

June 2005 PPERRIA Newsletter



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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, June 27th, 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 May 23rd
4. Discussion on Restorative Justice Program
5. Watershed Education Program Survey
6. Introduction of Eric McDonald of Hennepin County Attorney's Office
7. Announcements
8. Old/New Business
9. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood NRP Phase 2 Action Plan Final Approval

Luxton Park Community Center Gym
112 Williams Ave SE
Wednesday, June 29, 2005
7 PM – 9 PM
Registration begins at 6:30

All persons connected with the neighborhood are invited to attend and participate. This includes residence owners, residence renters, businesses, students, and others.

Agenda:

NRP Steering Committee Report
Discussion and Adoption of Action Plan for allocation of

\$347,866

Details about proposals, Steering Committee meetings, and the proposed Action Plan are available on the web at <http://www.pperr.org>. Copies of the Action Plan will also be available at both Pratt and Luxton Park.

Comments and proposed amendments to the Action Plan are welcome and should be sent to the NRP Steering Committee by **Friday, June 24th** at:

PPERRIA, 66 SE Malcolm Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414
or to bartajm@yahoo.com

Substantive amendments may also be proposed at the meeting, however they must be available in printed form for every attendee (at least 150 copies), and they must be presented to the Steering Committee at least one day prior to the meeting.

Child-care during the meeting will be available on-site.
Translation services will be provided.

Motion: At the **July 25, 2005** meeting of PPERRIA a motion to reallocate the unused funds in NRP I , approximately \$15,000, which funds are remaining from the transportation (\$8,908) and Motley housing funds (approximately \$6,393), to the development of design guidelines for the 29th Street/University Avenue plan.

Renew Your Membership Today!

We'd like to invite you to renew your membership with the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA).

Not sure if you've already renewed?

Just look at the sticker on the back of this newsletter. It will tell you if your dues are paid for 2005-2006 and when your membership expires.

If your membership has expired, you can join PPERRIA again by filling out the form inserted in this newsletter and sending it to PPERRIA Membership Committee.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

-PPERRIA Membership Committee

THANK YOU, DAN!

Dan Patenaude has submitted his resignation as secretary of PPERRIA, after more than 30 years in the role. His musical aspirations have created conflicts with his secretarial duties, and surprisingly, he has chosen to launch a new career. We wish him the very best, and thank him for his many years of excellent service.

May 23, 2005 Minutes

- 1) The 5/23/05 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership (BOD/M/N) meeting was called to order by Joe Ring, President, at 7:08 P.M. on the terrace of the Cupcake bakery and coffee shop, 3338 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. He welcomed Steve Ruggles, substituting for Steve's wife Lisa Norling, Steve Morse of the Ramsey Cty Rail Authority, and Spencer Ung of U Garden.
- 2) Change to agenda: Joe Ring announced that Item #9, Parkland properties policy, was on the agenda by mistake and would be taken up instead at the June meeting. Motion made by Phil Anderson, seconded by Peter LaSha, to approve the agenda with that change. Motion approved with no noes.
- 3) Minutes of March 28 and April 25, as published in the bulletin. Florence Littman suggested substituting the following wording for item 4 of 3/28:

Joe Ring, substituting for committee chair John Dewitt, reviewed the "Final Draft: Development Objectives University Avenue SE/29th Avenue SE Transit Corridor: 03/18/2005" The development objectives are intended to facilitate transit-supportive redevelopment of the study area, a .5 mile radius around the intersection of University Avenue SE and 29th Avenue SE. This includes roughly the two - to three-block wide east-west corridor along University Avenue SE between the Minneapolis-St Paul municipal boundary on the east and the University of Minnesota on the west. St. Paul did not participate. There was participation by

University Avenue Corridor businesses and developers and University United. Costs of the study were provided by the Federal Transit Administration through the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority. The consultants reviewed studies of the area done in the last 10 years. The report includes two alternative redevelopment scenarios as examples of how the study area could be redeveloped. Both scenarios envision a grocery store on the Kemps site, a transit station, and gateways to the neighborhood at Bedford/University Avenues SE and 27th/University Avenues SE and new housing along the intercampus transitway. A mix of medium to higher density development is proposed north of University Avenue, not including 4th St., and limited smaller scale infill for the south side of University Ave. One scenario proposes taller buildings and more green space while the second envisions shorter buildings with larger footprints and less greenspace. The document and maps will be included on the Prospect Park website

Florence Littman also suggested substituting the following wording for item 11 of 3/28:

A. Wall Companies

The PPERRIA Zoning Committee met with Mr. Wall on 1/18/05 and 3/15/05 to discuss his request for a temporary crushing permit at 503 Malcolm SE. Mr. Hall signed a contract with Veit Companies for the demo and the crushing of the grain elevators prior to meeting with PPERRIA.

After discussion regarding noise, dust, length of time the crushed material would be on site, number of trucks, haul route, etc., Veit said that 29th would be the haul route and, if necessary, a fence would be constructed to ensure that the trucks use 29th. Veit companies maintained that they will wait until the later part of the work to bring the temporary crushing equipment onto the site and that no outside material will be brought onto the site for crushing. Crushing the material on site will require fewer trucks to clear the site (less traffic) and some of the material can be used to fill the basements (less material removed).

