

July, 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter

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Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, please contact me at 623-3747 and either E-mail me at <pjwollum@hotmail.com> or provide content on floppy disk. – Pam Wollum

PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our June PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, the 23rd, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (ground floor) SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

- 1. Welcome.
- 2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.
- 3. Presentations/Informational items.
- 4. Motions for Consideration:
- 5. New/Old Business.
- 6. Meeting Evaluation
- 7. Adjourn.

Decision	Motion to release remaining \$14,300 for sidewalk lighting assistance
Decision	Motion to approve policy on Light Rail Transit proposal
Decision	Motion to release remaining \$6,001 for history book editor
Decision	Motion to approve payment of \$125 to recognize director of Luxton Park.
Decision	Motion to increase income limit for Motley Home Improvement Deferred Loan Program.
Information	Introduced to new southside arts organization – ArtiCulture

Minutes of June PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

- 1) The 6/25/2001 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc., (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD), Membership and Neighborhood(B/M/N) meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC)(Malcolm/Orlin SE) by Steve Cross, President. A quorum of the BOD was present. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the meeting agenda available at the meeting." See attached. There were no further additions and/or changes to the agenda.
- 2) The crime statistics report was tabled until the 7/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting.
- 3) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the 5/28/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N minutes as published in the 6/2001 PPERRIA Newsletter." See attached. There were no further additions and/or corrections to the minutes.
- 4) Steve Cross circulated and discussed Part One of "Meeting procedures and Robert's Rules of Order" (Robert's) crib sheet. See attached. Part Two will be available at the 7/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. This two-side one-page reference should provide what meeting procedures needed. Copies will be available at each meeting. The full text of Robert's will be available at each meeting.
- 5) Announced were: A) Tim Quigley spoke of the organization he is organizing to save the Frank Lloyd Wright Willey house (1932) located in the neighborhood. For the last four years the house has not had permanent residents, utilities are turned of, and it is subject to increasing water damage and known as having unauthorized occupants. It will either fall down and/or burn down. There have been several earlier restoration starts by nonowners but efforts were abandoned not due to the effort of those doing the restoration. The current long term owner holds several other Wright properties and all seem to have been abandoned, although he says he is interested in conserving the properties. Quigley has finally gotten the owner, who insists that he is the last private owner, to consider selling the Willey house to the non profit corporation Quigley is putting together, for long term conservation of the property. Concern was stated that a owner other than a family would lead to neighborhood traffic, congestion and disturbances. It was mentioned that a private owner is less subject to public constraints and can do just about anything they want to, as long as it is permitted by city statute. Wright's designs for residential properties have design characteristics that most residents would find a problem. The Willey house is 1150 square feet, one story, at best has two bed rooms, one public room that takes up the most floor space, and it would be difficult to change the inside design (especially to air condition and sound proof). One must go outside to enter the basement and the house requires a great amount of ongoing maintenance. Wright designed the house as "Garden Wall" that had a south view of the river gorge and the south Minneapolis neighborhoods. This has now been compromised by the freeway wall and freeway noise. It is of Quigley's opinion that of Wright's 385 existing residences, the Willey house is one of the 20 most significant. In 1932, the Willeys commissioned the house when Wright was at a low point between phases of his career. The house was the first of Wright's resident designs for middle class housing and the study of the design phase shows the process of Wright's change from his earlier grand houses. See attached. B) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA Centennial Committee, reviewed plans so far. On Saturday 9/15/2001 from 5 to 8 PM, there will be a gathering at the Tower Hill picnic area. Earlier that day the Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast will be held. Estimated sunset is 7:30 PM. The Tower is to be open, entertainment a short program and exhibits provided, A Bring-Your-Own-Eats potluck is planned, with cobbler and coffee provided by PPERRIA. If you have ideas and energy contact her at 612-331-2194, especially with names and stories of past/current PPERRIA members who were part of things that happened in the neighborhood. C) Lois Willand, PPERRIA Centennial Committee member, said there will be a published listing of events that affected the neighborhood of which PPERRIA was/is involved. Also a 1901 to 2001 Time-Line will be posted around the Prospect Park Tower on which attendees can make entries. These will be included in the published Prospect Park History book. D) Cheryl Vollhaber, Garden club Walk Coordinator, provided flyers of the July 14th 2001 Annual Prospect Park Garden Walk. See attached. Those with questions, concerns, gardens and/or wanting to help contact her at 612-379-7234. E) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To table to the end of the presentations in agenda Item 8 John Holmquist's motion for PPERRIA to send a letter to the Minneapolis Park Board of PPERRIA's support for the separation/construction of separate walk and bike paths on East River Road west of Franklin/27th Avenue SE." F) Steve Cross reminded all that the

