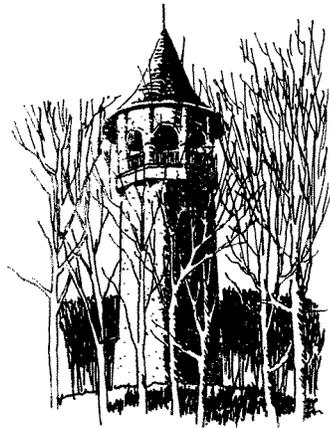


# PPERRIA News – October 2009

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



**PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Prospect Park United Methodist Church**  
**Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.**

Come early for treats and talk – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

*If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact  
Joyce Barta at 378-9268, or go to: bartajm@yahoo.com  
We will make every attempt to meet that need.*

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## AGENDA

- Committee updates
- Neighborhood Heritage Designation update
- NRP funds transfer
- Suggested By-Laws change
- Learn about *LEARNING DREAMS*
- Meet our Commander of the 2nd Precinct  
(And this time we mean it!)

## Notes from the President:

**G**opher football is back – right here in Prospect Park: A marvelous new stadium, lots of people and a festive atmosphere. Some of us remember home games at Memorial Stadium, before the Gophers moved downtown. So it all comes with a sense of nostalgia as stadium noises drift into the back yard.

Some of our residents are not happy however: Parked cars fill our streets, and there's way too much noise. There are also parking issues with local businesses. This will occur seven times this year and, with the first four games now past, only three more home games. From that perspective, it seems a minor annoyance.

### **Parking – where should all the cars go?**

If we are so concerned about additional cars on our residential streets, however, we should see it as a preview of what's coming in five years when the LRT starts running. Now is the time to be planning for that eventuality. Already, businesses along University Avenue – say, The Textile Center and Tierney Brothers – have parking problems, and can anticipate greater problems with LRT construction and reduced parking on University Avenue. New development will follow LRT construction adding further parking demands generated by new residential and commercial building. Thus, parking problems, already bad, will become worse as current policies further restrict parking along University Avenue and near the LRT stations. We should take the stadium overflow as an early warning, and start, now, with serious planning toward solving this looming problem.

### **Schools – where do our children go?**

We were fortunate, again, that Pratt Community School was taken off the list of schools to be closed in 2010. This was largely due to the enormous efforts of Pratt parents and friends of Pratt who worked hard to lobby School Board members, and

highlight the positive reasons for keeping Pratt open. Many members of the community addressed the School Board at a recent hearing with impressive testimonials about the meaning of Pratt Community School to our neighborhood vitality. This threat to close Pratt came despite promises from the Board to keep Pratt open until it filled its enrollment potential as a K-5 primary school. Thus, we can anticipate that this struggle is not over – Pratt will be back on the chopping block again, and maybe sooner rather than later. Once again we need to plan, now, how to retain the Pratt building, the primary school, and the Community Education programs it houses. We need new ideas in community learning, like those shown by Pratt when it combined Community Education and elementary school programs in a shared environment. Jerry Stein, of the PPERRIA education committee, will present one such innovation in life-long community learning at the October Board meeting. We should embrace Jerry's ideas, and other strategies that go beyond our current models. The University of Minnesota is another resource to be tapped. Pratt building is an important key, as is our proximity to the University. We should ensure that Pratt remains our Community School.

### **Livability – what shall we do?**

Finally, at the last Board meeting I suggested we have a neighborhood meeting to discuss just livability issues. What are the issues that concern the livability of our neighborhood and affect us as individuals? The issues I touch on above represent just two items in the list. Such a session would illustrate how interconnected many of them are, and maybe suggest strategies for the future. It can mark the beginning of a systematic approach to a whole series of issues, and can provide us with options for moving forward. In the coming weeks you can expect an announcement regarding this meeting.

.....Dick Poppele

## **PERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2009 Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Poppele at 7:03 PM.

Dick thanked Patrick Kellis, manager of the Profile Center, for the fabulous free food from the new Casablanca Restaurant that was served before the meeting.

Two people attending their first PERRIA meeting introduced themselves. Dan Craigie is a new resident on Franklin Avenue. Lindsey Wollschlager-Johnson is a new resident of Prospect Park at M-Flats on University Ave. She is a graduate student at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the U of M.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dick Poppele said a few words about the Southeast Seniors program. This is a block nurse program which provides in-home nursing care to approximately 300 senior citizens in Southeast Minneapolis, including Prospect Park. The organization believes that it has kept 20 people from having to go into nursing homes in the past year. Southeast Seniors receives funding from city, county, and state sources. However, all these funding sources have been cut back in the past year. The group will be sending out a notice of its annual fund-raiser in October. Residents will be getting this notice in the mail.

