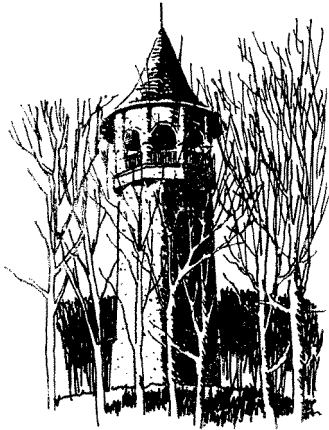


PPERRIA News – May 2012

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting Monday, May 21st 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Prospect Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.**

*If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact
Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.
We will make every attempt to meet that need.*

Refreshments served at 6:30 pm.

MEETING AGENDA:

- Welcome members and guests
- Orientation of new members and board members
- Change in committee report format – BIG DEAL
- Report on the District Councils Collaborative (DCC)
- Executive committee recommendations
- Potential surprises lurk everywhere

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Your current PPERRIA officers:

President: Christina Larson (651-329-2784)..pperriapresident@gmail.com
V. President: Currently unfilled
Secretary: Karen Murdock (340-1338).....murdock1212@gmail.com
Treasurer: Lindsey Wollschlager (438-4068).....lwollschlager@gmail.com

Visit the PPERRIA Office, at the corner of Arthur and University Avenues

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 am to 4 pm

Come in and browse the wall exhibits showing the current Master Plan layouts

If you have questions or want further details – call project manager Brian Golberg at 612.710.2860

Notes from the President's Desk

Welcome to the spring of 2012, and a new year in PPERRIA's calendar. On behalf of the new PPERRIA 2012-2013 officers, I extend a warm welcome to all new and returning PPERRIA members. To those of you who have been elected to 2012-2013 Board terms, congratulations and welcome aboard!

A little about me, for those of you who missed my inaugural letter in the Newsletter last year: My name is Christina Larson, and I am originally from a crop farm in southwestern Minnesota (learned my parliamentary procedures by participating in 4-H & FFA...). I have lived in the Twin Cities for about 15 years-- in Prospect Park for roughly 6 or 7 years. I currently rent a pretty little place down by the river in the East River Terrace area of Prospect Park; before that, I lived in the Hill area of the Park for a couple of years. My business hours are spent herding mice and people at the U (I'm a "mouse farmer," aka lab animal veterinarian). And last but not least, you can watch me race sailboats on Lake Minnetonka in the summertime if you're looking for an excuse to sit on a beach...

Back to the neighborhood! For those of you who are new to PPERRIA, I invite you to join me for an orientation. The first orientation will be in May, with another opportunity in June. We will look at how meetings run; what the expectations of Board members are; and what PPERRIA is currently working on. We will also explore how PPERRIA operates within its committees as well as how PPERRIA interfaces with outside entities such as the University District Alliance, Prospect Park 2020, the City of Minneapolis, and more. Due to the timing of this newsletter, I will invite new Board

members for the May orientation via a separate email-- feel free to bring a neighbor or a friend. The June PPERRIA orientation details will be published at the May Board meeting. I am also happy to sit down over coffee at one of our fine neighborhood businesses to give you an orientation of your very own, if you like.

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Our upcoming PPERRIA board meeting is the first of the year. It is the ideal time to realign PPERRIA's efforts with the interests of our neighborhood. We will show you what our existing committees are working on, and share information about other new topics (for instance, a Prospect Park community garden, hiring a consultant to suggest remediation options for the freeway sounds newly reflected uphill, etc.). PPERRIA, this amazing neighborhood group, does what its members step forward to do together on behalf of this wonderful neighborhood. Individually, we can only dream; together we can call dreams into reality.

Our May PPERRIA meeting is on May 21st, at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Refreshments begin at 6:30 pm. I hope to see you there!

.....Your cheerful PPERRIA president,
Christina Larson

Thanks to Patrick Kellis and the staff of the Profile Event Center –

PPERRIA extends its thanks for your gracious hospitality in hosting PPERRIA's Annual Meeting on April 23, 2012. Your meeting room is a lovely setting, and your kitchen team outdid themselves on the quality of refreshments. We appreciate you and we thank you.

