

July 2002 PPERRIA Newsletter

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PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Our July PPERRIA Meeting is Monday the 22nd, 7-9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues
Southeast

NOTE: THERE IS NO AUGUST PPERRIA MEETING.

1. Welcome.

2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.

3. Motions for Consideration:

4. New/Old Business.

5. Adjourn.

Decision	Motion to reallocate \$10,000 for administration and Phase I evaluation
Information	Update on University plans for joint stadium in Industrial Area
Information	Desnoyer Park plans for Meeker Island project
Decision/Info.	Update on motion detectors/Watch Force signs project

Minutes from June 24th PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

1) The 6/24/2002 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Banks, President. New members and visitors were introduced. A quorum of the BOD was present. Motion made, seconded and passed with out noes: "To accept this meetings agenda as available at this meeting." See attached Item 1. There were no additional changes and/or corrections to the agenda.

2) Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes: "That the minutes as published in the PPERRIA Newsletter have paragraphs, See attached Item 2A; rather than as one paragraph, See attached Item 2B. It was commented that the minutes as published in the 6/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter were difficult to read. Motion made, seconded and passed with out noes: "To accept the minutes of the 5/20/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 6/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter." There were no additional changes and/or corrections to the minutes.

3) Justin Eibenhoilz, Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE) Coordinator reviewed the CBE program. A) The results of the Southeast Neighborhood Environment Study can be seen on <www.secomo.org> B) Xcel has announced that they will be fueling the Highbridge and Riverside Electrical Generating plants with natural gas rather than coal. A great improvement. This has been a long time a coming. C) There are ongoing activities by business in the neighborhood and the neighborhoods, on contracts regarding pollution. An ever ongoing project. D) There are sent to about 600 neighborhood businesses, the CBE newsletter "Bridges."

4) Reviewed was the city street improvement project in the Motley neighborhood. Fulton Street SE from Oak Street SE to Huron Boulevard SE is to be re-paved ASAP with an expected ending by the time Fall 2002 Semester starts at the University of Minnesota (UM). Included is a re-working of the intersection of Fulton and Huron Boulevard. An additional north through lane is to be constructed. The semaphore signal will not have turn lights and the intersection will remain a residential one. Nothing special is planned to accommodate the traffic generated by the two large dormitories under construction east of the intersection. See attached Item 4 set of materials.

5) Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes, count showed motion passes: "That PPERRIA accept and sign the following Southeast Community Impact Statement (SECIS): A) AT ISSUE. Illegal behaviors committed in our neighborhoods by some young adults, University of Minnesota students and some area high school students-often under the influence of alcohol-such as vandalism and littering of public and private property, physical threats and/or violence, loud music played late into the night, public consumption of alcohol on the streets, increased likelihood of sexual assaults and loud abusive language late at night from individuals or groups or roving youths. B) ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS. It is essential to hold individuals accountable for illegal behavior by strongly enforcing the laws: A law not enforced invites abuse. Immediate, serious consequences send a strong message to youthful offenders that illegal behaviors will not be tolerated, nor will the excuse of excessive consumption of alcohol be a defense. Neighborhoods perceived as tolerating livability crimes (for example, "party houses" in university areas) quickly attract more participants. The long-term viability, safety and stability of our University area neighborhoods are at stake. Note that the City of Minneapolis has established estimated costs of \$200,000 for "hockey night," and a 911 call to a party house that produces a citation could involve several hundred dollars of police, city attorney and court time for one offender. We urge the justice system to consider cost recovery when assessing fines for these offenders, whose illegal behaviors force expenditure of valuable resources. C) ACTION WE SEEK FROM THE COURTS. Strong sanctions with significant fines (cost recovery); counseling and community service and apology in front of the Neighborhood