- Tom Kilton announced that the annual neighborhood cleanup will be this coming Saturday, September 26. 50 volunteers from the neighborhood are needed in order to make this annual service to the neighborhood a success. Volunteers should meet at 8:30 AM that day in front of Tom's house at 1933 East River Road. Trucks will roll at 9 AM. The following items will be picked up: tires, concrete, metal, brush (which need not be bundled in order to be picked up). 2009 marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year in which Prospect Park has held an annual clean-up day. Tom said he would especially like to see a few younger residents of PP help out with the clean-up. The average age of volunteers last year was 54.

### **PRATT COMMUNITY SCHOOL UPDATE:**

Ann Wade, the principal of Pratt School, said the school year was off to "a very good start." The "students came excited" about the new school year. She said that "the community has come together in an amazing way" to get the word out about Pratt and she appreciates the support of the residents of Prospect Park. There are between 158 and 163 students in Pratt this school year; numbers customarily fluctuate a bit in September. The capacity of the school is 188 to 200 students. The school has six "core classrooms," two of kindergarten and one each of first, second, third, and combined fourth/fifth grades. The demographics of Pratt this year are 7% Native American, 60% African American, 8% Asian, 1% Hispanic, 24% Caucasian.

Three new staffers are a Physical Education teacher, a new third grade teacher, and a new social worker.

Ann said that Pratt always needs volunteers to cover such things as breakfast, lunch, and tutoring. New volunteers should call the volunteer coordinator, Jackie Kydd-Fidelman at 668-1122 between 1 and 3 PM on school days.

The Change in School Options (CSO) proposal before the Minneapolis School Board would lead to the closing of Pratt next year. This proposal will be voted on by the School Board tomorrow. Susan Larson-Fleming said that people have been working all summer to get testimonials in support of Pratt. When the school reopened in the year 2000, it was conceived of as a multi-generational facility. People of all ages testified in support of Pratt at a meeting held at Washburn High School recently. Susan said she was confident that Pratt will remain open as a school.

Susan said that there is \$32,000 in NRP funds left over from the Pratt renovation. This is available to the Education Committee. She asked that these funds be made available for transition funding or for renovation. The NRP program ends at the end of 2009. The rules of NRP require advance notice of intent to release the funds to be published in the newsletter prior to the next board meeting.

Paul Zerby asked if PERRIA as an organization has expressed support for Pratt. Susan L-F said that the sense of this body was known to the School Board and that Dick Poppele had made his remarks at the Washburn meeting in his capacity as president of PERRIA. She said she did not think that any further lobbying of the School Board in the next day would be needed and might even be counter-productive at this point.

Clay Lambert asked how much money was raised for the school by the Ice Cream Social. Nobody here tonight had the exact figure but the money raised by the silent auction amounted to "several thousand" dollars.

### **UNIVERSITY STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON PROGRAM:**

Paul Buchanan from the U of M introduced himself. He is a part of a new program set up by the University Alliance to build relationships between surrounding neighborhoods and the U. The group was active in Southeast Como in the past

academic year. Hilary Holmes is the new liaison for Prospect Park. Karen Murdock said that Hilary lives across the street from her in a duplex owned by her mother; Hilary has lived in Prospect Park for many years so is not new to the area. Tom Kilton requested that the U of M “bring ten students on Saturday” to help with the neighborhood cleanup. Paul B. said that the Neighborhood Liaison Program is trying to build up an email list of students who live in the neighborhood. Karen M. suggested that students who live in Prospect Park should be encouraged to join the existing Prospect Park email list. A link is available at the neighborhood website at [www.pperr.org](http://www.pperr.org). Paul Zerby said that he was concerned about people (students and others) who park on the streets too close to the driveways of residents. The law is that cars should not park within five feet of a driveway. Many people have come to the U of M for the past two Saturdays to attend the football games at the new on-campus stadium. Some of these visitors have parked too close to residents’ driveways, making it difficult for them to get out. Several comments were made about the great number of cars parked in Prospect Park for football games, but Dick Poppele said he thought things had gone quite well, all things considered. Paul B. said that neighbors with concerns about student conduct should contact him via email at [neighbor@umn.edu](mailto:neighbor@umn.edu) or [buch0226@umn.edu](mailto:buch0226@umn.edu). Tony Garmers said we all can do our part in welcoming students to the neighborhood each fall. He said he always introduces himself to his new student neighbors, gives them his phone number and tells him if they have a problem “call me—I’m closer than your parents!”

