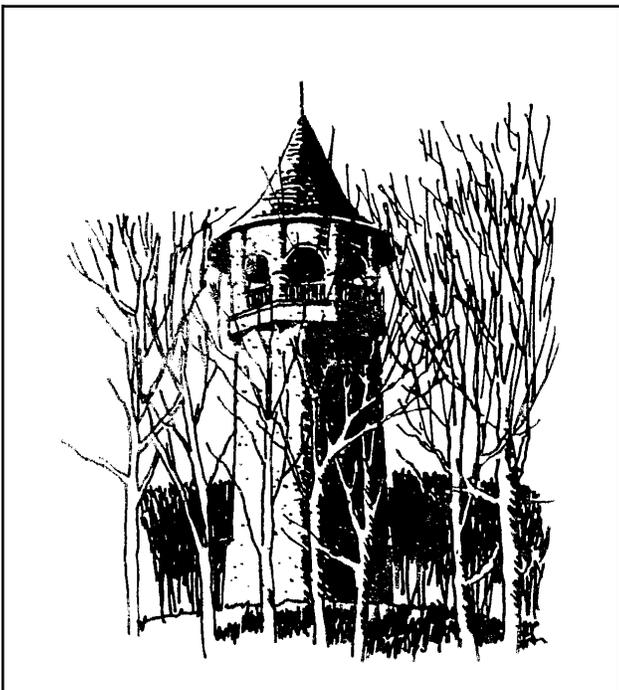


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**Editor's Note:** To add any news or info to the next newsletter, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 - Andy

## Note from the President

Dear PPERRIA members and PPERR neighbors,

This month there are several important matters to be discussed at the board/members/neighborhood meeting. A draft of the changes to the bylaws that were approved as concepts at the special board meeting will be presented and voted on. There are also four motions on releasing funds to implement provisions of the NRP Action Plan. If you only want to come when important matters are up for discussion, then this meeting is for you.

Sincerely, Steve Cross, President

## PPERRIA Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our February PPERRIA meeting is **Monday the 28th, 7 p.m.**  
at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

**1 Welcome. 2. Approve minutes from last meeting 3. Motions/Information:**

Information	<b>Kathy Ward, presenter: YWCA Midtown Update.</b>
Info/decision	<b>Motion to reallocate \$1,000 within PARC for computer upgrades at Luxton Center</b>
Info/decision	<b>Motion to release \$25,000 from Education/H.S. for all-day kindergarten at Pratt School for 2000-2001</b>

Info/decision	<b>Motion to release \$2,600 from Education/H.S. for SE Seniors</b>
Info/decision	<b>Consideration of latest draft of By-laws changes.</b>

**4. New/Old business. 5. Adjourn.**

## Minutes of January, 2000 PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

1. The **1/24/2000 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc.(PPERRIA)** Board of Directors/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the Board of Directors (BOD) was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To move item 4 of the proposed agenda to after Item 7." Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda, as amended, that was available at this meeting."

2. Nicole Magnam and Officer Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police SE Community Community Crime Prevention/Safety for Everyone team, reported that two individuals were convicted of burglaries that included ones in Community Community Crime Prevention/Safety for Everyone team, reported that two individuals were convicted of burglaries that included ones in this neighborhood. There have been a number of unattended car thefts due to the cars left running. Last week Tower Grocery was robbed and there have been orange-colored notices of a crime alert posted throughout the neighborhood.

3. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept, with a committee name correction, the minutes of the 11/22/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 1/2000 PPERRIA Newsletter."

4. Steve Cross reminded all that the current considerations to change PPERRIA's by-laws result from recent indications that there is unclarity in the current by-laws, especially regarding that a vote on a specific issue represents whom: the neighborhood? PPERRIA's membership? or PPERRIA's Board of Directors?" This issue was brought up when the by-laws were last revised due to PPERRIA becoming a 501(c)3 organization. At that time, the ambiguity caused no problems. There existed organizations for neighborhood businesses. There were also regular meetings of residential, business, and educational organizations in the

southeast area: organized by the Southeast Minneapolis Planning and Coordination Committee (SEMPAC). This group no longer meets. The proposed schedule to discuss this issue is:

1/24/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. Presented are written recommendations by the Executive Committee.

