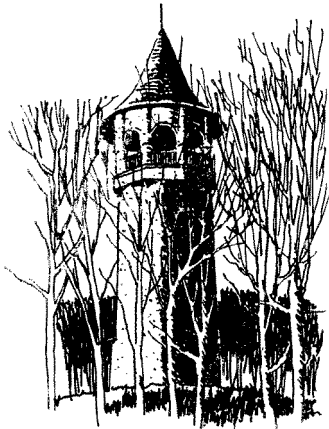


# ***March 2008 PERRIA Newsletter***



## **PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting**

**Monday, March 24<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 – 7:00 pm.*

**If you have special needs requiring accommodation,  
please contact Joyce Barta at [bartajm@yahoo.com](mailto:bartajm@yahoo.com) and  
we will make every attempt to meet that need.**

## Notes from the president

*Let's make PPERRIA a more effective neighborhood advocate.*

The February Membership/Board of Directors meeting was devoted almost entirely to reaching a decision about proposed changes to the PPERRIA bylaws. They have been circulated to the membership since January. The proposed changes were developed by the Bylaws Task Force through a series of meetings from May to November of 2007. And they have been under careful review by the Bylaws Task Force and the Executive committee since last December. Despite all of that, PPERRIA was unable to pass even the most non-controversial wording clarifications and basic housekeeping changes to the current bylaws at the February 2008 meeting.

At the March meeting, we will consider a slightly modified proposal with a somewhat streamlined process. I urge everyone who expects to participate in that meeting to become fully informed on the issues. For changing the bylaws, the current bylaws require an affirmative vote of at least 24 members (2/3) of the Board of Directors. At the February meeting we had 26 Board members present to vote; only 23 voted affirmatively.

Clearly we cannot spend our valuable meeting time indefinitely debating bylaws proposals. We are confronted almost daily with issues that require PPERRIA participation and decisions in a timely manner. For example:

- Currently PPERRIA is being asked to present a "neighborhood" position on the LRT proposals from Metro Transit for Prospect Park,

- Important changes to NRP are being proposed by the City of Minneapolis in its Community Engagement study that require informed neighborhood feedback and comment,

- Development proposals for University Avenue and sites to the north of University Ave. require constant attention from PPERRIA,

- Soon we will need to weigh in on the proposed routing of the Grand Round through our neighborhood,

- A new University District Partnership Alliance involving all SE neighborhood associations working with the City and University needs active participation from PPERRIA.

Surely there are more issues around the corner, and PPERRIA has much to offer in experience, expertise and plain common sense. We need to use these assets in an effective manner and direct our energies accordingly.

While it is important to "get it right" with something as significant as bylaws changes, one of the main reasons for proposing the changes was to allow the organization to be more responsive in a timely manner. Our failure to deal effectively with this important issue serves to only emphasize the need for such changes.

I urge every member of PPERRIA to help us get through this process of adopting or rejecting the proposed changes and then getting down to the business of becoming a truly effective advocate for this neighborhood we love.

.....Dick Poppele

**Minutes of PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 7 pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. following a social gathering. He commented on strong neighborhood spirit at Ann Munt's retirement party at Luxton Park this past week. The Somali community performed a farewell dance for retiree Munt.

1. President Poppele welcomed visitors and new members.

President Poppele clarified procedures for voting on Bylaws. Dick Kain moved to adopt the procedures. Passed without noes.

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

4. Position letters from PPERRIA – Letters have been sent from the PPERRIA Executive Committee to the Metropolitan Council regarding Light Rail timelines and routes. Metropolitan Council will finalize the route through Prospect Park during the week of February 24. Three meetings have been held in Prospect Park to discuss Light Rail issues.

5. Input needed on the Bridge newspaper – Susan Larson-Fleming and Sean Hart circulated a form requesting suggestions for content for the Bridge. It has been two years since the Southeast Angle newspaper merged with the Seward newspaper to become the Bridge newspaper. The Bridge website was suggested as a good source of breaking news. Bound volumes of the Southeast Angle and the Bridge are available at the newspaper office and at the Hennepin County Historical Society museum.

6. Amendments to proposed changes to the PPERRIA Bylaws – Articles IV and V were discussed. See February issue of the PPERRIA newsletter for content. Because there was not a quorum, further discussion and voting were postponed until the next meeting.

7. Zoning Report was postponed until the next meeting.

8. Light Rail update – Peter Wagenius, representing the Mayor's office, presented several options for Light Rail routes. These will be discussed at a meeting at St. Francis Cabrini Church, Franklin Ave. At 7 p.m., Thursday, February 28.

9. Announcements – The Nominating Committee for new members of the Board of Directors will be co-chaired by Gratia Reynolds. Another co-chair and additional committee members are needed. Please call Dick Poppele if interested.

Remaining agenda items were postponed because of time constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Gratia Reynolds, Interim Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

## PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
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Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
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Membership	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman	littm005@umn.edu	331-2970
Zoning Subcommittee: Planning	Rachael Ramadhyani	s_ramadhyani@hotmail.com	379-7320

## Other PPERRIA Committees or Task Forces and Chairs

By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	pgzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	923-9449
*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
University / 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429

The Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG) is not a PPERRIA Committee but there are three PPERRIA representatives on the Committee: Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

### March 2008 NRP Contractor Activities 2/7/08 – 3/3/08

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
02/07/08 – 03/03/08	<b>22.50</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	<b>0.3 %</b>
10/18/95 to 02/07/08	<b>10,929.16</b>	<b>\$190,899.15</b>	<b>99.1 %</b>
10/18/95 to 03/03/08	<b>10,951.66</b>	<b>\$191,439.15</b>	<b>99.4 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services =  
\$192,661.45. \$2635.15 remains.

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Date and Time		Event and Location	Whom to contact	
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970
Thursday, March 20	7:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
Monday, March 24	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
Wednesday, March 26	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Gratia Reynolds, 70 Orlin Ave SE, 331-5312	Kent Petterson Mary Alice Kopf	332-1821 379-7436
Wednesday, April 2	7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder	331-6129
Wednesday, April 9	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins	342-1952
Monday, April 14	noon - 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Potluck</b> at Pratt. Bring some food to share or \$3.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Monday, April 14	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, April 15	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970
Thursday, April 17	3:00 pm - 7:30 pm	<b>Pratt in Bloom</b> Unjuried art exhibition. Open to Pratt students, teachers, and parents and to all neighborhood residents. No artwork for sale. Coincides with Family Reading Night.	Susan Larson - Fleming	331-8819
Saturday, April 19	9:30 am – noon	<b>Mississippi River Cleanup</b> Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton	339-3064
Wednesday, April 23	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Amy Shellabarger and Jean Bauer, 238 Emerald St SE, 379-1142	Kent Petterson Mary Alice Kopf	332-1821 379-7436
Monday April 28	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

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