Association. Included also is a cover letter to the judge deciding the sentence once an individual is arrested, charged, convicted and is about to be sentenced: YOUR HONOR. The attached Southeast Community Impact Statement (CIS) is motivated by the continuing erosion of livability in neighborhoods near the University of Minnesota campus-for example, the hockey-related rioting that occurred on and around campus on April 6th and 7th, 2002 ("hockey night"). The CIS expresses our great frustration and concern over the growing problem of abusive and dangerous illegal behavior, often induced by alcohol, in our neighborhood. The three neighborhood organizations representing the Southeast Community (Southeast Como, Marcy-Holmes, Prospect Park/East River Road) have discussed this CIS and joined together in submitting it to the Court. It applies to those individuals arrested on "hockey night." It also applies to any individuals cited in the future for illegal behaviors that disrupt our neighborhoods and affect livability, safety and the right to quiet enjoyment of our lives. Signed by the three neighborhood organizations presidents." See attached Item 5. The motion was presented by Gordon Kepler, Marcy-Holmes Community Organization member. This motion is the result of an earlier motion presented by Gordon Kepler at the earlier 6/2002 PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting and now includes issues and concerns addressed at that meeting. St. Paul communities have similar statements in place. Earlier, there was a motion moved, seconded and passed without noes: "To call the question." The following are some concerns and comments expressed at this B/M/N meeting: A) There is an increase in the ownership of houses by families whose children attend the UM. B) This motion does not deal with the issue of party houses. C) A legitimate concern for one southeast community should be a concern of the other southeast communities. D) This motion is overly broad. E) This motion applies only to those who are arrested, charged and convicted. F) This seems to be overreaction by the neighborhood. G) The rules are changing, behavior once considered acceptable is no longer considered acceptable. H) Overreaction by the police could have contributed to the actions of "hockey night." I) Public behavior is a concern of the neighborhood. J) Public morals cannot be legislated. K) This issue needs to be solved together. L) Issues needed to be dealt with on face value.

6) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To release the remaining \$12,297 remaining In PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I Strategy Environment section A.2 to protect sites from contamination to provide for the work of the Southeast Environmental Coordinator in implementing A.2 plan strategies." Bill Kahn made the motion and provided additional information, the Environment Committee voted to assign remaining strategy implementation of section A.2 to Southeast Environmental Coordinator (EC), a position formed after our project partners (Citizens for a Better Environment/CBE) became inactive on these local issues. The EC is currently funded through a contract with both PPERRIA and the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) with NRP and matching grant funds. PPERRIA's share of funds has so far been \$14,000 over a two year period. SECIA has contributed well over twice that amount and may reallocate funds to extend the position. Both environment committees have found the position effective in achieving the goals of both organizations and will continue to seek funding to extend the position. The following is excerpted from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I approved July 1995. A.2 Protect residential, public and commercial sites from contamination and clean up existing problem areas. PPERRIA will work with Citizens for a Better Environment to monitor existing industrial and commercial operations and educate business and residents on pollution prevention, through Neighborhood Pollution Profile/Inventory, research into Toxic Release Inventory, Pollution Prevention Plans, and Good Neighbor Agreements with industries and businesses. Participants: PPERRIA, CBE, Mpls Environmental Coordinating Team, other SE neighborhoods and MN Office of Environmental Assistance. Resources: NRP; \$13,000 (includes \$3,000 initial Pollution Profile/Inventory and \$10,000 as a match for MN Office of Environmental Assistance grant funds of up to \$100,000). See attached Item 6.

7) Motion 7A made seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA encourages the PPERRIA/NRP Environment Committee to continue working with Pichiney Corporation regarding air pollution issues and looks forward to a final agreement." This motion was made at the end of the discussion of this issue and the PPERRIA President will send a letter to Pechiney encouraging continued discussion. Motion 7B made,

seconded and passed with some noes: "To table until the 7/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting, the motion regarding PPERRIA's position on the Pechiney Plastic Packaging Company's pollution permit application regarding the proposed installation of a thermographs press and oxidizer." Bill Kahn at this meeting presented a substitute motion (See attached Item 7b) for the motion regarding this issue published in the 6/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter (See attached Item 7a.) The PPERRIA/NRP Environment Committee has recommended that PPERRIA not contest or oppose the issuance of the permit regarding the installation of the thermographs press as this equipment should result in reduced air pollution (7a). The motion (7b) is the latest in the long history of environmental issues on this site that is currently owned by Pechiney Corporation (27th Avenue SE and Essex Street SE). Recently there have been positive actions on Pechiney's part concerning air pollution issues. Although there has not yet been an agreement between Pechiney and the neighborhood, this issue is a step toward that agreement. Pechiney is also in the process of an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and application for permits as Pechiney installs up-to-date equipment. Pechiney wants to have the environmental discussions "up front" as Pechiney considers installation of equipment. The following are some of the comments and statements concerning this motion expressed at this B/M/N meeting: A) Any position PPERRIA takes does not limit other neighbors from taking their own position. B) It is unclear if PPERRIA does not take any position, that doing so will have any affect on Pechiney's permit application. C) Confused about the motion, it seems to be misleading and unclear of what is going on. D) PPERRIA does not reject what Pechiney has proposed and wants to work toward a mutually acceptable agreement. See first motion 7A.