2/7/2000 PPERRIA Special Board of Directors meeting. To consider the latest draft of the revision of the by-laws revision possibilities and to result in the latest draft of the PPERRIA By-laws.

2/14/2000 PPERRIA Executive Committee. Consider the latest draft the proposed revision of the PPERRIA By-laws.

2/28/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. Consider the latest draft of the proposed revision of the PPERRIA By-laws.

4/24/2000 PPERRIA B/M/N Annual meeting. Approval of a revision of the PPERRIA By-laws.

The following is a summary of the presentation by Florence Littman and Harrison Nelson of their survey of 33 Minneapolis neighborhood organizations similar to PPERRIA, the summary includes comments and concerns made at this meeting:

There are a total of 81 Minneapolis neighborhoods. Most of the organizations contacted a) have neighborhood business as members, b) are at best governed by a small-in-number Board of Directors, c) few if any have as large a consistent turnout for meetings as PPERRIA, and d) few if any are active participants in city zoning issues that affect their neighborhood.

Florence and Harrison agree on the facts and issues and agree on all but one of the recommendations.

Issue One: the high level of participation by the membership/neighborhood. Recommendation: continue the current meeting format: a concurrent PPERRIA Board of Directors, PPERRIA Membership, and neighborhood. Organization history memory finds very few differences of opinion among the three groups. The high level of participation, even with the current limit to membership to residents seems to be working. There should be identified other means to allow the representation of neighborhood non-residents.

Issue Two: "Whose vote represents PPERRIA?" Recommendation: that the PPERRIA Board of Directors' vote on an issue represents PPERRIA's position on that issue. This follows state statute regarding 501(c)3 organizations. A process needs to be established that allows the vote of the Membership and neighborhood to be the vote of the Board of Directors unless the Board of Directors asks for a separate Board of Directors vote, and the Board of Directors must explain why this is asked. There was a comment from a PPERRIA member that the revision of the PPERRIA By-laws was not necessary and that this

exercise was for the Executive Committee to control and limit an issue to themselves. Other PPERRIA members indicated that the core question is of a direct or representative organization and of the legal representation of the neighborhood.

Issue Three: "Who can change PPERRIA By-laws?" The recommendation is to retain but rework the current by-law. Currently 2/3 of the Board of Directors approve by-law changes but the by-laws do not address the current practice of either BOD or member implementing the change.

Issue Four: "Who can vote on issues before PPERRIA?" Recommended is to retain the current system where the type of meeting determines who votes, i.e., committee, Board of Directors, Membership or neighborhood. The wording of the current by-law needs to reflect this and to address the issue of concurrent BOD/M/N meetings.

Issue Five: "Who is a PPERRIA member?" There are two recommendations: a) Each neighborhood resident and nonresident has two votes with a limit of two BOD memberships for nonresident stake holders. b) Each voting-age individual legal resident has a vote. There can be up to two nonresident BOD members. This allows PPERRIA to remain a resident organization. Comment from a PPERRIA member: if PPERRIA is a specific resident organization, there needs to be constructed safeguards for relationships with nonresident neighbors.

5. Florence Littman, Zoning Committee co-chair, introduced Mary and Ralph Rapson and spoke of their long and fruitful influence on the neighborhood. Ralph has been a long standing member of the zoning committee and on many design review studies. A story was told of Mary being a member of an organization, "The 4 M's," that was required to change their name to "FORUM," by a Minnesota corporation. This group among other things assured that the three houses on Prospect Terrace are still there and the saga of the "Red Barn" (ask a neighbor who was here in the sixties about this.) Mary and Ralph were presented with an engraved loving cup.

6. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan for loan/grants to resident/owners in the Motley neighborhood be continued until 1/31/2001." Paul Schemer, Motley resident and PPERRIA member, indicated that there are still individuals interested and potential properties eligible for these grants-and there are funds available. He also reviewed his experiences in dealing with a "party house" next to where he lives.

7. Steve Cross indicated that all who would be interested in being officers, being on the Board of Directors and/or a member of the Nomination Committee, contact him at 376-0094 or cross@isd.net He also announced that NSP has been selected by the City of Minneapolis to install the sidewalk lighting through the neighborhood starting this spring. The bid of NSP is below the estimated cost, for a savings on individual assessments.