...Christina Larson, PPERRIA President

PPERRIA Annual Meeting Minutes April 23, 2012, Profile Event Center, University Avenue SE

Members arrived at 6:30 or later for refreshments, conversation, and viewing exhibits of recent goings-on in Prospect Park. The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President Dick Poppele. He welcomed all members and guests and thanked Patrick Kellis, the manager of Profile Center, for providing the wonderful meeting space and the food and drink.

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the March meeting, printed in the newsletter, will be discussed at the May meeting. A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Orrison of the **Community Concerts Committee** announced that concerts will be held at the Pratt Amphitheater at 7:30 PM on June 12 (Dean Magraw) and July 17 (Light of the Moon). A third concert may be held on August 14, but no performer(s) has (have) been booked for that evening. In case of rain, the concerts will be held indoor at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

Phil Anderson, the Prospect Park representative of the **District Councils Collaborative**, said that on May 6 the DCC hopes to attract volunteers to take a "walkability survey." Volunteers will walk to each LRT station in or near Prospect Park (the 29th Avenue station and the Westgate station), in groups, discussing things they see along the route which might impact the ability of pedestrians to get to the station. The "walkability survey" will help to set priorities for making improvements to walking routes to the stations.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Richard Adams of the Nominating Committee announced the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Candidates introduced themselves, said where they lived, how long they had lived in the Park, and why they wanted to be on the Board of Directors of PPERRIA. Richard thanked everyone who had agreed to run for the Board and said that candidates did not have to be present at this meeting in order to be elected (Judy Farmer, for example, is currently on a boat on the Amazon River).

Nominations from the floor were accepted. Steve Ficker nominated himself. Ballots were marked and collected.

REMARKS FROM POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS

Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Commissioner said that he had brought along maps showing major roads and bicycle trails in Hennepin County. He said that the "Boeser site" (on 4th Street north of the Overflow Coffee café) is slated for development by the Cornerstone Group. Hennepin County will consider a request from Cornerstone for a \$1 million Transit-Oriented-Development loan. All three neighborhoods in Southeast Minneapolis (Como, Marcy-Holmes and Prospect Park) are interested in getting a new library to replace the Hennepin County Library in Dinkytown. The "Prospect Park 2020" group favors construction of a new library north of University Avenue near the Prospect Park/29th Avenue station of the Light Rail Transit line. McLaughlin said the crucial question to consider in siting and stocking a library is "What should a community library look like in the 21st century?" He said that a committee from the neighborhood would be formed to plan the new Southeast Library before construction started in 2016.

Adam Dunnock, a new member of the Metropolitan Council said that the Council was hoping to coordinate bus routes with stations of the LRT. Changes in bus routes will be listed on the Met Council website.

Cam Gordon, City Council member from the 2nd Ward, praised the work of the Prospect Park 2020 group. He also praised city planner Haila Maze, who recently received the 2011 University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award—Partner. This award is for service to the University and the community and recognizes the contributions Haila has made to the work of the University District Alliance.

A public hearing on the proposed new stadium for the Minnesota Vikings will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at City Hall. In answer to a question about Peavey Plaza in downtown Minneapolis, Cam said that revamping of the plaza was necessary because the pumps were not working, accessibility for handicapped people was difficult, and hidden nooks created safety issues. He said that the city Heritage Preservation Commission has concerns about the proposed changes. He said, "it's an honor and a pleasure to serve as a Council member."

Peter Wagenius, a Prospect Park resident and the policy director for Mayor R. T. Rybak, said that he has been named to a task force formed by the state legislature to look at the issue of Local Government Aid. He said that "all kinds of problems have been kicked down the road [by the legislature] but that "a reckoning is coming" if property taxes were not to explode. He praised Prospect Park for embracing the Light Rail Transit line and planning for it, saying that PP is doing "what cities all across the country wish every neighborhood would do."

