

June, 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter

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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our June PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 25th, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (ground floor) SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

1. Welcome.
2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
3. Presentations/Informational items.
4. Motions for Consideration:
5. New/Old Business.
6. Meeting Evaluation
7. Adjourn.

Decision	Motion to reallocate \$5,998.46 within the NRP Action Plan
Decision	Motion to release the remaining \$67,956.46 from Education A.1.a.
Report	Panel discussion on construction/development of East River Flats Park

Minutes of May PPERRIA Meeting – Susan Gottlieb

The PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors meeting on May 21, 2001, was called to order by President Steve Cross at 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. The agenda was approved.

1. The minutes of the April 23, 2001, PPERRIA Membership and BOD meeting were approved as corrected (by adding names of those elected to the PPERRIA Board of Directors for 2001-03). The newly elected Board members (20 of the total 40 members) include: Steve Cross, Ruth & Marvin Stein, Shirley Davis, Tony & Greta Garmers, Cheryl Heilman & Jim Widder, Linda Rust & Paul Elison, Ginia Klamecki, Patrick & Catherine Egan, John & Nan Kari, Dean & Janet Lund, Karen Murdock, Dick Hendrickson, Jack & Kutzi Priest, Roxanne Markoff & Dan Patenaude, Nic Puzak, Terry & Bernadette Mackey, Jerry & Margy Stein, Eleanor Montgomery, Lois Willand, and Pam Wollum & Frank Dewey. The complete Board elected the following officers: President Steve Cross, Vice Presidents Andy Mickel & Cheryl Vollhaber, Florence Littman, Steve Banks, Pam Wollum, Karen Murdock, Susan Larson-Fleming and Joe Ring, Secretary Dan Patenaude, and Treasurer Lois Willand.
2. Nominating Committee Chair Tom Kilton reviewed the list of committee chairs and asked for a motion to approve this group. Motion was made and seconded; committee chairs were approved.
3. Jim Oberly, President of Luxton Park Council, and Kris Hammes, new Luxton Park Director, presented a motion to release \$24,997 in the NRP Plan as follows:
 - \$3,000 (PARC A.1.b. Luxton Sports Camps) for youth sports & soccer camps supported through the Summer Splash program
 - \$12,952 (PARC A.1.d. Luxton computer classroom) to support a staff person to work with Glendale/Prospect Park youth and East Side Neighborhood Services in a mentoring program with youth and seniors. \$12,452 would be spent on the staff person to supervise the computer room for this program and \$500 would be for hardware
 - \$4,000 (Livability C.1. Gateways, signs, kiosks) for an outdoor kiosk at Luxton Park
 - \$2,045 (PARC A.1.c. Luxton sports equipment) to inventory current equipment and purchase needed additional equipment
 - \$3,000 (PARC A.1.a. Luxton staff and programs) for community involvement support and new program: \$2,000 would be used to purchase new TV-DVD equipment for presentations at neighborhood meetings and community center programs and \$1,000 would be used for a youth fishing program.Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Steve Cross proposed a PPERRIA policy for engagement of professional services. The policy basically states that when it is necessary to obtain such services, PPERRIA will comply with equal opportunity law, contract for services rather than hiring employees, prefer to contract with current/former contractors all other things being equal and prefer to contract with neighborhood residents. After some discussion and clarification of the policy, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the policy. The motion was approved.
5. In announcements, Lois Willand reminded the group of upcoming cultural/community events, including the Pratt Ice Cream Social (5:30-8:30, 6/1), Sugar Kings concert (7:30 pm, 6/19 at Pratt), Garden Walk (7/14), Café Accordion Orchestra (7:30 pm, 7/17 at Pratt), Aquatennial Party (4-6, 7/19 at Luxton Park), National Night Out block club parties (8/7) and Pratt Sale & PPERRIA 100th Anniversary Party (9/15). Tom Kilton noted that the Annual Clean-Up and Sale brought in \$931 and he thanked all volunteers. Susan Gottlieb asked for volunteers to help with planning the 100th anniversary celebration. A meeting will be held to begin planning on Thursday, June 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Steve Cross introduced Steve Banks to the group as the President-Elect. Steve Banks thanked the group and expressed his excitement at all that is going on with PPERRIA and the neighborhood.
6. Committee representatives presented reports of their activities over the past months to year. Tom Kilton of East River Gorge Committee noted that there are several goals the group still has for the area park land, including lighting. At the June PPERRIA meeting, the group will convene a panel to discuss the construction on East River Flats Park. The panel will include Jan Morlock of the University of Minnesota, Rachel Ramadhyani of the Park Board and Park Board member Walt Dziedzic. Sandra Hunter requested that another Park official also be invited. Susan Gottlieb reported on progress at Pratt School and school-aged childcare beginning fall, 2001. Bill Kahn will work with Pratt students on the habitat restoration project funded by NRP and Pratt Council. He also noted that there is an environmental coordinator hired by Como and Prospect Park to represent the Southeast area and continue to inventory polluters in the area. Steve Cross reminded the group that the Executive Committee of PPERRIA meetings on the second Monday of each month. He has designated roles for each vice president in the