Susan Larson-Fleming, Education and Human Services chair, report that this Fall 2000, at Pratt School, 38 students will be enrolled in a kindergarten class and a first grade class for neighborhood students. The Minneapolis School Board is to add each year one additional class.

Harrison Nelson, PPERRIA Vice President, indicated that there is to be a sale of stuff too good to be picked up during the annual neighborhood clean up. Individuals interested working on the sale and/or to be "Head Seller" contact him at 378-5377.

Eleanor Montgomery, Transportation Committee chair, indicated that the committee is working on reducing the speeds on the Glendale streets and the possibility of "speed humps" on Arthur Avenue. She reminded us of the 2/5/2000 Luxton Fire and Ice Festival and the 2/24/2000 Black History Program, also at Luxton Park.

8. Florence Littman indicated that "all is quiet at present with the Zoning Committee" and this makes her very anxious.

9. Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, reviewed the PPERRIA/NRP contractor activities as published in the January 2000 PPERRIA Newsletter. The remaining two contractors' contracts are up on 4/2000, the annual meeting date.

10/11. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To table the issue of the name used for the city park at East River Pkwy and SE Ontario." Neil Simons, PPERRIA member, indicated that he had information that there is opposition to the name "Slovak" and that some prefer "Slovakian." He is to clarify with the church that moved from the neighborhood and Paul Scheurer will contact the Minnesota Historical Society for their opinion on the issue.

12. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn."

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

## **Motions for February, 2000 PPERRIA Meeting**

**Motion: To reallocate \$1,000 from P.A.R.C. A.1.a. Luxton Park Council Staff (including \$463.15 remaining from contract #10062) to P.A.R.C. A.1.d. Computer Classroom.**

Luxton Park Council would like to invest some NRP funds in acquiring a laser printer and other computer equipment (in addition to possibly upgrading computer equipment so that it is Internet accessible) to supplement the computer classroom funded previously. Many children use the classroom for homework help and need access to a printer. Original computer equipment was purchased with NRP funds several years ago with early access money. Currently, the computer classroom strategy has no funds remaining, but there are over \$8,000 in funds remaining in the Luxton Council staff budget. There are no competing proposals for the use of these funds, since it is an equipment/upgrade purchase. Luxton Park Council is currently investigating costs involved to make these upgrades and will present a written report to PPERRIA in February.

**Motion: To release \$25,000 from Education A.1.a. to supplement Minneapolis Public School district funds for all-day kindergarten, beginning school year 2000-01.**

The Education and Human Services Committee proposes that \$25,000 of the monies allocated for the development of a school at the Pratt site be used for all-day kindergarten (Section A.1.a. of NRP Plan). The Minneapolis School District is moving towards all-day kindergarten throughout the district. The program is being phased in. Cost to start all-day kindergarten is \$64,000. This provides salary and resources for one teacher in an all-day program. All-day kindergarten is an important resource for families and is consistently requested. It is highly popular where it has been implemented.

Contribution of the \$25,000 in NRP monies will guarantee the program at Pratt for the 2000-01 school year. The District has said that it will pick up the full cost of this program after the first year. At this point, there are no other competing proposals for use of this money. The money has been earmarked for starting the school program at Pratt. There are no other vendors who can provide this service. The building is owned by the school district. Pratt Community School will be a program of the Minneapolis Public Schools. All-day kindergarten is not currently offered in Southeast. The committee strongly supports all-day kindergarten and recognizes its importance for families in Prospect Park.

**Motion: To release \$2,600 from Education/Human Services C.1. for Southeast Seniors Sustaining Fund.**

These funds were reallocated for this objective in January, 1999. Southeast Seniors launched a Sustaining Fund campaign in Spring, 1999. The fund was set up to ensure the long-term viability of the program. Its purpose is to provide a source of cash to compensate for any temporary funding shortfall and to assure continuity of service to clients. The campaign turned to individuals, businesses, organizations and churches who have previously supported the program for contributions to the Sustaining Fund. PPERRIA, through the commitment of NRP funds, demonstrated strong support for the program. Southeast Seniors did not consider other spending options for this money, because the funds were designated for the Sustaining Fund.