Launching new "PROSPECT PARK FORWARD Investment Fund"

President Dick Poppele announced the creation of a new PPERRIA fund called "Prospect Park FORWARD." A three-year fund drive, starting at this meeting, hopes to raise \$100,000 for this fund. PP FORWARD will be a "reserve fund" to be used as the need arises. The Neighborhood Revitalization Fund has ended and it is uncertain what funds will be available from the city of Minneapolis to aid neighborhoods in the future. Dick said that having a reserve fund would give the Board of Directors "the capacity to act when we need to act" and would help "to preserve what makes our neighborhood great." As an example, the recent construction of a sound wall along I-94 has created more noise in some parts of the neighborhood. If PPERRIA could hire a sound engineer to take sound readings and prepare a case, the Minnesota Department of Transportation might be persuaded to change the configuration of the sound wall.

Joe Ring, immediate past president of PPERRIA, said that he served as president for three years. He said that, despite the volunteer labor on which the organization relies, "sometimes professional help is needed" and that PP FORWARD would enable the organization to hire paid help in an emergency.

Florence Littman, another past president of PPERRIA, also spoke in support of the new fund. She said, "No matter how right you are, how dedicated you are, or how hard you work, you still need money." She recalled a crisis which faced the neighborhood in the past when a cement crushing plant was proposed which would have been within 1000 feet of the houses on 4th Street. PPERRIA raised money to hire a lawyer to fight the proposal. The case went through the Court of Appeals all the way to the Minnesota Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the neighborhood. The cement crushing plant was never built. This result would not have been so favorable had the neighborhood not been able to pay a lawyer to argue the case.

A third past president of PPERRIA, Steve Cross, that he thought the new fund was "a fund for PPERRIA's future" and "a brilliant idea that no one else has thought of."

Dick P. said that he had approached several residents before the official launching of the PP FORWARD fund. Twelve residents have pledged a total of \$10,142 dollars to the new fund and another resident has pledged a "matching grant" of \$1750 (to be paid if another \$1750 can be raised from other residents). He said this was "a tremendous vote of confidence in this neighborhood."

Donations to this fund should be made out to "PPERRIA" and sent to PPERRIA/66 Malcolm Avenue SE/Minneapolis 55414, with an indication upon the check that this money is for PROSPECT PARK FORWARD.

RECESS

A twenty-minute recess was taken to enable vote counters to tabulate the ballots for Board of Directors and to allow the rest of the people present time for looking at the various displays set up around the perimeter of the room, eating, and schmoozing. Food provided by the Profile Center included chicken satay, skewers of mozzarella and cherry tomatoes, melon slices, sambusas, cheese and crackers, and coconut shrimp.

ELECTION RESULTS

The meeting was reconvened after the recess. Richard Adams announced the results of the election for PPERRIA Board of Directors. The following neighbors were elected to 2-year terms on the Board :

Phil Anderson
Richard Brownlee
Sigrid and David Coats
Steve Cross
John Cushing & Martha Joy
John DeWitt
Kate Donahue
Susan and Jeff Gottlieb

Chuck & Sally Jorgenson
Tom Kilton
Christina Larson
Susan Larson-Fleming
Florence Littman
Dorothy Marden
Andy Mickel
Karen Murdock

Peggy & Peter Rejto
Joe Ring & Susan Thrash
Lindsey Wollschlager
Paul Zerby

Three alternate members are:
FIRST ALTERNATE: Judy Farmer
SECOND ALTERNATE: Sean Hart
THIRD ALTERNATE: Dan Cross

RECOGNITIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

John Holmquist read lists of people to whom special thanks is owed. Pots of petunias were presented to the chairmen of PPERRIA committees in recognition of their service. The committees and chairmen are:

ADMINISTRATION:	Christina Larson
COMMUNITY CONCERTS:	Mary-Beth Luig
EDUCATION:	Susan Larson-Fleming
HISTORIC DISTRICT:	Joe Ring
MASTER PLAN & TRANSIT:	Dick Gilyard and John DeWitt
MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS:	Lois Willand and Betts Zerby
NOMINATIONS:	Richard Adams

