

PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

February 2015

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Hi Neighbors,

February is already looking like a busy month for the Prospect Park Neighborhood. We have many events and meetings happening this month that make it ideal to get out of the house and get active in the community!

January was a good kick-off to 2015. All of the committees and task forces got to work after the holidays and are making huge impacts on their goals. Make sure to read the committee reports (links at the bottom of the newsletter) to stay up-to-date on all the committee work. Thanks to all of the volunteers that lead and work on projects!

Thank you as well to the neighbors who joined us for Lunch in the Park at Surly Brewing on January 15. We had a record number of people attend and enjoyed great food and friendly service--no small feat with a 36 person table! Another 'Thank You' to all the neighbors that joined the Identity Task Force for a focus group. Your input is invaluable and will greatly assist in the creation of a stronger, more cohesive identity for PPERRIA.

For February we will be going to Luxton Park for the Fire and Ice Festival, to Surly Brewing for an update on the plans for development North of University and to Prospect Park United Methodist Church for some great folk music!

Keep an eye out for more events and information announced soon. The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to the Prospect Park eList, which you can do by e-mailing ppelist@gmail.com.

See you around,
Jessica
PPERRIA's Staff

PPERRIA Seeking Board Nominations

The PPERRIA Nominations Committee has been formed, with new Board Member Serafina Scheel leading the committee this year. Board members help guide and run PPERRIA as an organization and contribute to the work of improving the neighborhood. Board terms are two years. People who have been members of PPERRIA for at least one year are eligible. If you have any questions or would like to nominate someone please e-mail Jessica (pperriastaff@gmail.com). Board elections will be on Monday, April 27th at the Annual Meeting.

Get Up-To-Date on Prospect North Plans

You're invited to Surly Brewing for a big picture overview of what's happening in Prospect Park area along and north of University Avenue on Saturday, February 14th from 9:30-11am.

The Prospect North Partnership* will host an informal breakfast gathering that will feature the following:

- Greetings by Omar Ansari, brief remarks by principals of PPERRIA and the Prospect North Partnership.
- Snapshots of projects being planned by developers including hotels, apartments, commercial space and Glendale.
- Review of concepts for a reimagined Green 4th Street.
- Time to talk one-on-one with developers, designers, Partnership and institutional representatives.
- Tour of Surly Brewing led by founder Omar Ansari and his team at the end of the presentations.

It will be good fun, a chance to ask questions, share ideas and still leave plenty of time in the day for that last minute Valentine gift shopping.

For those able to stay at Surly for lunch, the tap room opens at 11am and serves terrific food!

*Note: The Partnership is a coalition that has come together to guide the redevelopment in alignment with the neighborhood's vision. It includes Prospect Park 2020, the U of M Foundation/Real Estate Advisors, Family Housing Fund, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Trust for Public Land, governing bodies, land and business owners, as well as developers.

Prospect Park Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

The Star Tribune ran the legal notice stating that Prospect Park will be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. [Read the notice here](#). This notice was forwarded to the neighborhood by Joe Ring, Chair of the Historic District Committee, who has been working to establish parts of Prospect Park as a Historic District on both the national and state levels. Denis Gardner of the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office noted "that the National Register listing does not mean that the State Historic Preservation Office can start telling folks what they can and cannot do with their houses. I'm guessing that some residents would like to hear that. "

Rain Gardens Coming to Prospect Park

PPERRIA has been awarded a Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant to install several rain gardens and two permeable driveways in the neighborhood. This in no small part to property owner Leila Denecke, who saw that the grant was available and sought out Metro Blooms employee Laura Hurley. Together they found property owners who were interested in rain gardens, secured partnerships with groups like Surly Gives A Damn and wrote the grant to great success. Thank you to Leila and Laura for their hard work!

Rain gardens are increasing in popularity throughout the metro area due to their ability to manage stormwater run off in addition to the use of native plants and overall beauty. You can read all about the [virtues of rain gardens here](#), and more about the work that [Metro Blooms does here](#).

Upcoming Events

Fire and Ice Festival at Luxton Park

Saturday, February 7th 5:30-8pm

The Annual Fire and Ice Festival is hosted at Luxton Park and always includes a large bonfire wherein old Christmas trees are burned. There will be music, winter crafts, book giveaway, naturalists, concession food and chili, a recreational Christmas tree bonfire, and horse carriage Rides. Come down, check out the activities and enjoy the fire.

Please note: If you still have your Christmas tree or wood for the fire, please bring it to the park and place it next to the soccer goals near the fenced area. If you live close to Luxton Park, a Honda accord pick up can be arranged if needed. Please call Huy Nguyen at [612-370-4881](tel:612-370-4881) if you have any questions or request a close pick up.

First Saturday Folk at PPUMC

Saturday, February 14, 7-9pm (on the second Saturday)

Prospect Park United Methodist Church First Saturday Folk Music at the Church (22 Orlin Avenue). All are welcome to enjoy live music. The cost is a free-will offering that will go to a partner charity that is to-be-announced. For more information visit the [PPUMC website](#).

Developer and Partners Open House

Saturday, February 14, 9:30-11am at Surly Brewery

Join current neighbors, new businesses, organizational partners and other stakeholders in the Prospect Park area for a breakfast update on the plans for Prospect North, or the area North of University in Prospect Park. Hear about the latest news and ask questions over a breakfast served by Surly Brewing and provided by the Prospect North Partnership. See above ("Get Up to Date") for more information.

PPERRIA Documents

To view the document click on the name of the file.

- [Executive Committee Minutes November 2014](#)
- [Executive Committee Minutes December 2014](#)
- [Admin Committee Reports December 2014-January 2015](#)
- [Zoning and Project Review Committee Reports: October, November and December 2014](#)
- [Historic District Report, December 2014](#)
- [Approved Board Responsibilities Document](#)
- [Board of Directors Minutes, November 2014](#) (note: this is the draft format. The official minutes will be free of typos but will contain the same content and intentions).
- [Approved Letter to City of Minneapolis Zoning Board re: 22 on the River](#)
- [Approved Letter to support traffic study](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Zoning and Project Review Committee

Tuesday February 3

7pm

Admin Committee

Thursday, February 5th

7pm

Executive Committee

Monday February 9th

6:30pm

Membership and Communications (MemComm) Committee

Monday, February 16th

5:30pm

Master Planning Committee

Thursday January 19

5:30pm

Community and Board Meeting

Monday February 23

Social: 6pm

Meeting: 6:30pm

All meetings take place in the PPERRIA office: 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite 200.

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