## **Motion for March, 2000 PPERRIA Meeting**

**Motion: To reallocate \$3,710 from Housing B.1-2 (Motley loan program remaining funds) and \$2,000 from Livability C.1. (Gateways, signs, kiosks) to P.A.R.C. B.2. (Historic landmark preservation) for the purpose of completing the historic district feasibility study.**

The Tower Hill Park Committee and the History Committee have spent the past year and a half seeking funds for the proposed cost of an Historic District Feasibility Study for Prospect Park. To date, NRP has contributed \$14,600 with the proviso that the committee should also tap private funding sources. The committees have raised some funds through the sale of Tower Hill Park cards and books (on the history of the Tower) and from private business and corporate support. The only funds needed to proceed with the study are \$5,710. At present, there are no competing proposals for the monies to be reallocated. The Motley Loan program has been available to resident homeowners in Motley for several years and still has a strong balance for future proposals. Funds remaining in the Gateways, signs, kiosks strategy (Livability C.1.) have not been tapped and there are no current proposals either from goals set during the 2020 Planning process or within committees.

The committees chose Hess-Roise for doing the study because this company has an impeccable national reputation for quality in research with virtually no cases in which properties they have documented were denied in an application for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, Landmarks or Districts. Hess-Roise is also familiar with our area because they did the research to place Tower Hill Park and the Tower Hill water tower in the National Register. They were also commissioned by MNDoT to study properties on Washington Ave near the U of M and on the West Bank to determine if any qualified historic buildings would be negatively affected if a light-rail transit line were to be built in those areas.

## **Nominations Committee Appointed - Steve Cross**

As stated in the last issue of this newsletter, a Nominations Committee has been appointed. The committee will develop a slate of people it recommends to the membership to be elected to the Board of Directors, to be chairs of committees for the 2000-2001 year, and the officers of the organization. If you are interested in serving, including those who are presently serving and wish to continue, please let a member of the committee know.

The Nominations Committee members and their phone numbers are:

Susan Larson-Fleming	331-8819
Tom Kilton	339-3064
Pam Wollum	623-3747

One other committee member will be appointed. We hope that the name will be available by the time of the next Board/Members/Neighborhood meeting.

## **Executive Committee Acts on Grievances - Steve Cross**

Members recently filed two new grievances. Mike Atherton's grievance related to the Board/Members/Neighborhood meeting of October 25, 1999. He claimed that proper order was not maintained at the meeting that resulted in the members heckling him as he made a presentation. The Executive Committee adopted a motion denying the grievance on the basis that it was beyond the scope of the grievance procedure. Atherton then gave notice that he wanted to have mediation on the issue as provided by the grievance procedure. The President responded that since the grievance was beyond the scope of the grievance procedure that included the provisions of that grievance procedure relating to mediation. There would be no mediation. Atherton then stated he would appeal to the NRP. The President said that he could always go to the NRP about anything.

Steve Ficker also filed a new grievance. It related to an allegation that the Executive Committee improperly decided his second and fourth grievances. The Executive Committee summarily denied the new grievance because all it did was re-open the old grievances again. The proper procedure was for him to appeal the decisions to the NRP rather than compound matters by filing grievances about grievances. The committee also felt that six grievances, including to compound grievances, was an abuse of the grievance procedure and harassment of PPERRIA's members, staff, and officers.

Any members wanting more information about the grievances and the disposition of each is welcomed to talk to any member of the Executive Committee.

## **Sidewalk Lighting Groundbreaking Ceremony - Steve Cross**

PPERRIA will sponsor a groundbreaking ceremony for the new safety and security sidewalk lights at Pratt Community Center on Monday, February 28, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. On hand will be city and NSP representatives. All neighborhood residents are welcome to attend.

## **NRP Phase II Informational Meetings to be Held in Spring**

Gretchen Nicholls, the elected at-large neighborhood representative to the NRP Policy Board will host the following NRP Phase II informational meetings to inform neighborhoods on potential changes to the NRP in its second phase:

Thursday, March 9  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Northeast Library, Community Room  
2200 NE Central Ave.

Thursday, April 13  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Hosmer Library, Community Room  
347 East 36th Street

For more information, call Gretchen Nicholls at 612-339-3480 or by E-mail: [gretchennicholls@hotmail.com](mailto:gretchennicholls@hotmail.com).

