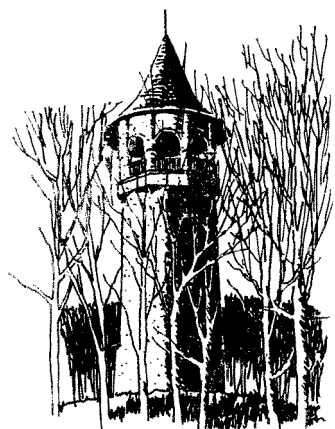


May 2008 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, May 19th

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 or 378-9268 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.

A Reunion for Pratt Graduates of 1950-52 Monday June 23rd

In the spring of 1950, Sixth-Grade graduates of Sidney Pratt went off to Marshall High or University High, and some remained at Pratt through the Eighth-Grade. Here's a unique chance for all of them to meet-up again and enjoy:

- An afternoon tour of the Pratt building. (Old smells, alone, are sure to bring back the past.)
- A public reception (2:30 to 3:30 PM) sponsored by the Pratt Council – all are welcome
- Taking in the view again from atop Tower Hill, and meandering the neighborhood streets and byways

We're also inviting suggestions from anyone for late-afternoon and evening events.

Those who can come will bring photos, documents and memorabilia of life in Prospect Park and at Pratt school. And, if you can make the reception, please call the Pratt Community Education Office (612-668-1108). Volunteer help is urged to call PPERRIA (612-331-2970).

To contact classmates, call Hugh Olmsted at 781-396-4143 (Boston, MA) or email him at hugh_olmsted@comcast.net

Notes from the president

Welcome, to the newly elected PPERRIA directors, and especially to those serving for the first time. At the Annual meeting on April 28th, 20 PPERRIA members were elected to 2-year terms on the Board of Directors and 10 of those are new members of the board. Another new member was elected to fill a vacant slot for a one-year term. Regular attendance at the monthly board meetings is important and I hope this influx of new board members brings a renewed interest in participation.

Just as we have examined the PPERRIA bylaws and debated its provisions, we should also examine the purposes of PPERRIA. Here is the bylaws Statement of Purpose: “To promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the environment.” In other words, one purpose is to preserve and improve the amenities that make Prospect Park a great place in which to live.

What are those amenities exactly? And how do we maintain them while the world around us changes and evolves? Mostly we have dealt with this by shielding the neighborhood from the outside. We have focused on its architectural and historical character through National Historical designation and we have opposed encroachment from industry and from the University of Minnesota.

With increasing pressures to change, we need a clear understanding of what makes our community special and desirable, so we can hold on to it as we adapt to the changes. Maintaining the status quo is not an option. Because there are already pressures on many fronts, It is critical for PPERRIA to achieve a common vision and plan for our

neighborhood. This will position us to seek ways to engage with the forces of development, thus improving the odds of achieving our purpose.

In developing a master plan we need to examine how PPERRIA can carry out its purpose by identifying:

- What we need to preserve and maintain and,
- What and where we can encourage what’s new.

We have done this before. The NRP process in 1993-1995 was perhaps the most recent and comprehensive attempt to develop a neighborhood plan. Through that process we identified Pratt as an essential element for the community – as a school, a community center, and a community education facility. More recently, in 2004-2005, we developed a plan and a design criteria for SE University Avenue, and for the 29th Avenue Light Rail station. The latter was adopted by the city as a part of the Minneapolis Plan and it has provided a guide for proposed development. These two plans remain as valid guidelines for us, but they need to be updated to address the changing make-up of the neighborhood and our changing environment.

This year we will add a new Standing Committee for Planning. This committee will continue the efforts started by the Zoning Committee to become more pro-active in dealing with zoning and land-use issues. The charge to the new committee will be to develop a master plan for our neighborhood. Such a plan will guide the decisions and actions that promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the Prospect Park neighborhood environment.

.....Dick Poppele

Minutes of PPERRIA Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Monday, April 28th, 2008, 7 pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

President Dick Poppele called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. President Poppele welcomed visitors and new members.

1. Claudia Fuentes of the City of Minneapolis announced that the Prospect Park Water Tower would be open to visitors at 4:00 p.m. on May 30 (Pratt Ice Cream Social). Claudia is also a Pratt School parent, and announced the Silent Auction that will be happening at the Ice Cream Social, and requested donations for the event.

2. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Andy Mickel. Passed without noes.

3. **Election:** Gratia Reynolds, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of candidates nominated for the Board of Directors. The slate consisted of 23 members to fill 21 Board positions and 2 alternates. Each candidate was asked to introduce him/herself and present two of their goals for the organization. No nominations were made from the floor. The members proceeded to vote.

4. **University Partnership Alliance:** Dick Poppele, Cam Gordon and Jan Morlock presented the history and progress of the Alliance. When the Legislature funded the University of Minnesota Stadium they required a report on the impact of the University on the surrounding neighborhoods. "Moving Forward Together" was drafted by the Stadium Advisory Group (SAG) after which the Legislature allocated \$750,000 to SAG, which became the University Partnership Alliance, with members from the University, the City of Minneapolis, the neighborhoods and business groups from Cedar Riverside, Marcy-Holmes, Como, Prospect Park and the University District. The goal of the group was mandated by the legislature to promote the area as a place to "study, research and live." The Alliance set goals to maintain and preserve home ownership in the area, and to reverse

the trend of conversion of single-family owner-occupied homes to rental property, to promote the area as a place to do business, live and learn, and to demonstrate functioning cooperatively as an alliance of stakeholders. A Power Point Presentation described the organization and functioning of the Alliance to date. Committees were established to set short- and long-term goals and tasks. A demonstration project was designed to encourage the maintenance of owner-occupied housing in the neighborhoods surrounding the University – with a first step being to identify areas where such housing was most threatened – and set up a program attempting to gain a right of first-refusal if a property was offered for sale. This would allow the Alliance to market the property to owner-occupants. The Como neighborhood was selected as the most threatened, and thus the pilot area for the demonstration project. Another facet of the program will be to assist homebuyers to acquire property.

5. **Ralph Rapson:** Tribute was paid to Ralph Rapson, long time Prospect Park neighbor, and noted architect. Florence Littman spoke of Ralph's many gifts to the community, and of his support in helping to maintain the character and quality of development in the area. Jane Starr spoke of Ralph's participation in the addition to her home, while his son Toby was the architect. Betts Zerby introduced the subject of a memorial from PPERRIA to Ralph, and offered a resolution to have the park at Tower Hill named after Rapson. The resolution failed. Paul Zerby moved that further consideration be made to an appropriate memorial to be established. Motion passed.

6. Bikeway: Andy Mickel reported that the Committee to find a way to continue the Grand Rounds bikeway had determined that the bikeway would travel on 27th Avenue SE and the proposed Granary Road through the Como area. A final report has been prepared, which Andy will e-mail to those who request it.

7. Flowers: As usual, flowers were available for all to take home. Special gifts of flowers were made to long-time Board members who are retiring from the board: Tom Kilton, and Susan Larson-Fleming were presented with large geraniums, and Committee Chairs were given other perennials.

8. Election Results: The following members were elected to the Board to serve 2008-2010:

1. Wanda Alexander
2. Phil Anderson
3. Richard Brownlee

4. Sigrid and David Coates
5. John DeWitt
6. Kate Donahue
7. Robert Estes and Matthew Jones
8. Susan and Jeff Gottlieb
9. Dick Hendrickson
10. Gail Hughes
11. Tamara Johnson (one-year term)
12. Kimberly Kensinger
13. Christina Larson
14. Florence & Walter Littman
15. Dorothy Marden
16. Karen Murdock
17. Ann and David Preus
18. Joe Ring & Susan Thrash
19. Joan Schneider
20. Andy Mickel & Cheryl Vollhaber
21. Paul & Betts Zerby
1st Alternate.....Peter LaSha
2nd Alternate...Steve Ficker

The next meeting of PPERRIA will be May 14 – to avoid interfering with Memorial Day activities.