8) Announcements: A) Announced were community concerts at the performance circle at Pratt at 7:30 pm: On 6/25/2002, Dakota David Hull and Kari Larson (a mixed bag of styles played on stringed instruments) and on 7/23/2002, Just Du-et (accordion duets.) B) The official ground breaking for the Bedford Townhomes has been rescheduled for Sept. Watch for the announcement. C) The Neighborhood "New" Gardens Walk will be held on 7/20/2002. Contact Cheryl Vollhaber at 612-379-7234. D) Starting in mid July and for an estimated 60 days (Monday to Friday/7 am to 6 pm), there will be trucks (60 to 70 per day) removing the contaminated top dirt from the site (Franklin Avenue and East River Terrace SE.) to be developed for 53 units of owner occupied housing. The trucks will travel Yale Street SE (north and west), to 27th Avenue SE (north), to University Avenue SE (west), then to Huron Boulevard SE (south), and then to Highway I-94. E) The Ford hydro-electric generating dam is up for its 50 year operation license. Watch for announcements on possible issues. F) Eleanor Montgomery is gravely ill, she is at her home at 2003 Franklin Avenue SE. Eleanor likes cards.

9) David Kaar, PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator, announced that: A) 8/6/2002 will be National Night Out in the neighborhood. Your Block Leader will soon be circulating information. B) The neighborhood Clean Up will be on 9/28/2002. Watch for information on how you can reserve a "truckie" position. C) David continues to train and recruit Block Club leaders. Fifteen of the neighborhood Block Clubs have leaders. For information and/or to volunteer, call 612-331-9064.

10) Peter LaSha, PPERRIA Member, continued his "Then and Now" slide presentation and comments. Bedford Park, the mid-nineteenth century development in the London area was considered self-sufficient. Fifty years later, Bedford Park was the source of the idea to develop Minneapolis Prospect Park SE. There are several other areas in the United States that follow Bedford Park's development ideas. The area south of the Schneider building on Bedford Street SE and University Avenue SE was the Hiawatha Gardens nursery and was to be the source of foliage for the beautification of the neighborhood.

11) Florence Littman, Zoning and Planning Committee Chair, reviewed the issues that are before the committee: A) An additional antenna is proposed for an existing antenna pole on Harvard Avenue SE. B) Good

Samaritan Nursing Home has installed additional items on their roof. C) There are several garage variances pending. D) A fraternity has proposed that its house at 717 University Avenue SE be demolished and an "improved" building be constructed on the site. As the area is a historical district, this may not be permitted.

12) David Kaar, referred all to the 5/4/2002 to 6/7/2002 PPERRIA/NRP Contractor report as published in the 6/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 12. \$2,996.00 was billed for contractors' services.

13/14) Old/New Business. Due to the final report requirements now defined by NRP (more extensive than earlier indicated) and the developer not requiring PPERRIA/NRP funds for the development on the Barber Oil site (a.k.a. Gopher Oil and Unocal) at Franklin Avenue SE and East River Terrace SE, at the 7/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting a fund transfer will be discussed and voted on. See attached Item 13/14 as published in the 6/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter.

15) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting." There were no additional items and/or discussions at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary - Comments/corrections to these minutes to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or <marko029@umn.edu>

Motion for July PPERRIA Meeting – Executive Committee

Motion: To reallocate \$10,000 from Housing A.1. Redevelop sites for housing to Administration 1.a. Implementation Coordination.

These additional funds are necessary to complete the NRP Phase I Evaluation, including several focus groups, random sample survey and final report as required by NRP. They will also be used to continue implementation of the NRP Phase I plan and planning for Phase II through at least the end of this fiscal year. Although funds may become available through the next phase of NRP, there is no assurance of continued support at this time, and these funds are needed for immediate continued work.

Newsletter Editor Wanted for PPERRIA – Executive Committee

The PPERRIA Executive Committee and Board of Directors are still seeking an editor for the monthly newsletter. Duties include gathering and editing articles and information submitted by the middle of the second week of the month (after the Executive Committee meeting on the second Monday of each month) and bringing to the printer. Time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month. Editor should have Microsoft Word and preferably access to a PC and e-mail. For more information or to volunteer, please call Steve Banks at 321-9064 or Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104.

University Announces Plans for Joint Stadium – Jan Morlock

In recent months, the University of Minnesota has held discussions with the Minnesota Vikings to plan for a joint football stadium on the East Bank campus of the University. Last session, the legislature passed a bill requesting that the Vikings and the University report back by December 1, 2002, with an agreement on a joint-use stadium. The agreement is to consist of: 1) a predesign for a stadium on the campus, to be owned by the University and jointly used by the Vikings and Gophers; and 2) a memorandum of understanding between the Vikings and the University for all aspects of developing and operating the stadium. The legislation directs the University to complete a predesign that addresses “facility program, site, parking, utilities and transportation requirements, environmental remediation, schedule, design guidelines, project delivery method, mitigation of neighborhood impacts, and project costs.”