In addition to the above meetings, the NRP itself has set four additional neighborhood review meetings to discuss the five proposals for Phase II. These will be held as follows:

Tuesday, February 22  
YMCA  
2304 NE Jackson Street  
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 24  
Calvary Presbyterian Church  
3700 Bryant Ave. N.  
7:00 p.m.

The Policy Board plans to decide on February 28 which model(s) will be the focus of more in-depth development and public review. For more info, please contact Bob Miller at 673-5141 or Joe Horan at 673-5144.

## **Neighborhood Representatives Needed for Management Review Team**

NRP announces an open appointment process for the selection of neighborhood representatives to the Management Review Team (MRT). The MRT is a committee established by the NRP Policy Board to review Neighborhood Action Plans and Early Access requests prior to consideration by the Policy Board.

Neighborhood representatives to the NRP Policy Board will select MRT Neighborhood Representatives and Alternates in late February, 2000 to serve until early 2001. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, NRP office, public libraries or by calling Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2000, at the City Clerk's Office, Room 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. For further information, contact Carsten Slostad at NRP, 673-5150.

## Major Party Political Caucus Information - Harrison Nelson

DFL caucuses are scheduled for 10 AM Saturday, March 11, 2000  
 DFL 2-4 (Motley district) Mayo Auditorium, 420 SE Delaware St.  
 DFL 2-5 (central Prospect Park) Pratt Community Center, 66 SE Malcolm Ave.  
 DFL 2-6 (South of Franklin or south of 94) St. Francis Cabrini Church, 1500 SE Franklin Ave.

Reform party information not available.

Republican caucuses are scheduled for 7 PM Tuesday, March 7, 2000  
 2-5 & 2-6 Pratt Community Center, 66 SE Malcolm Ave.  
 2-4 Van Cleve Park, SE 15th Ave @ SE Brook Ave.

## 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
Holiday Cards	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Housing:		
Co-liaisons Housing	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Sally Bell	623-0390
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel & Paul Scheurer	331-8396 & 331-2526
Fourth Street Housing	Mike & Mary Huss	379-3362
Unocal Oil Housing	Dean Lund & Alison Savin	378-2486 & 378-9751
Landscape	Karen Murdock	340-1338
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
	Alison Savin	378-9751

## February, 2000 PPERRIA NRP Contractor Activities

Reporting period: January 8, 2000 through February 11, 2000. Major activities and results:

Supported communication between Housing Committee & city on Bedford Townhomes project	Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood	Maintained the neighborhood calendar Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	%of total contr. Budget
Totals 1/8/00(2/11/00)	22.0	\$352.00	.3%
Totals 10/18/95(1/7/00)	6,882.60	\$114,802.80*	96.1%
Totals 10/18/95(2/11/00)	6,904.60	\$115,154.80*	96.3%

Total PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$119,522.69; \$4,367.89 remains.

\*Note: These amounts correspond to Treasurer's Report of 11/9/99.

**The only remaining contractors include Susan Gottlieb and Paul Denman. Their contracts will expire April 30, 2000.**

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 to 4 pm	<b>Food donations</b> can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Contact Ginia Klamecki at 331-7056 for options
Tuesdays, 4-5 pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 11:15am 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. 9:45 am	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center <b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ Good Samaritan Center	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 379-4958
<b>Other Events and Location</b>		
Monday, 6:30 pm February 28	<b>Sidewalk Lighting groundbreaking ceremony</b> at Pratt Community Center	Steve Cross 376-0094
Monday, 7:00 pm February 28	<b>PPERRIA General Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, 7:30 pm March 1	<b>Luxton Council Meeting</b> at Luxton Park Building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Wednesday, 5:00 pm March 8	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO)</b> meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave. SE (tentative)	Shirley Davis 342-1965
Monday, 7:00 pm March 13	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Thursday, 6-8 pm March 16	<b>Pratt Council</b> meeting at Pratt Community Center (childcare and rides available)	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819

Tuesday, 7:00 pm March 21	<b>(Tentative) Zoning and Planning Comm.</b> meeting at Prospect Park Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, 7:00 pm March 27	<b>PPERRIA General Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, March 10.**

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