### ***NRP POLICY BOARD ELECTION***

Joyce Barta announced that the Neighborhood Revitalization Program needs one volunteer and one alternate delegate to attend a meeting of the NRP Policy Board on November 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Peter LaSha said that he was the delegate from Prospect Park to this organization last year and he learned a lot about other neighborhoods in Minneapolis. Dick Poppele and Susan Larson-Fleming have also served as delegates in the past. Tamara Johnson volunteered to serve as delegate from Prospect Park. Peter LaSha will be the alternate.

### ***CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF PPERRIA COMMITTEES***

Dick Poppele said he thought “there are some areas in which we can do better” in engaging more people in Prospect Park to serve on PPERRIA committees. He said he has had the opportunity to see how other neighborhood organizations work. Most are dominated by “activists and sages” and tend to attract the same people year after year. He said a lot of people in the neighborhoods don’t know what the issues facing the neighborhood are. He thought that the PP e-list was an especially important tool for making people “feel a part of” the neighborhood. Dick P. said he thought that the Livability Committee was one group in which more people could become engaged with issues such as snow removal, road repair, and Stop signs. Carla Urban reported that a Livability Committee meeting was called for the summer but only three people showed up. Dick P. wondered if this Committee was charged with doing too many things. He suggested that a single meeting be held to “compile issues” facing the neighborhood and see if there was any action we could take to solve the issues. This would be a “brain storming” meeting, announced on the e-list. Carla said she hoped that people would not come to such a meeting expecting the Committee to solve their “pet peeves.” Richard Adams said that “having an opinion is not the same as being accountable.” He felt that many people “don’t want to get dirt under their fingernails” while working to solve a problem but were merely willing to complain about something. Carla said she thought the Livability Committee would be willing to be a “coordinating body” but “we’re not going to take on everybody’s problems. Tom Kilton said people could join the Livability Committee and only work on one issue such as sound walls (Carla Urban and Tom Kilton are co-chairs of the Livability Committee). Susan Gottlieb suggested that a notice to the e-list should offer some “suggested topics” that might be addressed by the Livability Committee. Carla said she welcomed such suggestions.

### ***COMMITTEE UPDATES***

**Communications Committee.** Lois Willand said the neighborhood website is in need of more timely updates. She would welcome volunteers who are good with computers. The Communications Committee is considering putting together a flyer on Prospect Park, aimed at new residents, especially students. She welcomes suggestions for such a flyer.

**Historic District Committee.** Joe Ring gave an update on the national designation process. The firm of Hess/Roise has finished its report on Prospect Park. This was forwarded to the national advisory council in Washington, DC. That council suggested that the “period of significance” (currently covering houses built up till 1948) be extended to 1968. 1968 was the year that Interstate Highway 94 was cut through Prospect Park. The national advisory council felt that this was a very important date in neighborhood history and that houses built before that date should be covered. This change would mean that an additional 70 homes in Prospect Park would be listed as “contributing properties” to the historic district. The State Board will review Prospect Park’s application in March or April 2010.

Bob Roscoe is the head of a group working on design guidelines for the historic district. He hopes to have a report ready for discussion by November. Under the proposed guidelines, changes such as those currently taking place at 1717 Franklin would be permitted.

Susan Gottlieb said it was currently confusing for people trying to do something like replace their windows. Tamara Johnson said that some people might embark upon a remodeling project not knowing that they need to get prior approval for some home improvements. Florence Littman said that "people who have come to us for help have gotten help." Richard Adams suggested that the Historic District Committee be made a permanent standing committee of PPERRIA, available to answer questions from homeowners.

A "Certificate of Appropriateness" may be required for such minor changes as adding a chimney cap or a metal roof in the historic district.

Paul Zerby said that when he was on the City Council he tried to get Pratt School designated as an historic structure. He said that, ironically, all the money that the neighborhood had poured into the rehabilitation of Pratt (\$1.2 million spent for such improvements as adding an elevator) may have served to make the school less "historic."

