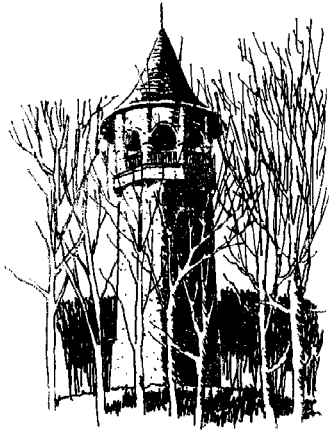


July 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Meeting Monday, July 23

**Note: The July meeting will be at the
Overflow Espresso Cafe, 2929 University Av. SE
(Old Kemps Building)**

6 – 7 PM: Social Hour with light lunch

7 – 9 PM: PPERRIA Board Meeting

**If you have special needs that require accommodations
please contact Joyce Barta at 612-378-9268 and we will
make every attempt to meet that need.**

At the July meeting:

The Board will vote to formally approve the selection of a Program Administrator for the NRP II Home Improvement Loan Program.

The PPERRIA Housing Committee will recommend an administrator based on the responses to a recent request for proposals.

Correction

Last month's mailing-label information was in error. Here's a clarification
(along with a dope-slap for the editor):

Your mailing label tells whether your membership is paid. If the box contains only your name, you need to renew. But, if there's a date in the box, you know you've paid, and when.

(Newsletters are mailed to lapsed members for several months into the new year; after that, they are dropped.)

National Night Out

Is Tuesday, August 7th. Block Club leaders may register
their event at

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nnmo/register.asp>

and receive free materials.

The Garden Walk – What a delight to see the spectacular gardens in our neighborhood on the recent Garden Walk. A special thanks to all the participants who shared their beautiful gardens, and to John Wicks and his hard-working committee for putting it together. It is yet another reminder of the amenities we have here when we can enjoy, all within a few blocks: a deep woods garden, a Japanese garden, an English cottage garden, a waterfall garden and more.

Two housing issues – will be coming up soon.

- One is the submission of the neighborhood proposal for historical district designation for federal approval this fall. Prior to submission, a letter will be sent to each property owner within the boundaries of the proposed district. It will offer owners the opportunity to opt out of the process. It is important to know that this initial step in the total process toward historical preservation – namely, the listing in the National Register of Historic Places – does not impose any restrictions whatsoever on what owners can do with their listed property. However, if more than half of the property owners opt out,

it will halt the entire process.

Alternatively, participation in the Federal Process can enable a later, local designation stage to consider further the potential control that can be afforded by Historic Preservation guidelines.

- The other housing issue relates to NRP. The Home Improvement Loan program specified in the NRP II Action Plan will be implemented this fall, with applications being accepted after September 1. This program is designed for low-to-moderate-income, owner-occupied households to help finance rehabilitation and home improvement loans. More information and applications will be available after August 1. Another NRP success was the SWIM (Somali Women in Minneapolis) program for renters and potential home buyers, supported by our NRP II funds. The program attracted about 120 public-housing residents, many of whom are recent U.S. citizens, who learned how to be more responsible renters and how to buy a home. Three members of the class have now succeeded in becoming first-time homeowners. Congratulations to these new citizens on their success, and we wish them all the best new homes.

.....Dick Poppele

Minutes of the PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Monday, June 25, 2007, at PPUMC

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. following refreshments.

1. Introductions of new members and guests were made.
2. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Dean Lund. Passed without noes.
3. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Susan Larson-Fleming. Passed without noes.
4. **The Grand Rounds Missing Link.** Andy Mickel, a member of the city's Bicycle Task Force spoke of the "missing link" of the Grand Rounds circle route around Minneapolis. The incomplete area is from Stinson Boulevard and the Mississippi River. Andy introduced Tom Johnson of HNTD Consultants who have been hired to study possible routes and work with the Bicycle Task Force to study possible routes to complete the circle. Three public meetings will be held to discuss alternatives. A recommendation will be made within 8 months so that bonding request to the Legislature can be made.
5. **Administrative Funds Release.** A motion was made by Dick Poppele to release \$ 27,229 of NRP funds for administrative support of the NRP Plans. Passed without noes.
6. **Education Committee Report.** Susan Larson-Fleming, Jerry Stein, Mary Alice Kopf, and Darin Warling made a presentation discussing the history of the closing and reopening of an elementary school in the Pratt Community Education Center, the recent decision by the Minneapolis School Board to combine the Tuttle students and Pratt students at Pratt, and the planned changes for the coming school year for activities in the building, concern about space needs for the Community Education Programs in light of more than doubling the elementary school population, and the possibility of building out the third floor of Pratt for use by the Community Education Programs and other community activities. Information is available on the **www.prattschool.org web site.** **Highlight info:** Adequate funding anticipated for next year; Silent Action resulted in more than \$5,000 for the PTO; funds are needed for third floor and for an enlarged playground. The community was urged to make their support for Community Education visible by registration in classes, and contacting Jack Tamble of the Community Education Department, Ellen Murphy will be full time Principal of Pratt, and most of Pratt and Tuttle staff will be retained.
7. **Livability Committee:** Joe Ring announced that a neighborhood meeting will be held July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Cabrini to discuss the proposed Historic District in Prospect Park. A letter will be mailed to all residents announcing the meeting. This meeting will focus on Federal Historic Designation and give information on it and possible future local designation if federal designation is approved. 51% of neighborhood residents must not opt out of federal designation for the process to continue. This meeting will attempt to inform residents of the ramifications of such designation. All are urged to attend the meeting.
8. **SAAG (Stadium Area Advisory Group) Report:** Dick Poppele reported that the Fund Management Committee had not yet been set up. This group will make recommendations on the use of funds designated for use to deal with the impact of the new Gopher football stadium on the surrounding neighborhoods. Dick also reported that the street changes in the area should be completed by the end of July.
9. **Zoning Report:** Florence Littman reported on development plans on south side of University Avenue west of Genesis II and east of General Nanosystems. Plans have not been finalized but will likely be a multiple office/residential building. The Zoning Committee approved requests for variances for porches at 25 Clarence, a garage replacement at 159 Arthur (facing Malcolm Avenue), and a new garage to be requested for 72-74 Arthur as a result of a 100 yr. old tree falling on the prior garage. She announced the opening of Overflow Espresso Café at 2929 University, the exemption of Metro Petrol from the coming pedestrian overlay district on University Avenue, the renovation of the Tower Grocery building, and the potential sale of Stub and Herbs.
Julie Wallace reported on the University's purchase of land north of 4th St. to be used