following areas: membership, database/website manager, NRP, finance, newsletter, president-elect. Andy Mickel and Dean Lund reported on housing issues, including home improvement program and housing redevelopment projects. Brighton Development continues to work on the Bedford Townhomes project and hopes to complete that housing development at the same time as Fraser School wraps up its construction on University Avenue (their property abuts each other). Unocal has indicated its willingness to sell the Gopher Oil site to Brighton and attorneys on both sides are working on the purchase agreement. Brighton has engaged its pollution abatement consultant and will work with the MPCA once they own the property. For the Unocal townhome development, affordable housing law will apply and a certain percentage of units will be considered affordable; it is unclear whether the Bedford Townhomes project falls under this application. The Housing Improvement Committee will convene at 106 Arthur, Monday, 6/4, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss amending the Motley home improvement loan program. The committee still intends to direct additional home improvement funds toward the remainder of Prospect Park once funds are freed up from the redevelopment projects. Mary Alice Kopf of the Garden Club/Landscape Committee noted that planting continues at Pratt and the Franklin oval. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 30, at Pat Lee's house on Warwick St. Steve Cross noted that the Safety & Security committee has a chair only through August and will fall under the Executive Committee unless another person volunteers to chair the committee. Joe Ring reported that the Tower Hill Park committee has overseen the Historic District Survey, to be completed by June or July. Once the survey is completed, the committee will approach the neighborhood to determine how it wants to proceed. In Florence Littman's absence, Steve Cross reported on zoning that he has asked Florence to direct a "zoning school" sometime in the coming year, informing interested participants about the ins and outs of the new Minneapolis Zoning Code and how our neighborhood is affected. He also noted that there is a meeting on June 4th at 1:30 p.m. at the Planning Commission offices regarding approval of a zoning change for the University Village property (25th Ave. and University Ave.). All who can are encouraged to attend.

7. Tony Garmers, who has agreed to chair the Light Rail Transit (LRT) task force reported on what has happened since that group was formed. The group hasn't met, but 15 people will convene with a small working group to meet more often. Tony is currently gathering data on LRT.
8. Steve Cross updated PPERRIA members on two bills pending in the legislature which would affect our neighborhood. The first is a bill sponsored by Representative Jean Wagenius which would invalidate our membership list among other things. It is directed at neighborhoods to increase inclusion in meetings. Steve has suggested a number of changes to that bill to Wagenius, as well as to Phyllis Kahn and Wes Skoglund. These changes are being considered; however, the bill will be laid over until the next regular legislative session for additional study. In a separate bill—the House tax bill—Republicans have proposed to de-fund the NRP. This provision is not in the Senate bill. NRP is lobbying (perhaps successfully) to have this provision stricken from the House bill.
9. Phil Anderson gave the zoning report, noting that Profile Music has asked for extended closing hours of 1:00 am on weekdays and 3:00 am on weekends. InteGroup is continuing to refine its proposal for the old SpikeWorks site.
10. Susan Gottlieb briefly reviewed the staff report and asked that anyone with questions should contact her.
11. There was no old business. Under new business, Paul Zerby made a motion that PPERRIA adopts the position (concurring with Marcy-Holmes' position) that the three neighborhoods directly affected be included in the task force set up to look at the feasibility and consideration of the proposed Gophers/Viking stadium (proposed for the Southeast Industrial Area). A friendly amendment was accepted that said that, further, the PPERRIA President should be directed to write a letter (to be published in the Southeast Angle) stating this position. Motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Gottlieb, Acting Secretary.