ZONING & PROJECT REVIEW: Dick Brownlee

Pots of pansies were presented to 20 people who completed two-year terms on the Board of Directors. These were:

Phil Anderson	Judy Farmer	Dorothy Marden
Stuart Anderson	Susan & Jeff Gottlieb	Cheryl Vollhaber & Andy Mickel
Richard Brownlee	Gail Hughes	Karen Murdock
Sigrid & David Coats	Sally & Chuck Jorgenson	Susan Thrash & Joe Ring
Dorothy Davey	Tom Kilton	Lindsey Wollschlager
John DeWitt	Christina Larson	Betts Zerby
Kate Donahue	Florence Littman	

(Most are running for re-election tonight, so not all of the above will be leaving the Board.)

Extra-large pots of petunias were presented to the four officers who have served the organization in the past year:

PRESIDENT	Dick Poppele
VICE PRESIDENT	Christina Larson
SECRETARY	Karen Murdock
TREASURER	Dick Kain

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR JIM WIDDER

Jim Widder of Arthur Avenue has served the neighborhood for many years, including as president of PPERRIA. He is in the process of moving to Madison, Wisconsin. Ann Munt read a tribute to Jim and presented him with a Ralph Rapson etching *Summer at Tower Hill*. Jim expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the recognition and said, "If you give life to the neighborhood it will give you a good life." (*Look for the text of Ann's tribute elsewhere in this issue.*)

THANKS FOR PRESIDENT POPPELE

Dick Gilyard gave thanks to Dick Poppele who is retiring after serving for five years as president of PPERRIA, and presented Dick P. with a plaque. (*The text of Dick's tribute appears elsewhere in this issue.*)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A brief Board of Directors meeting was held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers, approving check signers, and passing an interim budget. Richard Adams of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate for PPERRIA officers:

PRESIDENT	Christina Larson
VICE PRESIDENT	NO CANDIDATE
SECRETARY	Karen Murdock
TREASURER	Lindsey Wollschlager

All were approved on a white ballot. The budget was adopted with the understanding that it may be revised as necessary. The current PPERRIA president, treasurer and Administrative Committee Chair Christina Larson, were authorized to deposit funds in the organization's checking and savings accounts. Dick Poppele, Lindsey Wollschlager and Christina Larson were approved to be check signers. Dick Poppele will be the 2012-2013 Administrative Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

<http://pperr.org>

Have you visited our PPERRIA Website lately? We benefit from the work of some very bright volunteers, led by our venerable WebMaster Andy Mickel. While on the subject, the Website could use more photos. Andy says: Submit them on CDs, flashdrives, or other device amenable to electronic transfer.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The Executive Committee proposes the following By Law changes. This will be voted on at the June meeting. (*Note that: The following does not comprise the complete By-laws, but only those portions proposed for changing. Also, strike-through text (such as this) would be deleted while underlined text would be added.*)

In summary, the proposed changes (other than housekeeping matters) would:

- ease membership access for both business entities and individuals
- reduce the number of the board of directors from 40 to 30
- encourage an increased level of participation by board members generally
- reduce votes needed to approve amendments from “two-thirds,” to “a majority” of all the directors

Article II Purpose: The purposes of the corporation are to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, businesses and other entities within the association's geographic jurisdiction and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the environment in which those residents reside.