The Zoning Committee recommended that the Wall Companies be permitted to crush the demolished buildings on site provided that the trucks use 29th as the haul route.

Committee members were supportive of the end results of the project, a high tech, high-density office and research facility to work with the University.

B. SuperAmerica (University and Bedford Avenues SE) met with the Zoning Committee on 2/25/05 and 3/15/05 to discuss the following:

- a. Rezoning from C1 to C2 to permit expansion on the Clary site to the west.
- b. Conditional Use Permit for extended hours of operation.
- c. Parking variance.
- d. Minor subdivision (Part of Clary site to be sold to Fraser School in the 2/15/05 plan)
- e. Possible landscape variance

The committee did not support the zoning change for many reasons including the fact that a larger SA would increase the already existing traffic problems at Bedford and University and the C2 zoning district permits uses that are incompatible with plans for the area. The Zoning Committee received the support of University United. Michael Cronin, SA consultant telephoned a thank you to the committee for its thoughtful discussion of the issues.

C. The Site Plan Review Chapter of the Zoning Code is being revised. The proposed revision includes some provisions that require new developments to conform to building placement and design standards that are more urban than previously required. No public hearing will be held for projects that require only site plan review. Such projects will be reviewed administratively. PPERRIA is working with other neighborhoods to add a provision to inform neighborhood associations of administrative review

Motion was made by Dick Hendricks, seconded by Julie Wallace and passed with no noes approving the 4/25 minutes as submitted and the 3/28 minutes as corrected.

- 4) Steve Morse described the state of planning for the Central Corridor. Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) modes are both still on the table. The document will be released when the cost effectiveness index (re time saved and model of future travel demand) is ready. Next step will be preliminary engineering, for which federal and state funding are available. The great problem is overall transit funding, affecting also the North Star Corridor. Q: How would Bus RT operation differ from LRT? A: Would be similar except no exclusive right-of-way. Q: Will the University transitway be used at all? A:

Unlikely, too remote. Preserving parking, trees, four lanes plus dedicated lane will be a major challenge. Mr. Morse said city can start to make the claim of “rail bias” now that Hiawatha is operating. The gauge of LRT and existing freight lines in the Twin Cities is the same, but meshing scheduling is not easy. Stop lights will be about every three blocks. Fixed guiding with automatic steering is no longer under discussion. Stations must meet minimum standards, then are customized to each location. Cities say no parking at the new stations, but some shared use parking is evolving in Mpls. Q: Is there information on the impact elsewhere of LRT on low density residential neighborhoods? Mr. Morse will inquire. He will be happy to come again, and was applauded for keeping us informed.

- 5) Development Objectives for 29th Ave. S.E. and University Ave. S.E. Transit Corridor. John DeWitt, chair of PPERRIA’s Transportation and Land Use Planning Committee, presented two alternative land use maps. The study area was a half mile radius from the intersection of these two streets, excluding the single-family areas south of University Ave. and along 4th St. S.E. What do we want the area to look like in fifty years? We want to have some control of the development that is already well underway. The survey conducted at our neighborhood’s public meeting with the planners elicited responses favoring mixed use and life cycle options. Desirable building height on University Ave.’s north side: 3 to 5 stories; north of that, 6 to 8 stories. There will be a trade-off—either taller buildings and more green space or lower buildings and reduced green space. Neighborhood wants pedestrian-friendly development and minimized surface parking. However, much hinges on land owners’ willingness to sell and developers’ willingness to buy. We are now within the 45-day comment period on our draft plan. The Development Objectives are posted on the City’s web site. Having this plan should give us the power to block nonconforming proposals. Committee would like to find funding to do a Design Guidelines study which would describe appropriate materials and appearance. While there is no integration of transportation issues at this point, Joe Ring said there will be in the future. Q: Is St. Paul involved? A: We’re working somewhat with St. Paul people for continuity; More will be desirable.

Motion made by Florence Littman, seconded by Rachel Ramadhyani and passed unanimously with Council Member Zerby abstaining: “This plan should include design guidelines that are translated into regulations via a rezoning study.” Comments: Some green spaces poorly located. Not sure there’s a dose of reality in our wish list. Entirety of building quality should be our concern, not only exterior material. There was some discussion of the degree of consistency between this draft plan and the SEID and SEMI plans. The City Council is scheduled to vote Friday, May 27, on the SEID plan.

- 6) Information on possible changes for the SE Angle. Susan Larson-Fleming and Sean Hart. Should the paper merge, at least temporarily, with the Seward Profile? The publisher is losing \$1400/month on the two. The Profile does not now have a non-profit community board. Sentiment favored a merger. The Angle board will make its decision June 4. Comments are welcomed.

- 7) A motion was made by Tom Kilton, seconded by Tony Garmers and passed with no noes: “To create a restricted fund for neighborhood cleanup and buckthorn removal.” The City and the Park Board no longer pay for our fall and spring projects. A donation of \$750 came this year for this specific purpose.