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Comments and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko001@po.metrostate.edu

Motions for June PPERRIA Meeting

Motion: To reallocate the following funds within the existing NRP Action Plan as follows:

- **Remaining \$.14 from Education A.1.c. NET program and \$198.32 from Education B.1.c. Food Shelf to be reallocated to Education A.1.a. Neighborhood Learning Center**
- **Reallocate \$3,000 from Safety & Security A.5.b. Park lighting to Administration 2. Office/resource center**
- **Reallocate \$1,000 from Business & Jobs B.1.c. Employment clearinghouse and \$1,800 from Business & Jobs B.1.c. Youth employment project to Administration 1.a. Implementation Coordinator for a total reallocation of \$5,998.46.**

The remainders in the Education section are what was left once contracts for the NET program and Food Shelf have been completed. In the Food Shelf contract, NRP tells us that it would be more cost effective to redirect the remaining funds than to write a new contract. St. Frances Cabrini, which has administered that contract, concurs with this view.

The funds for park lighting in Safety & Security section of the NRP Plan are neither sufficient nor necessary for properly completing a park lighting project at this time. Therefore, funds can better be used to support operations of PPERRIA through copies, newsletter mailing, membership mailings and other office functions as long as NRP business remains to be done.

There are no planned projects which would use either of the funding amounts in Business & Jobs at this time. Therefore, funds can better be used to support administrative staff (implementation coordinator) in writing an evaluation of NRP Phase I for the neighborhood.

Motion: To release the remaining \$67,956.46 from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood Learning Center

The funds will be used to facilitate the integration of community education and K-5 school at Pratt Community Center through interior and exterior space and material improvements. In addition to PPERRIA NRP Funds Release Procedure, paragraph 5, the Education Committee will review any project's scope of services, appropriate budgets and contracts between any agency or vendor and the MCDA and make recommendations to the PPERRIA President.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

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 Cross	376-0094
Glendale/Prospect Park	Jerry Stein	623-0588
History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
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
Safety & Security	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

PPERRIA Sweatshirts for Sale – Harrison Nelson

Workers for the Neighborhood Clean-up and Sale received a PPERRIA sweatshirt (with Ralph Rapson design) for their efforts. Others in the neighborhood had a chance to purchase a sweatshirt at the Pratt Ice Cream Social on June 1st. Remaining shirts are for sale at Schneider Drug for \$30. Be sure to pick one up today.

Four Volunteers Needed for Next Year's Cleanup and Sale – Steve Cross

After long and effective service to the neighborhood on the Spring Cleanup and Sale, Harrison Nelson has retired as the organizer of this event. We will need FOUR (4) volunteers to replace him. The four people we need would be:

- (1) Someone to solicit and organize volunteers to do the pickup.
- (2) Someone to solicit and collect both money and in-kind contributions to help pay the costs of the cleanup and sale.
- (3) Someone to coordinate our volunteers with resources provided by the city to aid the cleanup.
- (4) Someone to manage the sale and coordinate it with the cleanup.

One of the four would be designated as the overall chair to coordinate all the coordinators.

Harrison has provide extensive records and is still in the neighborhood and can answer questions. So those assuming the positions do not have to reinvent the wheel on the project.

