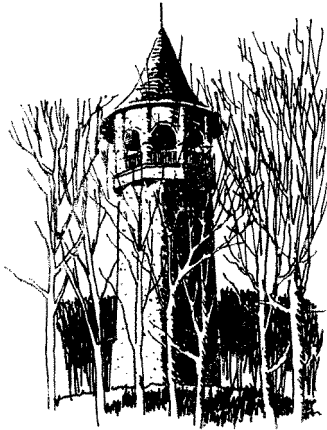


# PPERRIA News – April 2009

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



## PPERRIA ANNUAL Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, April 27<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 [bartajm@yahoo.com](mailto:bartajm@yahoo.com) or 378-9268  
We will make every attempt to meet that need.

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### NOTE:

**You may join – and vote in the election – at the meeting in April**

#### **BUT:**

As a new member you must have your application filled out and submitted by the time the meeting is called to order. Thus, you can apply in person at the meeting, but you must do so before 7:00pm.

*The membership of current members (2008) is valid through the annual meeting. So a renewal prior to the meeting is not required for voting eligibility.*

## Notes from the President:

What's going on in and around Prospect Park? Come to the PPERRIA annual meeting and find out. It all starts with electing a Board of Directors and choosing PPERRIA officers for the coming year. It goes on to feature displays of various projects such as the Central Corridor LRT, a more user-friendly Franklin Avenue, and the University District projects described below. No speeches – just posters!

Major plans are underway for the University District: the Marcy-Holmes, SE Como, West Bank and Prospect Park neighborhoods, as well as the University itself. The University District Alliance submitted a progress report to the Legislature outlining its work throughout 2008 to “stabilize and promote homeownership, address property maintenance and regulatory issues, and begin a master planning process that builds on neighborhood plans and objectives.” The report is available at [www.community.umn.edu/alliance](http://www.community.umn.edu/alliance).

The first phase of the District planning process produced a set of concepts representing possibilities for transforming developments in each neighborhood. The project was undertaken by the Cunningham Group under the direction of the Alliance Steering Committee and in close collaboration with the neighborhoods. We get the first opportunity to view, and comment on, the final result. It will show concepts for the West Bank and Prospect Park that anticipate development adjacent to the stations on the proposed Central Corridor LRT line. It also includes concepts showing higher-density development along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Marcy-Holmes and SE Como neighborhoods.

The University of Minnesota published its Campus Master Plan detailing its ideas for the Twin Cities Campus and its interests in areas surrounding the campus. You can see it at [www.cppm.umn.edu/master\\_planning.html](http://www.cppm.umn.edu/master_planning.html). At our April meeting we will see maps and images from this plan. Importantly for Prospect Park, the plan redefines the 1960's “Regent's Boundary” between the U of M and our neighborhood. It originally followed the length of Oak Street. The boundary

now follows Oak Street from the River Pkwy. only to Fulton Street, then goes east along Fulton to Huron Blvd., thence north to University Ave. The area north of Fulton Street is expected to undergo further University development, including a planned Ambulatory Care Center on Fulton Street between Ontario and Erie Streets. The area south of Fulton has been designated a “joint planning area” for further residential development. PPERRIA is working with the Motley Crew committee to explore these possibilities.

Both University and Franklin Avenues are in the spotlight for transit and traffic control projects. The Central Corridor LRT will bring big changes to the University Avenue streetscape from 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Emerald Avenue. The current plans will be on display with some options for the intersection at Clarence.

Franklin Avenue and the East River Pkwy. is called a “failed intersection” by traffic engineers. We who wait at the traffic light there would agree. Mixed-use, with bicycles and pedestrians, is another issue for this intersection. Hennepin County is trying to find a better design for it. The types of solutions they are discussing will be part of our display.

PPERRIA and the St. Anthony Park community in St Paul jointly sponsor a study on how Franklin Avenue and Territorial Road can be friendlier to bicycles and pedestrians. Some of those ideas from two neighborhood meetings will also be on display.

Other projects we plan to display are:

- A Humphrey Institute graduate student project to examine transformative development in the area of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ave LRT station,
- The Campus Crossroads development planned for Stadium Village at Washington and Oak, and
- The current status of Granary Road and the Missing Link of the Grand Round.

It looks like there is plenty going on in and around Prospect Park. See you at the Annual Meeting!

.....Dick Poppele

**Minutes of the PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, March 23, 2009, 7:15 p.m.  
Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

1. President Dick Poppele called the meeting of the Association to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Announcements:**

**Rick Jacobsen** announced that a memorial fund has been established to place a street sign at Luxton Park between Williams Street and St. Mary's in honor of Dorothy Haynes Whittaker, who was active in the Glendale Housing Projects in the 1960's and 70's. Donations can be made at Wells Fargo Bank.

**Tom Kilton** announced that the River clean up day would be held on April ??, and passed a signup sheet for workers.

**Peter LaSha** announced the opening of a new frame shop on University Avenue upstairs over Sharrett's Liquor store.

3. A motion to approve the agenda, was made by John Holmquist. Passed without noes.

4. A motion to approve the minutes, as amended by Dick Hendrickson, was made by Dick Kain. Approved without noes.

**5. Committee Reports:**

Executive Committee -NRP Funds: Dick Poppele reported on the status of NRP funds for the Prospect Park/East River Road Neighborhood. There are \$49,664 unspent funds in NRP 1 (34,362 in Education and Human Services and \$15,302 in Business Jobs and Employment), and \$36,881 NRP II available uncontracted funds.

Education Committee: Susan Larson-Fleming outlined the proposal of the NRP Education Committee to release NRP funds for the redesign of the Pratt playground and moved for release of the funds. Passed without noes.