7/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting will be at St. Frances Cabrini Church (Franklin/ Thornton SE) due to a scheduling conflict at PPUMC.

6) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That the PPERRIA B/M/N approve reallocating the following funds, totaling \$5,998.46, within the existing PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan: A) The remaining \$0,14 from Education (A.1.c-NET Program) and \$192.32 from Education (B.1.c-Food Shelf) to Education (A.1.a-Neighborhood Learning Center (Pratt)). B) The remaining \$3,000 from Safety and Security (A.5.b-Park Lighting) to Administration (1.a-Office/Resource Center). C) The remaining \$1,000 from Business and Jobs (B.1.c-Youth Employment) to Administration (1.a-Implementation Coordinator). These transfers are consistent with the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan as adopted by the neighborhood" See attached and June 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter.

Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, provided copies of the motion and discussed the reallocation. The motion would allow the small "pots" that remain, which will not be released to the original Action Plan strategies due to under budget expenses or due to not being implemented, and move these funds to strategies where they can be used prudently. As strategies are closed, there may be other remaining funds that will need to be reauthorized due to the NRP requirement of \$0 balances. Action Plan reauthorizations of greater than \$25,000 require a formal reauthorization process and of the above \$5,998.46, the larger amounts were not authorized in the 1/2001 Reauthorization process.

Information relating to above balances: See above "A": NRP requires that all strategies have a zero balance. A new Food Shelf contract would needed and one for this amount is not advised. See above "B": The strategy was for lighting in Chergosky Park (at the south end of Seymour and I-94 wall) that the Minneapolis Park Board was not willing to do, and lighting along the I-94 walkway south of Luxton Park. The Minneapolis Park Police did not advise this as the funds were not sufficient to install the amount of lighting that would encourage appropriate use by individuals once there was no longer daylight. See above "C": The Business and Jobs strategy did not get off the ground and it and the Youth Employment strategy is being provided by the East Side Neighborhood Service. As PPERRIA/NRP I will soon be history, and, based on previous audit and report requests from all involved, it is prudent to have funds available to met their statutory requirements.

7) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That the PPERRIA Executive Committee recommends that the PPERRIA B/M/N approve the release of the remaining \$67,956.46 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan, Education A.1.a (Neighborhood Learning Center) to facilitate the integration of Community Education and K-5 school at Pratt Community Center through interior and exterior space and material improvements. In addition to following the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Funds Release Procedure (Paragraph Five), the PPERRIA/NRP Education Committee will review any projects with regard to scope of services, appropriate budgets and any contracts between an agency or vendor and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) and make recommendations to the PPERRIA President." An earlier motion to add the second paragraph to the original motion was passed without any no votes. Susan Larson-Fleming, Education Committee Co-Chair, reviewed the motion. This is a forward funding to the Education Committee, with the specific contracts being reviewed according to established fund release procedures as needs are identified and addressed (see second paragraph of motion). Matching funds are easier to get if there are existing available funds. Time will determine what projects are needed, possible and advisable.