If you are interested, then please tell either Steve Cross (stevenc@mn.rr.com or 612-376-0094) or Steve Banks (sbanks@banksbrothers.com or 612-321-9064) or any other PPERRIA officer.

Finishing the Street Light Project– Steve Cross

Please contact us if you spot any of the following on your boulevard:

- (1) Areas on the boulevards that were torn up but not replanted with grass, flowers, or whatever was there before.
- (2) Any lights that still appear to be leaning.
- (3) Any lights that still have bands of red tape around the middle of the pole.
- (4) Any lights where it appears that not all of the "type III" lenses were swapped out with "type V" lenses. (These are identifiable by a narrow streak of light on the ground starting about 20 feet from the base of the light to about 40 feet.)
- (5) Any old high-level lights that are still lighted.
- (6) Any area with an excessive distance between lights so the street and sidewalk are dark.

Contact Steve Cross, stevenc@mn.rr.com or 612-376-0094 or Steve Banks, sbanks@banksbrothers.com or 612-321-9064.

Zoning Alert for University Village-2501 University Ave SE – Florence Littman

The Leaning Tower of Pizza restaurant on the first floor of a hotel-dormitory is applying for a liquor license. Speak out against under age access to liquor on Monday, July 9, 2001 4:30 PM, City Hall, Room 220 350 S. 5th St. Call 331-2970 for approximate time on the agenda and car-pooling info.

PPERRIA Centennial Celebration Takes Shape – Susan Gottlieb

The PPERRIA Centennial Celebration planning committee met Thursday, June 7th to review the structure for the celebration on September 15, 2001 at Tower Hill Park. Preliminary ideas include opening the tower, having a “bring-your-own” picnic with fruit cobbler, drinks and paperware provided, having an interactive timeline of events on which people can add their own histories/memories, and entertainment by local artists. The committee will reconvene on Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Volunteers are welcome to join the committee or call Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 to help.

It’s Garden Walk Time Again! – Cheryl Vollhaber

The annual Garden Club Garden Walk will be on Saturday, July 14 (July 15 in case of rain). To list your garden or to answer other questions, call Cheryl Vollhaber at 379-7234.

NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: May 5, 2001 through June 8, 2001. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts		Maintained the neighborhood calendar	
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites	
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project	
Expense for contractors’ services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contractor Budget
Totals 5/5/01 to 6/8/01	44.25	\$708.00	.5%
Totals 10/18/95 to 5/4/01	7,312.60	\$125,001.88*	92.8%
Totals 10/18/95 to 6/8/01	7,356.85	\$125,709.88*	93.4%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$134,647.69; **\$8,937.81** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00 & 2/27/01 and adds in funds from Livability B.2.b. Landscaping Projects – Buckthorn removal program

NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 12/31/01 and Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, June 8th, 2001.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, June 19 7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Tuesday, June 19 7:30 pm	Sugar Kings concert at Pratt Community Center, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE	Lois Willand 378-9697
Thursday, June 21 7:00 pm	PPERRIA Centennial Celebration planning committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Susan Gottlieb 331-2104
Monday, June 25 7:00 pm	PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, June 27 6:30-8:30pm	Prospect Park Garden Club meeting Cris Nelson's, 1827 Franklin Ave. S.E.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Monday, July 9 7:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, July 11 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Saturday, July 14 TBA (Sunday, July 15 rain date)	Prospect Park Community Garden Walk (maps at Tower Grocery)	Cheryl Vollhaber 379-7234
Tuesday, July 17 7:30 pm	Café Accordion Orchestra concert at Pratt Community Center, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE	Lois Willand 378-9697
Thursday, July 19 4-6 pm	Aquatennial Party at Luxton Park – games and food	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Monday, July 23 7:00 pm	PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 – 4 pm	Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 1 st Monday 4 th Wednesday 4 – 5 pm 11:15 am 9:45 am	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 332-5239

PPERRIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>

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