Peter LaSha suggested that changes such as additions added to historic houses should be made of wood like the original houses. He said that construction before the year 1900 was better than anything being built today.

**Transit Committee.** John DeWitt said that utility work for the LRT Central Corridor line has begun in downtown Saint Paul. The line is scheduled to open in the summer of 2014. The committee has met with Central Corridor authorities to discuss the two threatened triangles at Malcolm and University and Clarence and University.

An advisory committee was formed to discuss changes in the intersection of East River Road/Franklin Avenue/27<sup>th</sup> Avenue proposed by Hennepin County. This committee includes John DeWitt, Phil Anderson, and Dan Cross. In the next 20 years, traffic at this intersection is predicted to increase by 50%. Part of this increase will come from the implementation of the "transit mall" on Washington Avenue through the U of M. 12.4% of the traffic on East River Road north of Franklin is bicycles. It is estimated that the intersection would be gridlocked between 4 and 6 PM if there was a roundabout in which cars had to stop for pedestrians and bikes.

The committee was opposed to the proposal to turn this intersection into a roundabout. The County has now decided to make only minor changes and to "manage" the signaling at the intersection to observe the traffic patterns during and after LRT construction.

Clay Lambert asked about bike lanes that had been proposed for 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. John D. said that plans for a bike lane include a bike lane on the Franklin Avenue bridge. Time may be running out to paint a designated lane this season. The issue of parking for U of M football games was raised again. Carla Urban said that neighbors had been advised to call "311" to report parking problems. However, "311" (at City Hall) is closed on weekends (recorded message only) and callers should call 911.

**Planning Committee.** Dick Gilyard said the committee had begun to meet in August 2008. It was formed to "get out ahead of development and identify what we are looking for" in new developments in Prospect Park. The committee gave an initial presentation last November and is planning another this November.

Two high-priority areas for the Planning Committee are the area around the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue LRT station and the Motley neighborhood. The U of M ambulatory care center, planned for Motley, is on hold at the moment. Several meetings of "The Motley Crew" have been held in the past few months. The U of M has identified Motley as a "joint planning area" to be discussed by both the U and local neighbors.

One project causing concern to residents of Motley is a proposed mini-dorm to be built on Ontario Street. Dick G. said this was "thinly disguised student housing" but had been presented to the Planning Committee by the architect as faculty/professional housing. The Planning Committee did not feel that 3-bedroom units would appeal to young professionals or that a "Master Bedroom" of 12 by 13 feet would appeal to young married grad students or faculty members. Residents of Motley would like to see more faculty/professional housing rather than more student housing. The proposed development does conform with the zoning, which is R5.

The University of Minnesota has written a letter to the Mayor and the City Council urging that more professional housing be built in Motley. Dick Poppele read excerpts from the letter (which was signed by Kathleen O'Brien and Richard Pfutzenreuter). He said that PPERRIA was really trying to work cooperatively with the U of M.

Dick P. said that several landlords in Southeast Minneapolis own multiple properties so "we're either going to have to work with them or buy them out."

Zoning Committee. Florence said the proposed Ontario Street mini-dorm would require site plan review but that city staff at CPED were "not overly aggressive" about placing restrictions on such developments.

A new "overlay zone" for the University District was put in place over the summer. This district includes the U of M itself and the four neighborhoods which surround it: West Bank, Southeast Como, Marcy-Holmes, and Prospect Park. In this overlay zone, new housing will require one off-street parking stall for every two bedrooms, with "bedroom" being defined as any room that could legally be used as a bedroom. Karen M. emphasized the importance of this change. The "mini-dorm" constructed last year at 27<sup>th</sup> and Yale could not have been built as it was if this ordinance had been in place at the time.

Under the previous rule, new housing only required one off-street parking place per “housing unit.” The mini-dorm at 27<sup>th</sup> and Yale has four “housing units” but each housing unit has five bedrooms. This mini-dorm has only four off-street parking spaces (which currently has nine vehicles jockeying for space and parking on the lawn). Under the new regulation, such a development would require ten off-street slots.

Florence reported that the changes requested by University Village at 26<sup>th</sup> and University had been passed by city planning. U Village wants to enclose the walkway in front of the building and put a deck on the side.

**Membership Committee.** Betts Zerby announced that PPERRIA has 322 household members and 496 individual members. She said the Membership Committee would propose a change in PPERRIA bylaws. Currently, membership must be renewed each year. Betts thinks this provision should be changed and that members should be automatically renewed every year unless they opt out.