In the coming few years, Pratt will expand to house six classrooms, media center/ computer lab, office space and a childcare facility within the school portion of the building. The Community Education offerings will continue to be widely available within the building for all ages, from infants through seniors. In order to continue to accommodate a school in the building while offering education to all ages, we propose using the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan funds remaining (\$68,000 of \$200,00) in this strategy, "to look at ways of improving" the Pratt facility, inside and outside. These funds will be used to make the sharing of space more feasible for all neighborhood learners. Some of the funds may also be used for curriculum materials, library enhancement and playground improvement, among other projects. There are no competing proposals for these funds, and, as always, we will continue to seek additional, supplementary funds from sources other than NRP. There was an extensive discussion of the "forward funding" of the remaining funds in that PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Strategy to the Education Committee, and the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Strategy fund release procedures of PPERRIA/NRP.

8) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA send a letter to the Minneapolis Park Board of PPERRIA's support and concern that construction take place ASAP, of the separation and construction of separate walking and biking paths along the East River Road Parkway west of the Franklin and 27th Avenue

SE intersection." See item 5, A. The exact wording of the letter is to be done by John Holmquist, maker of the motion, and others. Of concern is the wisdom and/or writing of the past problems Holmquist has had with the Park Board on this issue. Tom Kilton, East River Gorge Park Committee chair, indicated that there would be a presentation by the Minneapolis Park Board of their master plan for the East River Parkway/River Flats Park and by the University of Minnesota (UM) of their master plan for bringing the University Mall down to the river. The issue of walk/bike ways is part of both plans and is of specific concern at this meeting by the neighborhood. Minneapolis Park Board: The Master Plan is the result of a Citizens Advisory Committee to the Park Board. The River Flats Park is one of the few that is close to the river surface and the one that is best located for public use. Envisioned is a grand entry, a grand oval and an access to the river itself, located in the park area at the present access off the East River Parkway. This is in complement to the UM's extension of the Mall south of Coffman Union. The balance of the park is to have minimal changes except for rehab and is to remain as a passive use area. Except for the walk/bike path separation, the remaining funds for the master plan are expected but not yet in the bank. The East River Parkway is to be constructed with separate walk/bike paths and the calming of traffic in mind. As the down hill and then up hill parts of the roadway will not be eliminated, traffic (speed) calming devices will be constructed along the roadway and the dip, the location of the access road, will be raised to create a more flat surface for a short distance. The Park Board is to have public information/comment meetings this Fall 2001 and construction starting Spring 2002. It was commented that the Park Board's plans for the bikeway did not address the issue of metro wide bike use of public spaces. The University of Minnesota: The UM considers the Park Board plan for the area south of the UM properties as an extension of the UM's master plan to extend the Mall to the Mississippi River and complements their current construction north of the River Flats Park. Of specific concern at this meeting is the proposed UM Varsity Women's Crew facilities proposed for location at the former University Show Boat site at River Flats Park. An earlier PPERRIA B/M/N meeting presentation by the UM, regarding the crew facility on park property, generated conflicting and uncertain concerns not to the concept, but to the design of the facility and its relationship to the park. There continues to be discussions between the UM and the Minneapolis Park Board and work on the design of the facility. The River Flats Park is adjacent to a portion of the Mississippi River that is considered a first class crew rowing course. The UM has river-accessible property up river, close to the St. Anthony Falls at their Hydraulic Laboratory, but there the river is considered dangerous for boat use. At present, the UM's design is for the inside of the structure to be for UM varsity and club crew use of storage, locker area and dry land training. The outside of the structure will be rest room facilities and launch site; considered by the UM for use of those who use the River Flats Park. Also within the context of UM's mission, being considered are water/safety use outreach programs to the public and other crew organizations. During the extensive discussion mentioned were: A) Park Board income from the UM for use of the park. B) Multi-purpose space within the structure. C) Public use of the roof of the structure (i.e. sitting). D) Public School partnership in water/safety/activity activities. E) The physical design and placement of the structure.