Article III Membership

C. Membership

Persons shall become members from the next meeting following approval submission of the completed membership application. ~~The committee shall have no more than 30 days to determine eligibility, grant or deny the application, and, if granted, add the name to the PPERRIA membership roster.~~ The database manager shall add the name to the PPERRIA membership roster. ~~A membership is effective through and including the next annual meeting.~~

Article IV Directors and Officers

A. Board of Directors

~~At the first meeting of the Corporation, In each even numbered year 20 15 members with two year terms expiring April '81 in even numbered years and in each odd numbered year 20 15 members with two year terms expiring in odd numbered years April '82 will be elected. Thereafter, at each Annual Meeting, the Corporation shall elect (15) of its members to serve for a two-year term as Directors of the Corporation. At any time there shall be forty thirty (30) Directors of the Corporation. All directors must reside within the boundaries of PPERRIA.~~

~~To ensure effective participation, two persons from the same household may be jointly elected to serve as one Director. Directors shall:~~

- ~~• Make a good faith effort to attend all regular meetings of the corporation and~~

~~Participate actively in the conduct of Corporation business during their two-year term, which begins with the first Board of Directors meeting after the Annual Meeting.~~

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D. Nominating Committee

At the general meeting of the Corporation held ~~in January~~ three months prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson.

Article V Meetings

A. Annual Meetings

The Annual Meetings of the Corporation members shall be held ~~during the month of April~~ on a date fixed by the Executive Committee.

D. Voting

The result of any unanimous vote at a regular or special membership meeting is conclusively presumed to be that of the Board of Directors. Any non-unanimous vote of the membership regarding the business and affairs of the

corporation shall be advisory to the Board and a separate vote of the Board shall be taken and recorded as the position of the corporation, unless the votes for or against a proposal are made only by non-board members, in which case the presumption that the Board has acted remains.

Article VII Amendments

... The proposed amendment is adopted by the affirmative vote of ~~two-thirds~~ a majority of all of the directors.

.....Submitted by Betts Zerby

RECOGNITION AND THANKS

Excerpts from PPERRIA's Annual Meeting

To outgoing President Dick Poppele

With enormous gratitude to Dick Poppele for the gift of his time, energy and inspired leadership in orchestrating the many and diverse efforts of PPERRIA, in protecting the assets and reinforcing the framework to shape the future of our neighborhood. As PPERRIA President for five years he has devoted his life to Executive Board and committee meetings, hearings in City Hall, as well as meetings with individual homeowners, business owners, developers and students. As Co-chair of the University District Alliance, Dick has provided district-wide leadership in advancing the interests of Prospect Park and other Alliance neighborhoods with the Legislature, University of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and those whose interests have the potential to enhance or to threaten our neighborhood. Throughout it all, Dick has been unfailingly gracious, open-minded and fair and has always moved the dialogue forward with creative diplomacy and humor. For the value beyond measure of these contributions, we thank you, Dick

.....Dick Gilyard

To neighborhood activist Jim Widder

I am honored to recognize Jim Widder for his outstanding contribution to the Prospect Park neighborhood. He helped to reconvene the Luxton Park Council along with a Glendale Resident, Marnette Gordon, and John Outlaw the Park Director. As an urban pioneer, Jim knew how to rebuild and continue his dedication over the past 20 years. It is now seven park directors later, the landscape has changed but the charge to give kids direction in life and be part of a team and a community has not changed. He has made the park a meeting place between neighborhoods of Glendale Town Homes, Tower Hill and East River Road kids and neighbors. Besides his active role leading the Luxton Council Jim also coached several girls' softball teams, volunteered to work with kids to build and launch rockets and taught a class for Summer Splash called 'Things that Fly'. Jim made Halloween a very special event with his famous Haunted House. The planning and implementing was done with the involvement of many children representing our diverse neighborhood. In 1995 the height of the NRP initiative gave birth to the Fire and Ice Festival using Jim's beautiful sketch advertising this memorable event. Jim has continued to enlist Draft horses to lead a hayride around the neighborhood, arrange snow sculpture exhibits done by the kids, and secure jazz band music along with Jean Emmons' famous chili and chocolate desserts. Jim's architectural firm, Archithesis, was selected to design the Pratt school grounds and Village Green which includes a grand civic arbor, a performance amphitheatre, and a playground for children. It also serves as the site of the Pratt Ice Cream Social. He leaves a legacy which will long be remembered and deeply appreciated.

