSING AND HOME IMPROVEMENT FAIR 2006

On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the twelfth annual South Minneapolis Housing and Home Improvement Fair will be held at South High School, 3131 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Housing Fair is free and open to the public and continues to be one of the most successful and well-attended neighborhood based events in Minneapolis. The Fair promotes home improvement and maintenance, project financing, city living, and local neighborhood involvement. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet over 100 reputable contractors, real estate agents, lenders, and community organizations. Free seminars from local professionals on home improvement, home purchase, and financing your project will be presented. For further information about the Fair, visit the website at [www.housingfair.org](http://www.housingfair.org).

Monday, November 28, 2005, 7:15 p.m.

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1. President Joe Ring called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.
3. A motion to approve the October 24, 2005, Board/Membership meeting Minutes was made by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.
4. Florence Littman discussed proposed Zoning Amendments to be presented to the Minneapolis Planning Commission this evening. Florence had not had sufficient time to review the amendments, and requested a motion to approve a letter objecting to the process of proposing amendments without sufficient notice to interested parties. Susan Larson-Fleming made the motion which was passed without noes.
5. Dick Poppele moved that the Zoning Committee be authorized to act on behalf of the Board in response to the proposed Zoning Amendments in the event that those amendments come before the Zoning and Planning Committee before the next PPERRIA meeting. Passed without noes.
6. Dean Lund and Jennifer Jordan of CPED explained proposed changes to the Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Plan. The changes are proposed by the City to clarify land use proposals in the plan. The proposals reduce the area proposed for residential use to the area just north of University Avenue between 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE and Bedford, and reserving the rest of the SEMI area for Industrial, Commercial and Parkland use. The SEED Committee has approved the changes. Moved by Dean Lund "That the modifications recommended by the Minneapolis Planning and Economic Development Department to the land use plan of the SEMI Area be approved and that this action be communicated to the Minneapolis Planning Commission, the Minneapolis City Council and to the Mayor of Minneapolis." Passed without noes.
7. Joe Ring presented information regarding the University of Minnesota's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the University's plans to build a stadium in Prospect Park. Steve Banks, who represented PPERRIA on the Stadium Task Force, prepared a response to the EIS on behalf of the Executive Committee. Joe Ring moved that "At its Board/Membership meeting on 11/28/05 the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, Inc. endorsed the PPERRIA Executive Committee response letter on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed on-campus football stadium," seconded by Dean Lund. Bill Seeley moved to amend the motion to include, "To mitigate the negative environmental impacts on residential neighborhoods adjacent to the University of Minnesota, we [PPERRIA] urge the University to seriously consider alternative stadium sites, including the existing Metrodome site." The amendment failed. The main motion passed.
8. Joe Ring announced that he was willing to serve as PPERRIA President at the coming election if the membership indicated that they wished him to continue. He also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of a number of PPERRIA members: Many years serving on the SEED Committee – Dean Lund; Work on the 29<sup>th</sup> St. Area Plan – John DeWitt; work on the Stadium Committee – Steve Banks; work on University United – Phil Anderson; work on NRP II – Dick Poppele; work on Zoning – Florence Littman. Joe expressed PPERRIA's appreciation for the efforts of Paul Zerby as Second Ward Councilman, and presented a book with expressions of appreciation from members.
9. Dick Poppele moved to adjourn. Passed.

The meeting was followed by treats donated by U Garden restaurant, and a Judy Bratt cake and juice as a thank you to Paul Zerby.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Zerby

PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2006, 7:15 p.m.

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1. President Joe Ring called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
  2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dick Henderson. Passed without noes. Discussion followed regarding publication of the minutes of Board Meetings in the newsletter. No action was taken.
  3. Joe Ring announced that there would be two different meeting for Board members to discuss improving membership. Board members are asked to attend either a meeting on February 9 or February 14.
  4. Joe Ring updated the members on the efforts of JPI to obtain zoning changes to build student housing on the land north of KSTP and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He and Florence have agreed to assist the St. Anthony Park Council in opposing the efforts of JPI in St. Paul.
  5. Joe Ring updated the members on the University of Minnesota stadium progress. The owner of Station 19 has been asked to sell his property to the University of Minnesota. It is not know what the University intends to do with the building if it obtains it. Station 19 has both federal and local historic designation. Joe was informed that if the University acquires the property, it would be able to demolish the building, in spite of the local designation. Options are being studied. The Environmental Impact Statement will be revised to respond to concerns. A meeting has been scheduled with the three council persons representing the surrounding neighborhoods.
  6. A discussion about increasing crime in the neighborhood was held. Prospect Park residents are urged to report criminal activities to the police. A committee was created to work on the crime issue. Roger Kiemle and Gratia Reynolds volunteered.
  - 7 KendraTuron announced that a U of M Housing Summit will be held at the University of Minnesota on March 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. with dinner at Coffman, with students and neighbors entering into a discussion about mutual concerns.
  8. Joe Ring announced that the Pratt Council had agreed to pay \$2,000 toward the Historic Designation study, which completes the amount necessary for the study.
  9. Florence Littman reported on zoning developments.
- Dean Lund moved to adjourn. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby

**February NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 1/5/06 – 2/8/06**

Supported PPERRIA activities and NRP I and NRP II development			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
01/05/06 to 02/06/06	<b>17.75</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
10/18/95 to 01/05/06	<b>10,473.41</b>	<b>\$180,040.15</b>	<b>93.3 %</b>
10/18/95 to 02/06/06	<b>10,491.16</b>	<b>\$180,395.15</b>	<b>93.5%</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89\*;  
\$12,524.22 remains.

## PPERRIA 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	Tom Kilton Dan Miller	tom@tomkilton.com dmiller@hhh.umn.edu	339-3064 414-8789
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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

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

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

Date and Time		Event and Location	Whom to contact	
Tuesday, February 21		<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, February 21	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Wednesday, February 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf	378-7436
Monday, February 27	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring	379-4587
Wednesday, March 1	7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton	Jim Widder	331-6129 331-1111
Friday, March 3	11:00 am- 1:00 pm	<b>JOY Book Club</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Wednesday, March 8	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet	342-1952
Thursday, March 9	7:00 pm	<b>Public Meeting</b> University Avenue/29 <sup>th</sup> St. Corridor Planning at St. Francis Cabrini Church	John De Witt	338-1871
Monday, March 13	11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Pratt	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, March 13	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring	379-4587 321-9064
Thursday, March 16	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt	Greg Bernstein	378-3489

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