- 8) East River Parkway parking signs. Motion made by Julie Wallace, seconded by Tom Kilton and passed with no noes: To have signs changed to read “No Parking 9:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M. Daily and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Mon–Fri.” Resident Rob Stanek explained that the existing signs limiting parking are inaccurate. (Overnight time being changed from midnight.) The affected area is East River Parkway from St. Anthony Ave. to Seymour Ave.

- 9) Zoning report. A) Stadium update. Dean Abrahamson said planners will now put emphasis on traffic and traffic pollution. PPERRIA reps have submitted their recommendations. Jan Morlock confirmed that the plan is for 50,000 seats, expandable to 80,000 should the need arise. B) JPI. Guest Eric Galatz of JPI was introduced. Joe Ring outlined the student housing development JPI is exploring for site behind Hubbard broadcasting. JPI has done University Commons on Huron. Hubbard plot consists of 9 acres, of which 6 are in Minneapolis. The University has declined JPI’s request to add a transit way bus stop there. Planned capacity is 1200 students in 400 units in 3-story blgs., with 400 surface parking spots. PPERRIA is in communication with the St. Anthony Park Community Council, which shares our concerns. C) U Garden.

A motion was made by Florence Littman, seconded by Susan Larson-Fleming, and passed unanimously by this body to approve a resolution to support U Garden restaurant in its quest with the City. Florence recounted the process of the restaurant's request for a variance on setback, on side entrance, and on parking. The owners want to expand to increase parties and wedding business. The location has always had incorrect zoning, she said, and U Garden has so far had non-conforming use. PPERRIA has recommended approval of all the requests. The City Planning Commission recommends approving expansion of total restaurant area and the parking variance but disapproves expansion at the front. There was full support. No questions were put to Spencer Ung.

10) Staff report. Joyce Barta invited people to call her with any inquiries.

Meredith Poppele, Secretary pro tem.
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PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

Community Events	Lois Willand	jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net	378-9697
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Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970 627-9471

June NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period May 6, 2005 through June 6, 2005. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
Worked to wind up Phase I of NRP	Worked to begin planning of NRP Phase II

Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 05/06/05 to 06/06/05	48.00	\$ 960.00	0.5 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 05/06/05	10,342.66	\$176,705.15	99.3 %
Totals 10/18/95 to 06/06/05	10,390.66	\$177,665.15	99.8 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$191,426.89*; **\$254.22** remains, does not including the recent \$15,000 re-allocation which is in progress.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/22/02 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, PARC B.2. History editor and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker and Neighborhood Education Worker, \$15,000 from Education A.1.a Pratt Liaison (contract 12/3/03), \$7,250 of Phase II Development funds and \$2553.53 reallocated from misc. remaining NRP I funds on 1/24/05. *NOTE: Current NRP Contractor is Joyce Barta, Implementation Coordinator, whose contract expires 04/30/054.* Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$168; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,232.00.

-Joyce Barta

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Friday, July 8, 2005.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to
Monday, 7:30-9:30 pm June 20	NRP Steering Committee meeting at Luxton Park	Steve Cross 376-0094 Dick Poppele 378-9242
Tuesday, 7:00 pm June 21	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm June 22	Garden Club , Margaret Perryman Hostess 1909 East River Terrace	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday, 7:00 pm June 27	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Tuesday, 7:30 pm June 28	Summer Concert – Ross Sutter and Marya Hart at Pratt Performance Circle. Music from British Isles and Scandinavia. If it rains, indoors at PPUMC.	
Wednesday, register 6:30 June 29 7:00-9:00 pm	Neighborhood Meeting to discuss and vote on proposed NRP Phase 2 Action Plan at Luxton Park. Childcare and translation into Somali provided.	Steve Cross 376-0094 Dick Poppele 378-9242
Monday, 11:30 am - July 11 1:30 pm	JOY Picnic at Luxton Park	Kevin Cook 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm July 11	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587
Tuesday, 7:00 pm July 19	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970

Tuesday, July 19	7:30 pm	Summer Community Concert - Machinery Hill at Pratt Performance Circle. World music – klezmer, Celtic, ska, folk. If it rains, indoors at PPUMC	
Wednesday, July 27	6:30-8:30 pm	Garden Club location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday, July 25	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587

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 Mondays from noon to 4 pm and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to 4 pm. Donations can be left at Prospect Park Methodist Church or the Luxton Park Building as well. The Foodshelf phone number is 612-342-1954.

Ginia Klamecki

Neighborhood Information Available

For current information on the status of Pratt School, see the Save Pratt! website at <http://44clarence.com/pratt>. Also, 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.

Day and Time	Recurring Community	Whom to contact
Mondays noon - 4pm Tues, Thurs 10am – 4pm	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 Shirley Davis 342-1952
	Bookmobile – There is currently no bookmobile service.	Bookmobile 630-6630
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556
Fridays 10am - noon	Luxton Painters at Luxton Park	Kevin Cook 370-4925 kcook@minneapolisparcs.org

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

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