Livability: Joe Ring reported on the current status of the Section 106 Programmable Agreement for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project. Joe provided a background explanation of the origins of Prospect Park's involvement in the project going back to the 1991 Midway Corridor LRT Resolution, through the actions of the neighborhood in obtaining listing of Tower Hill Park and the Tower Hill water tower on the National Register of Historic Places, the development of the Prospect Park Historic District study and neighborhood approval of the LRT development on University Avenue, the granting of consulting status to Prospect Park/East River Road Improvement Association, and eventually the development of a Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Transit Administration, Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office Regarding the Construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project between Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. Joe went through the document and explained those portions pertaining to the PPERRIA area. He then moved to pass a resolution to direct the President of PPERRIA to sign the agreement. Richard Adams proposed adding in paragraph 8 of the stipulations "parking impacts", which was approved without noes. Joe will bring that back to the drafters. The resolution motion was passed on a Board Vote with 19 board members voting aye, and 1 board member voting nay.

Zoning: Florence Littman reported the approval of the Zoning Committee of a request for a variance for a garage at 68 Barton. She requested Board approval of the Zoning Committee's action, which passed without noes. She also suggested that the planners be invited to tour the neighborhood and see the topography and the current development to increase their understanding of the continuous requests for variances from the zoning code.

Nominating Committee: Mary Alice Kopf presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors proposed by the nominating committee for the election at this year's annual meeting in April. The slate appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Nominated from the floor were Steve Banks and Rob Nordin.

6. **Future of PPERRIA**: Dick Poppele continued the discussion on the future of PPERRIA, and described the Committee structure of the organization. Discussion ensued on the issue of volunteer activity in the organization.

A motion to adjourn made by Richard Adams was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Zerby

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Secretary

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Dick Poppele, President

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Our board has 40 directors. Directors serve two-year terms that are staggered, so that each year (in April) we elect 20. Those we elect this April will serve from May 2009, through April 2011.

Here (listed alphabetically) are your current nominees. Fifteen of those listed below are incumbents standing for re-election. The names of the nine non-incumbents are signified by an asterisk. Current committee chairs or officers are signified by a plus sign.

A couple comprises a single voting unit.

Dean	Dick Kain	Dan Peters
Abrahamson	Roger Kiemele+	Dick & Meredith
Ken Cassibo*	Ginia Klamecki	Poppele+
Steve Cross*	Mary Alice Kopf*+	Jerry & Margie
Travis Emdin*	Susan Larson	Stein
Steve Ficker*	Fleming*+	Carla & John
Tony & Greta	Peter LaSha	Urban*
Garmers	Dean & Janet	John & Wendy
Dick Gilyard*+	Lund	Wicks
John Holmquist	Ann Munt	Lois Willand+
Tamara Johnson	Rob Nordin*	

Current members may make additional nominations from the floor, keeping in mind that your nominee must be: 1) a resident, having been a past member of PPERRIA at some time for at least one year and, 2) certified as willing to serve if elected (meaning: she or he must either be present and orally attest, or provide a written statement to that effect acceptable to the current board).

You may nominate yourself.

Members will vote at the annual meeting in April. The officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will be chosen by the new board immediately following the general election.

## April 2009 PPERRIA Staff Report 3/7/09 – 4/6/09

This month, the contractor's services were paid by PPERRIA using Citizen Participation funds. Staff hours from March 7 through April 9, 2009 totaled 27.5 for a cost of \$660. Total Citizen Participation funds available for 2009: \$2000. \$1340 remains.

### 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, April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Saturday, April 18	9:30 am – noon <b>Mississippi River Cleanup</b> - Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Wednesday, April 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm <b>Garden Club meeting</b> at the home of Amy Shellabarger 238 Emerald Ave SE.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Amy Shellabarger 379-1142
Thursday, April 23	4:00 - 7:30 pm <b>Pratt in Bloom</b> at Pratt School. View art by Pratt Elementary students and local artists.	Pratt Office 668-1122
Friday April 24	11:00 am <b>JOY Book Club</b> at Appleby's on Washington Ave.	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Sunday, April 26	3:00 pm <b>Community Choir Spring Concert</b> at PPUMC. 45 member mixed choir directed by Curt Oliver.	
Monday, April 27	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>ANNUAL PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Monday, May 4	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, May 6	7:30 pm <b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park.	Jim Widder 331-6129
Wednesday, May 13	5:00 pm <b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrishia Collins 342-1952
Monday, May 18	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
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, May 21	7:00 - 8:30 pm <b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Wednesday, May 27	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm <b>Garden Club meeting</b> at the home of Katie Ibes and Tim Schnabel, 112 Arthur Av SE.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Katie Ibes 991-1155
Friday May 29	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm <b>Pratt Ice Cream Social</b> at Pratt. Food, games, and fun for the whole family. Silent Auction to benefit Pratt. The only chance all year to climb the tower!	Deb Clark 668-1108 Pratt Office 668-1122

## PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
Livability (Subcommittees listed below, designated by *)	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Membership	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu phil.ann.anderson@gmail.com	331-2970

## Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Forces

4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Luxton Book Exchange	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
Motley Crew	Rebakah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Nominating Committee	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396

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 Minneapolis Economic Development Committee (SEMI)	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:*** Annual Meeting Format

The Annual meeting will feature posters and information kiosks lining the room describing the events and activities in which PPERRIA is involved. Some of the kiosks will be staffed by people with knowledge of the subject to answer questions you may have.

The evening begins with nominations and introductions of the nominees. Then ballots are handed out and we vote.

While the votes are tallied we can cruise the room examining the exhibits, asking questions, making comments and talking with our neighbors.

After the election results are announced, the new board will elect its officers and then, and only then, it'll be time for cake and cookies.

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