9) Tony Garmers, PPERRIA Light Rail Transit Task Force Chair, provided copies of "The Central Corridor Scooping Booklet-6/2001." See attached. Open meetings will be held on 6/26/2001 and 6/27/2001 for information, comments and discussion. Written comments concerning this issue are to be received by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority by 7/20/2001. The Task force's opinion is that this date is a reduction of the earlier published public comment process of June to August and is too short a time for inclusive neighborhood meetings on an extremely complex, ever-changing issue that has been on and off for the last decade and will affect the neighborhood permanently. A written PPERRIA statement will be sent by 7/20/2001.

10) Florence Littman, Chair of the PPERRIA Zoning and Land Use Committee reported: A) Profile Music, University and 27th Ave. SE, has applied for a conditional use permit to extend closing hours to 3 AM Friday and Saturday and 1 AM other days. There seems to be some difference of opinion concerning the required polling of those around the business as to opposition to the extended hours. The Minneapolis Zoning Department has attached many conditions to the request. The PPERRIA Zoning Committee is reviewing the issue. B) The rezoning request for the proposed Leaning Tower of Pizza in the University Village building (University and 26th Avenue SE) has been rescheduled by the city Zoning Committee to 7/9/2001. Council member Joan Campbell's letter to the PPERRIA Zoning Committee in answer to their questions seems to differ from the information held by the Zoning Committee. There also is the issue of Campbell's issuing of a Special Council Permit for the liquor license in question in 12/2000, before the neighborhood was notified of the request and before the city review process had been done. It is the opinion of Florence that the liquor permit will be issued. Of concern is not only the liquor license, but also if a rezoning would apply and permit all uses to the entire University Village building and site, not just to the proposed Leaning Tower of Pizza unit. Based on what is

known at this time, it seems that an appeal by PPERRIA may be in order.

11) Susan Gottlieb referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor Activities report published in the June 2001 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached. \$708.00 was billed for contractor services from 5/5/2001 to 6/8/2001. Activities included supporting on-going PPERRIA/NRP activities (i.e. Action Plan I Evaluation, Executive, Newsletter, Housing and Buckthorn removal).

12/13) Due to the lateness of the meeting, past 9:30 PM, Steve Cross tabled late-breaking and old/new business until the 7/2001 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting.

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

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Comments and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or < marko029@tc.umn.edu >

Motions for July PPERRIA Meeting

Motion: To release the remaining \$14,300 from Safety & Security A.4.b. Sidewalk lighting to be used for assessment relief among ALL properties within the lighting area of the neighborhood.

These additional funds will be subtracted from the project total and be applied to all properties in the lighting plan area which have been assessed, as did the first NRP assistance. Thus, for the project, a new total of \$386,800 (\$372,500 + \$14,300) will be subtracted from the final project total before bonds are sold and assessments are made. No other projects are competing for these funds. The City would like to expedite the conclusion of this project in order to receive a favorable rate for purchase of bonds with which to finance the project. This lower cost for bonds would be passed on to property owners in their special assessments over 20 years.

Motion: To release the remaining \$6,001 from PARC B.2. Historic preservation projects to hire an editor for the neighborhood history project.

The neighborhood reallocated funds in the past two years to be used to hire an editor for the neighborhood history book. Volunteers in the community have participated in the writing of various chapters in the book; an editor is needed to pull the various styles together into a cohesive whole. Additional funds to support a professional editor will come from private grants and fundraising by the History Committee. No other projects are competing for these funds.

Motion: Approve the payment from PPERRIA funds to the ESNS Treasurer of \$125 in recognition of the departing director of Luxton Park.

Recommendation: This motion is forwarded to the Board/Membership for decision without recommendation by the Executive Committee. This expense was not planned for in the PPERRIA budget.

Explanation: Last March, the director of Luxton Park left that position. ESNS planned a recognition event for her. The cost was \$591.08. Two PPERRIA members told ESNS that PPERRIA would contribute \$125--however, they neglected to tell PPERRIA officers that the organization had been volunteered to pay the \$125.