Paul Zerby moved to adjourn. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

Current PPERRIA Board of Directors

2008 - 2010 Directors	2007 - 2009 Directors
1. Wanda Alexander	21. Dean Abrahamson
2. Phil Anderson	22. Richard Adams
3. Richard Brownlee	23. Tom Clausen
4. Sigrid and David Coates	24. Bridget Ferguson
5. John DeWitt	25. Tony & Greta Garmers
6. Kate Donahue	26. Bonnie Herr
7. Robert Estes and Matthew Jones	27. John Holmquist
8. Susan and Jeff Gottlieb	28. Walt Jacobs
9. Dick Hendrickson	29. Tamara Johnson
10. Gail Hughes	30. Dick Kain
11. Kimberly Kensinger	31. Roger Kiemele
12. Christina Larson	32. Ginia Klamecki
13. Florence & Walter Littman	33. Dean & Janet Lund
14. Dorothy Marden	34. Ann Munt
15. Karen Murdock	35. Dan Peters
16. Ann and David Preus	36. Dick and Meredith Poppele
17. Joe Ring & Susan Thrash	37. Jerry & Margie Stein
18. Joan Schneider	38. Julie Wallace
19. Andy Mickel & Cheryl Vollhaber	39. John and Wendy Wicks
20. Paul & Betts Zerby	40. Lois Willand

2008-2010

Executive Committee:

President: **Dick Poppele**

Immediate Past President: Joe Ring

Secretary: Betts Zerby

Treasurer: **Lois Willand**

VP/Finance: **Tony Garmers**

VP/Newsletter Editor: ***John Holmquist***

VP/Membership: **Julie Wallace**

VP/Transportation: **John DeWitt**

VP/Website Manager/Database Manager: **Andy Mickel /Cheryl Vollhaber**

VP/Zoning Committee Chair: **Florence Littman**

VP/Zoning Committee Chair: **Phil Anderson**

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tgarmers@msn.com	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	kiemele@earthlink.net	331-5106
Livability (Subcommittees listed below, designated by *)	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Membership	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	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
4 th Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429

The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives

Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Scott Johnson, Susan Gottlieb
Southeast Minneapolis Industrial Committee (SEMI)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard

May 2008 NRP Contractor Activities 4/10/08 – 5/3/08

This month, the contractor's services was paid by PPERRIA as per the 2008 - 2009 budget. Total budgeted: \$1000. Previously billed: \$0. Billed this month: \$966, which is payment for 40.25 hours. Amount remaining is \$34. No contractor's services were paid by PPERRIA NRP funds this month, as shown below.

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
04/10/08 – 05/03/08	0.0	\$ 0.00	0.0 %
10/18/95 to 04/10/08	10,970.91	\$191,901.15	99.6 %
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Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$192,661.45. \$2173.15 remains, plus an additional \$9000 in NRP 2 funds.

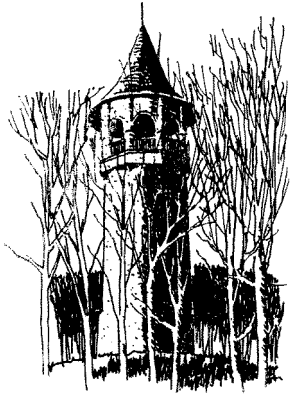
Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 by **Thursday, June 5th**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Monday, May 12	noon - 1:30 pm JOY Potluck at Pratt. Bring food to share (or \$3)	Robert Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Wednesday, May 14	5:00 pm Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrissha Collins 342-1952
Thursday, May 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday May 19	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Tuesday, May 20	7:00 pm Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative – Call 331-2970 to confirm) Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday, May 28	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club Potluck at the home of Sally and Chuck Jorgenson, 1615 E. River Pkwy, 332-1140	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Friday, May 30	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Pratt Ice Cream Social at Pratt. Food, games, and music for the whole family. Silent auction to benefit Pratt. The only chance all year to climb the tower!	Deb Clark 668-1108 Community Ed 668-1100
Monday, June 9	noon - 1:30 pm JOY PICNIC at Luxton Park	Robert Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, June 9	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, June 11	Last Day of school – Minneapolis Public Schools	
Wednesday, June 11	5:00 pm Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrissha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, June 17	7:30 pm Community Concert at Pratt featuring: <i>Rugged Road</i> (House band at Cafe Erte in NE Minneapolis) Sophisticated bluegrass.	Gratia Reynolds 331-5312
Saturday, June 21	Prospect Park Garden Walk	Harrison Nelson 378-5377
Monday June 23	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm PPERIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, June 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Garden Club at the home of Abby and Kent Petterson, 908 E River Terrace, 332-1821.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Tuesday, July 8	7:30 pm Community Concert at Pratt featuring: <i>Claudia Schmidt</i> - Nationally known folk singer and frequent guest on A Prairie Home Companion .	Gratia Reynolds 331-5312

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