as a parking lot for 2-5 years. The University now says it will eventually use the land for a continuation of a technology corridor. This will have a 500 car capacity bringing 1000 trips per day on Bedford to and from University Avenue. This may increase pressure for the building of Granary Road.

- 10. **Announcements:** Community Concert at Pratt, Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m. – Light of the Moon Band.
 Fall Cleanup will be September 29. Watch for future announcement.
 A motion to adjourn was made by Dean Lund. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Zerby, Secretary

July NRP Contractor Activities 06/07/2007 - 07/05/2007

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
06/07/07 to 07/05/07	27.25	\$ 654.00	0.3 %
10/18/95 to 06/07/07	10,760.91	\$186,207.15	96.5 %
10/18/95 to 07/05/07	10,760.91	\$186,861.15	96.8 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89*; \$6058.22 remains.

Total PPERRIA NRP budget allocated for Administrative – Staff = \$206,426.89*
 Total Hard Costs to Date (Winter Splash, Block Club Activity, Phase I Evaluation = (13,417.52*)
 Remainder available for Contractor Services = **\$193,009.37***
 Total Remaining in Contractor Budget: **\$6058.22** (Barta - \$5812.52, Block Club - \$245.70)

*NOTE: Amounts correspond to Treasurer's Report 3/2003. These include funds reallocated 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 & 7/22/02. They also include \$5,000 from Safety & Security A.1. Block Club Coordination, \$4,000 from PARC B.2. History Editor, \$5,198.46 from Education A.1.a. Education Committee worker, and \$15,000 from Education A.1.a Pratt Liaison (contract 12/3/03), \$7,250 of Phase II Development funds, \$2553.43 and \$15,000 reallocated from misc. remaining NRP I funds on 1/24/05 and 3/28/05. Total amount available reduced by \$5K from 2/4/03 reallocation (S&S A.1. Block club – Watch force signs/motion detectors).

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
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*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
University / 4 th Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429

The Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG) is not a PPERRIA Committee but there are three PPERRIA representatives on the Committee: Steve Banks, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, Sept 6th**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, July 17	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Tuesday, July 17 7:30 pm	Community Concert: The Light of the Moon Band at Pratt. If it rains, concert will be held at PPUMC.	Christina Larson 329-2784
Thursday, July 19 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Informational meeting on the proposed historic district designation at St Francis Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave SE.	Joe Ring 379-4587

Monday, July 23	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, July 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club at the home of Mary Alice Kopf, 137 Warwick 612-379-7436.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Friday, July 27		Last Day of Summer Splash at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Friday, August 3	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	JOY Book Club Call for information.	Roberta Mark Eric Cherland	331-6621 370-4925
Tuesday August 7	TBA	National Night Out Block Club Parties	Your Block Club Leader	
Wednesday, August 8	5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins	342-1952
Monday, August 13	noon - 1:30 pm	JOY Picnic at Luxton Park. Bring some food to share.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, August 13	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, August 21		JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, August 21	7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Wednesday, August 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club at the home of Rachel Ramadhyani, 132 Cecil, 612-379-7320.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
No meeting this month		No PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting in August.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, September 5	7:30 pm	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder	331-6129
Friday, September 7	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	JOY Book Club Call for information.	Roberta Mark Eric Cherland	331-6621 370-4925
Wednesday, September 10	noon - 1:30 pm	JOY Picnic at Luxton Park or Pratt. Call for info. Bring some food to share.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, September 10	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, September 12	5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins	342-1952
Tuesday, September 18		JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, September 18	7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Thursday, September 20	6:00-8:00 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
Monday, September 24	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, September 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club Location to be arranged.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Saturday, September 29	9:00 am - noon	Neighborhood Clean Up. Watch for flyer for more information. Please volunteer to help if you can. Volunteers meet for breakfast at 8:30 am at 1933 E River Parkway.	Tom Kilton	339-3064

NO Board meeting in August – so come on July 23rd!

AND – no newsletter in August.

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