In the past, PPERRIA has only done recognition by passing the hat and not by money from the treasury. However, as a goodwill gesture, it may be appropriate to pay this cost while setting the precedent that PPERRIA does not pay for anything the officers do not know about in advance. In addition, members may not commit PPERRIA to pay for anything.

Motion: Increase the income limit for applicants to the Motley Home Improvement Deferred Loan Program from 90% to 125% of Minneapolis median income.

After checking with Don Snyder of the MCDA, many Minneapolis neighborhoods have the 125% limit for home improvement (as opposed to home purchase) deferred loans (up to \$5000). Without much thought about the implications, the number picked for the income limit for the Motley Home Improvement program was copied from the Motley Home Purchase program. We've been only able to reach a few folks with the old limit, and the purpose

of the program is to strengthen Motley. Reaching a few more home-owner occupants will serve to accomplish more of our goal.

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
Housing Redevelopment	Florence Littman Dean Lund	331-2970 378-2486
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel	331-8396
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
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

Volunteer Needed for Safety & Security Initiative

If you are interested in having motion sensors and Watch Force signs installed in the neighborhood, and you are willing to research vendors and installers for these items and see that a contract is written between the NRP and the vendor, please contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104.

National Night Out Set for August – Harrison Nelson

In August, Minneapolis neighborhoods throughout the city will celebrate, block by block, through National Night Out. Parties are planned by block club leaders and occur at various times and locations throughout the Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood. Contact your block club leader for specific information about your party. If you're not sure who your block club leader is, contact Nicole Magnan of Community Crime Prevention at 673-2874.

PPERRIA Centennial Celebration Needs Volunteers – Susan Gottlieb

Tentative plans call for the PPERRIA Centennial Celebration to be held on Saturday, September 15, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Tower Hill Park. Ideas for the event include opening the tower for tours, a timeline of PPERRIA and neighborhood history stretching around the tower to which neighbors can make their own additions, potluck supper on the hill with free paper goods, drinks, and fruit cobbler/coffee provided by PPERRIA, music by the Prospect Park Choir and a local band to be determined, and program with speakers and humor celebrating PPERRIA's many accomplishments over 100 years.

If you are interested in helping – setting up tables, baking cobbler, helping with the program, adding to the timeline, cleaning up, or loaning extension cords, tables, coffee urn, etc. – please contact either Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 or Lois Willand at 378-9697.

NRP Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: June 9, 2001 through July 6, 2001. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts	Maintained the neighborhood calendar		
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites		
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contractor Budget
Totals 6/9/01 to 7/6/01	31.0	\$496.00	3.7%
Totals 10/18/95 to 6/8/01	7,356.85	\$125,709.88*	93.4%
Totals 10/18/95 to 7/6/01	7,387.85	\$126,205.88*	93.7%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$134,647.69; **\$8,441.31** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00 & 2/27/01 and adds in funds from Livability B.2.b. Landscaping Projects – Buckthorn removal program

NOTE: Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 12/31/01 and Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, August 10th, 2001.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Monday, 7:00 pm July 16	Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Tuesday, 7:30 pm June 17	Café Accordion concert at Pratt Community Center, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE	Lois Willand 378-9697
Thursday, 4-6 pm July 19	Aquatennial Party at Luxton Park with games, food	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Monday, 7:00 pm July 23	PPERRIA Board and Membership meeting at St. Frances Cabrini Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm July 25	Prospect Park Garden Club meeting and potluck supper at 137 Warwick St.– tour of nearby gardens	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. August 1	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Tuesday, TBA August 7	National Night Out parties at various locations	Nicole Magnan 673-2874
Wednesday, 5:00 pm August 8	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Monday, 7:00 p.m. August 13	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
	THERE IS NO PPERRIA MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN AUGUST	

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
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Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 – 4 pm	Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 1 st Monday 4 th Wednesday	4 – 5 pm 11:15 am 9:45 am	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ. Good Samaritan Center
Tuesdays	7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC Curt Oliver 331-3713

PPERRIA Web Site: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>

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