**Housing Committee.** Dick Poppele said that under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Prospect Park had put \$85,000 into a fund to be used for housing improvement. This program has \$20,000 remaining and money is now being returned to it from revolving loans. Roger Kiemele said eight homeowners have qualified for loans for new furnaces and new water heaters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Murdock, Secretary

## **A BY-LAWS REVISION**

**Needs approval by May 2010**

**Betts Zerby, Membership Chair**

Under our current rules, members must submit a completed application form each year to continue their membership. It’s called an “Opt-In” system. Too many unwittingly lose their membership when they fail to submit this annual application form. The membership committee thinks this is a burdensome requirement, especially since we can no longer ask for annual dues. The proposed revision should simplify and increase membership. If approved, to become effective it must be passed before the annual meeting in 2010.

The proposed addition to the by-laws reads as follows:

*C. Membership – Persons shall become members from the next meeting following approval of the completed membership application by the membership committee. The committee shall have no more than 30 days to determine eligibility, grant or deny the application and, if granted, add the name to the PPERRIA membership roster. A membership is effective until a member resigns or moves from the membership eligibility area. (See Art. III, A) An annual donation to defray the costs of the organization is requested from members, but is not required.*

***Our current member count is 328 households, including 502 individuals***

## NEWS BITS

COME TO THE OCTOBER MEETING AND HEAR:

### **About releasing NRP funds –**

Susan Larson-Fleming will guide us through the bureaucratic maze of releasing funds that have already been allocated for educational purposes. If it sounds like a lot of wonkery, pay attention. Because we will be voting on it, probably in November. It's a substantial amount of money to be applied to worthy projects. And time is of the essence.

### **About LEARNING DREAMS –**

Jerry Stein will tell us about a project he began some years ago. It works to bring families together in learning. Typically these are immigrant families. And, in the primary function of enhancing their children's education, the parents are drawn into the process of their own academic improvement while learning more how to fit into their new life.

If you didn't know better it might seem as if Jerry's program has been hiding in the tall grass. But he will present his plans for a significant expansion of his dreams. It sounds exciting.

## October 2009 PPERRIA Staff Report 9/3/09 – 10/9/09

Staff hours from September 3 through October 9, 2009 totaled 21.5 for a cost of \$516. This was paid using NRP 2 funds allocated to Administration. NRP Contract C-25154 (11-1-07) with PPERRIA contained \$9000 for Administration, including \$7000 for Staff; of which \$2629.40 remains. Another \$18,229 was recently allocated to Administration and is currently in the process of being contracted.

### Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 by **Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Thursday, October 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm <b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Tuesday, October 20	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970 Phil Anderson 627-9471
Monday, October 26	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Saturday, October 31	<b>Halloween Party and Haunted House</b> at Luxton Park	Kale Severson 370-4925
Wednesday November 4	7:00 pm <b>Luxton Park Council</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, November 9	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, November 11	5:00 pm <b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, November 17	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970 Phil Anderson 627-9471
Thursday, November 19	7:00 pm- 8:30 pm <b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, November 23	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242

## PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Administration	Tony Garmers	tggarmers@msn.com	378-2656
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*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
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Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman, Co-chair Phil Anderson, Co-chair	littm005@umn.edu phil.ann.anderson@gmail.com	331-2970

## Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Forces

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Motley Crew	Rebakah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Nominating Committee	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396
Sound Wall	Dorothy Davey	tom4dotd@aol.com	331-8418

***The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:***

Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Jakki Kydd-Fidelman, Susan Gottlieb
Southeast Economic Development Committee (SEED)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard

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***FYI:***

**SOUTHEAST SENIORS (SES) – A Living-at-Home/ Block Nurse Program** – reports another successful year helping seniors continue to live at home with an enhanced quality of life. During the year ending this June, SES served 307 individuals with 3,932 total “units of service.” Such units included nurse and volunteer visits, home health aide, transport and more. They estimate that during this same period, 20 of our neighbors were able to remain in their own homes with the help of SES, who otherwise would be in nursing homes.

*Editor's note..... SES is facing reduced funding support. Please do what you can to help sustain this vital community resource with your time or money. Call 612.331.2302, or go to: [www.seniormpls.org](http://www.seniormpls.org) (Keep in mind that we all grow older – if we're lucky!)*

**Be part of a PPERRIA committee! Remember:**

***What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today***