.....Ann Munt

Surviving construction

Julie Wallace, PPERRIA representative to the LRT Construction Committee

The good news? – No cars, bikes or pedestrians have been lost in the depths of University Avenue’s construction trenches. With work on the north side starting its last phase, the deep digging to reach antiquated sewers is almost done. Work is now preparing for the all-new street surfaces, curbs, and sidewalks.

The bad news? – Navigating is problematic (but it can pay off in supporting our local businesses).

How to tell what accesses are open or closed? – Read the weekly *Construction Update* from the Central Corridor LRT. It’s posted every Friday to the ppe-list. (Or get it sent directly to your own e-mail.) Also, updates are available on the web so you can quickly check before heading out, or use your cell phone. These include all the construction areas in Minneapolis (Prospect Park is at the tail end). Find it and other information here: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.asp>

The LRT contractor has to maintain continual access to all residences and businesses. Signage generally directs traffic, but with so many signs, it’s easy to miss the one you need most! Pedestrians may cross at all signaled intersections, but need to follow detours through “cattle chute” fences (follow the little pedestrian detour arrows). The LRT office and contractors make every effort to give notice before closing streets or sidewalks. Alerts from utility contractors have been less dependable, and occasionally we’re surprised by a sudden closure. Detours are marked, but this summer will be an exercise in patience!

There is always a way into a local business. The official orange “Business Access” signs are generic – but many locals are adding creative touches: A sandwich board in front of Schneider Drug says there’s parking in back; Spire Federal Credit Union has a big sign on their building; Overflow Espresso Café has their “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” trail. *Overflow reports business down 30% and getting worse; construction of the Prospect Park Station will keep 29th Avenue closed all summer. Overflow’s sidewalk access is complicated but possible, and parking in back is reached via Malcolm Avenue and 4th Street.*

The CCLTR office and the Metropolitan Council offer businesses help during construction. One of the simplest is customized maps on the business web site or Facebook page, created by LRT staff and updated as necessary. Other aid for surviving construction includes forgivable loans and inclusion in the *Discover Central Corridor* marketing efforts. These can be found at <http://www.readyforrail.net/> A *Weekly Update* features a specific business somewhere along the route. Several in Prospect Park have been featured so far.

Coming in mid-to-late-May is the opening of the Bedford intersection north of University, followed by a traffic switch to the north lanes of the avenue, probably late in June.

Please send your feedback on general issues (safety, signage and communication) to Julie Wallace, at jwallace3@comcast.net. For specific issues needing attention by construction staff, call the Construction Hotline at 651-602-1404. Calls there DO get results, and the cumulative list of calls helps in an ongoing evaluation.

Guest editorial

The following is a concise strategy for helping one, among the many, struggling businesses along University Avenue to survive economically through the LRT construction period. We hope others will come forth, and this is to encourage more to follow. We will happily identify them as they do.

One barber shop at a time

Pete's shop is one door east of Tom's drug store on University. We're establishing what could be called the Pete LeBak Bridge Marketing Fund. Its purpose is to support a marketing campaign to help barber Pete LeBak survive the construction period until the LRT is operating regularly on University Avenue. It requires things Pete has never had to do before – reaching out to every potential customer he can identify. It'll need serious marketing help if Pete's inimitable style of barbershop is to survive the challenge.

We're talking flyers, cards, handouts, door-hangers, etc. Asking this from volunteers alone is not feasible. We need a modest reserve fund to cover design, printing, maybe even distribution costs. (Summer jobs for local kids?)

One suggestion was a "Hard Hat Special," for which Pete has already had cards printed. It's aimed at the on-site construction worker. The "special" part is Pete's offer of after-hours haircuts, by appointment. Additional suggestions have come in, but they all cost something to act on, and these are lean times at Pete LeBak's Barber Shop.

The fund is administered through a checking account at Spire Credit Union, held jointly by two of Pete's longtime customers, Terry Hokenson and John Holmquist. Donations can be deposited directly, or via sites such as [wepay.com](http://www.wepay.com). To establish transparency, we are looking for an accountant to provide auditing services. When that person (perhaps a volunteer) steps forward, we will announce it in the ppe-list. We will also publish periodic statements in the ppe-list, or PPERRIA newsletter. Thanks in advance for your support!