The site that has been proposed for the stadium is now the Huron Boulevard parking complex, along 4th Street SE between Oak Street and 23rd Avenue SE. The legislature appropriated funds to develop the agreement and requested the University of oversee its preparation, in consultation with the Vikings and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission. To meet the rigorous timeline and complete the work the legislature has directed, the University has just issued requests for proposals for consultants to advise and assist in preparing the predesign.

There will be opportunities for public comment, both at the beginning of the process, and on the draft predesign to be submitted to the legislature. Your comments, questions, or suggestions are welcome. You may contact Jan at 624-8318 or by email at <morlo001@umn.edu>.

Prospect Park Annual Cleanup Planned for late September – David Kaar

PERR neighborhood "Clean Sweep" will be September 28, 2002. Neighbors will volunteer to man trucks which circulate the area collecting old appliances, building materials, yard waste, broken concrete and other debris. Please have material out on the curb by 9 AM in the morning, and in manageable size 'chunks' (about 45 pounds maximum). In addition special trucks will pick up tires, batteries, paint and household chemicals not allowed in usual trash pickup for transport to the south Minneapolis Transfer Station. We expect to finished by about 3:30 PM. If you have questions or want to help either morning or afternoon or all day, Call David Kaar at 612-331-9015. Have a Safe Summer!

Pratt School Will Hold Rummage Sale in September – Susan Gottlieb

Pratt School will hold a school-wide rummage sale at Pratt Community Center during the annual Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast. This year, the event will be held from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 21st. Interested participants in the boot sale may contact Deb Clark at 668-1122 to reserve a “stall” in the parking lot or show up that morning. Cost to sellers is \$10.00. If you are interested in donating items for the school sale or would like to schedule a pickup, please call Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104. Proceeds from the school sale will be used to supplement supplies and equipment for the school, and donations are tax-deductible.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs/Contacts

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 Banks	321-9064
History Project	Betts Zerby	379-8095
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
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities - Susan Gottlieb

Reporting period: June 8, 2002 through July 5, 2002. Major activities and results:

Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Worked with housing redevelopment committee to address developments on NRP Plan targeted sites		
Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center	Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for spring, 2002		
Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood	Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn removal project		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 6/8/02 to 7/5/02	25.75	\$412.00	.3%
Totals 10/18/95 to 6/7/02	7,925.10	\$131,941.88*	88.4%
Totals 10/18/95 to 7/5/02	7,950.85	\$132,353.88*	88.7%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$149,174.15; **\$16,820.27** remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, and 6/25/01 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker. *NOTE: NRP Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03, David Kaar, whose contract expires 8/31/02 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/03. PPERRIA Contractor is Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02.*

Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$0; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,400.00.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, September 6, 2002.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Saturday, 10am-3pm July 20	Prospect Park Garden Walk featuring new gardens	Cheryl Vollhaber 379-7234
Monday, 7:00 pm July 22	PPERRIA Membership and BOD meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Tuesday, 7:30 pm July 23	Community Concert featuring Just Du-et at Pratt Performance Circle	Tim 331-2401
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm July 24	Garden Club meeting at 137 Warwick St. SE	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Tuesday, August 6	National Night Out Block Parties throughout neighborhood	David Kaar 331-9015
Wednesday, 7:30pm August 7	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park Building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Monday, 7:00 pm August 12	PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm August 14	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Tuesday, 7:00 pm August 20	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
	THERE WILL BE NO PPERRIA MEMBERSHIP/BOD MEETING IN AUGUST	
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 pm August 28	Garden Club meeting at 1901 East River Terrace	Noreen Keilty 333-5537
Tuesday, September 3	School begins	
Wednesday, 7:30 pm September 4	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park building	Jim Oberly 379-3997
Monday, 7:00 pm September 9	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm September 11	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Shirley Davis 342-1952
Tuesday, 7:00 pm September 17	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970

Thursday, September 19	6-8 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center, childcare & rides are available	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Saturday, September 21	9am-1pm	Annual Pratt Boot Sale & Pancake Breakfast and Pratt School Rummage Sale at Pratt Community Center	Deb Clark 668-1122
Monday, September 23	7:00 pm	PPERRIA Membership/BOD meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, September 25	6:30-8:30 pm	Garden Club meeting at 1827 Franklin Ave. SE	Cris Nelson 379-1236
Saturday, September 28	TBA	Annual Neighborhood Cleanup	David Kaar 331-9015

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056
Tuesdays, 1 st Monday 3 rd Monday 4 th Tuesday	4 – 5pm 11:15-12:15 2:30-3:15pm 3:15-3:45pm	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

***Remember, there is NO August PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting.
See you in September!***

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

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