.....Terry Hokenson

PPERRIA NEWS welcomes the *TWIN CITIES DAILY PLANET* to the media mix for our neighborhood. Their sub head is "Local News For Global Citizens." You will find their coverage of the University District Neighborhoods at:
<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/universitydistrictnews>

There you'll also find links to their home page and other valuable resources. Make a habit of checking it out.

PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as the “PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar”)

*To include items in the next PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta by **Wed, June 6th** at bartajm@yahoo.com or 612-859-4960*

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Annual meeting: Monday, May 21st, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784. **NOTE:** The meeting will be one week early this month, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Administration Committee meetings: Usually the first Thursday of the month at the PPERRIA Office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Dick Poppele at 378-9242.

Garden Club Potluck meetings: Wednesdays, May 23rd (at the home of Sally Jorgenson, 1615 E River Pkwy, 332-1140) and June 27th (at the home of Florence Littman, 76 Clarence, 331-2740), 6:30pm.

Glendale Residents Council meeting: Usually the 4th Friday of the month, 3:30 pm. Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net.

Membership/Communications Committee meetings: Usually the fourth Thursday of the month, 7pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697 or Betts Zerby at 379-8095.

Organizational Development Committee meetings: Usually the first Wednesday of the month, 7pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE – Call Dick Poppele 378-9242.

PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting: June 11, 6:30pm, PPERRIA office, 2950 University Ave SE. – Call Christina Larson at 651-329-2784, or Dick Poppele at 378-9242

Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative): Usually the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7pm, PPUMC or PPERRIA Office – Contact Dick Brownlee at 339-2472.

“Do more than belong: participate.”*William Arthur Ward*

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

Administration	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Executive	Christina Larson	pperriapresident@gmail.com	651-329-2784
Historic District	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Master Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Membership and Communication	Lois Willand, Chair Betts Zerby, Vice-chair	loiswilland@gmail.com ejzerby@yahoo.com	378-9697 379-8095
Organizational Development			
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Project Review	Dick Brownlee, Chair John Wicks, Vice Chair	dickbrownl@mac.com john.wicks@co.hennepin.mn.us	339-2472 349-9353

Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups

4 th Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Luxton Book Exchange	Meredith Poppele	mbpopp@comcast.net	378 9242
Motley Crew	Rebekah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Prospect Park LRT Station Area Plan	Dick Gilyard John DeWitt Dick Poppele	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net jdewitt@comcast.net dick@umn.edu	362-8995 338-1871 378-9242
Community Events	Marybeth Luing	mb.luing@gmail.com	507-581-0836
Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com	339-3064
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@usiwireless.com	379-7436
Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@comcast.net	338-1871

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

Education & Human Services	Contact: Jerry Stein or Chuck Holtman
Prospect Park Construction Communication Committee (for the Central Corridor LRT)	Julie Wallace (rep PPERRIA), John DeWitt, Phil Anderson (rep DCC)
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Greg Bernstein, John Kari (Alt.)
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Gottlieb
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard, Alternates: John Kari and Julie Wallace
Stadium Village Station Area Plan Steering Committee	Rebekah Lorance, Tamara Johnson, Dick Gilyard, Hilary Holmes

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Making Our Vision for Prospect Park a Reality

The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) is launching a three-year campaign to raise **\$100,000** for a Neighborhood Investment Fund, which will provide ownership and resources to:

- preserve what makes our neighborhood great
- pro-actively promote our shared vision for a vibrant, diverse urban village, and
- guide future developments, and leverage other funding sources as they become available

So far **\$11,624** have been pledged by Prospect Park residents. Donations to date total \$3,440. and \$1,750 have been pledged as a match to your dollars.

Make your pledge now for 2012 or for all three years. You may make a direct donation, or you may make monthly payments, or set up a match. Your investment is fully tax deductible.

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