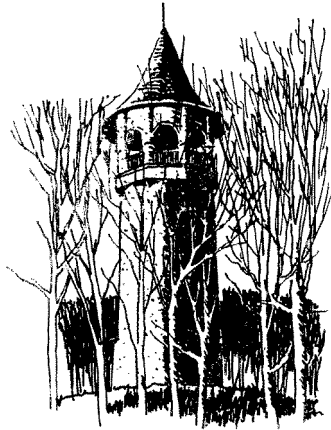


PPERRIA News – November 2008

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting

Monday, November 24th

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 to 7:00 pm.

**If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact
Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268
We will make every attempt to meet that need.**

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NOTE: As in past years, there will be no December meeting, and no December newsletter.



Notes from the president:

Support PPERRIA?

What does it mean to support PPERRIA – and why should we? The short answer is: the host of issues affecting the neighborhood that have potential consequences for livability and quality of life in Prospect Park. PPERRIA provides a “Village Voice” to address them. In fact, the neighborhood has been quite successful, through this volunteer organization, in dealing with issues, as they’ve arisen. Moreover, we have maintained the integrity of PPERRIA for over a hundred years by dint of a few dedicated volunteers and an occasional small staff.

Recently we spent much time revising PPERRIA bylaws, but less time on how we expect the organization to actually cope with future demands. As I’ve said before on these pages, we are now facing greater challenges to our community livability than any time that I can remember.

However, even with the growing challenges, and our committees working hard on them, PPERRIA membership is decreasing and many dedicated volunteers are into their senior years. Also, calls for volunteers and additional help have received little response. Too, our support staff is at risk, as we will soon lose the NRP monies that fund it.

If PPERRIA is to remain an effective voice for the community, it must 1) increase membership sufficient to reflect community support and, 2) support more staff time. The larger membership is necessary for PPERRIA to act on behalf of the community and serve as its voice to the City, the University, to developers, and within the District Alliance. Added staff means that someone is there to answer the phone, to provide support to the

volunteer committees, and to apply for grants supporting the organization in its mission.

We, of course, could sit-it-out and see what happens. True – but what might that mean? The City of Minneapolis expects both the population and the number of households to grow in Southeast Minneapolis faster than the city as a whole. For us, that could mean a 25% increase in population in 20-25 years, and an over-30% increase in the number of households. This will significantly alter Prospect Park, as we know it. Where will this new population live? We already see evidence of growth with new housing along University Avenue, and increasing numbers of developers showing interest in our neighborhood. Thus, significant development seems inevitable; but will we have a voice in how it happens?

Let’s take charge of our destiny

We can be proactive in controlling our neighborhood's destiny. We will see an example of how this can work when our new Planning Committee’s chair Dick Gilyard presents the results of their work at the **November PPERRIA meeting (see meeting agenda)**. They will show us concepts of how land-use might adapt to the demands of increased population, new transit, and to industrial use in Prospect Park. Here’s our chance to envision our future in more concrete terms.

To support this kind of work in the future and translate it into positions for the neighborhood to take with developers and various government agencies, will require a full-time effort including staff support for the volunteer expertise we are so fortunate to have in our community.

PPERRIA must meet these challenges by increasing its membership, and by encouraging participation through volunteer service and financial support. Only thus can we effectively play a role in steering a future that will be our legacy.

.....Dick Poppele

**PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2008, 7 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following a social gathering. President Poppele welcomed visitors and new members. He introduced Linda Thomes who runs a FoodShelf at 2630 University Avenue SE. All qualified persons are welcome. It is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Dick also introduced Matt James and Bob Estes, new members who furnished the treats for the meeting.

1. The amended agenda was approved on motion of John Holmquist.
2. The September minutes were approved on motion of Kate Donohue.
3. **By-Laws Proposal.** Dean Lund moved proposed by-law changes to limit board membership to residents of the area. After discussion, a vote was taken on the proposal to limit board membership to residents. 22 Board members voted yes, eight members no, but the motion failed for lack of a 2/3 majority required by the present by-laws. Paul Zerby moved to reduce the size of the board from 40 to 30. A vote on the reduction of the size of the board failed with two yeses, two abstentions, and 18 noes.
4. **New Committee:** People living in the Motley area are interested in forming a new committee focused on areas in their part of the neighborhood. It will be called "Motley Crew."
5. **NRP Policy Board Elector:** Peter La Sha agreed to be the PPERRIA representative to the election of the section of the NRP Policy Board that represents the Prospect Park/East River Road area.
6. **Finances:** Dick Poppele noted that donations were down as a result of lower PPERRIA membership; that with all that is going on in the area, he feels that more staff time is necessary, and that some form of fund raising should be explored. The topic will be raised in January.
7. **Communications Committee:** Dick announced that Andy Mickel needs assistance with the website to keep it current. A Communications Committee will be formed to provide better information services to the area, both written and electronic.
8. **Zoning Committee:** Florence introduced Monique McKenzie, who presented the University's plans for building in the area north of Fourth Street, SE, for bio research. She announced that Republic LLC or 2428 Delaware has received \$32,000 from Hennepin County for soil remediation. Campus Pizza is seeking a full liquor license. The area is zoned R4.
9. **Livability Report:** Joe Ring reported on the Franklin Avenue traffic study, and a survey will be delivered to all residents on Franklin asking for their opinions on traffic. A parking study on several Prospect Park Streets conducted in August and September has revealed a marked increase in parking, with a large increase in cars with out-of-state license plates. A response will be written regarding local historic designation for the neighborhood.
10. **Transit Committee:** John DeWitt announced that construction on the LRT Central Corridor line would begin in 2010. The Washington Avenue Bridge will not be able to serve Light Rail without the addition of trusses to strengthen the bridge. The deck will be non-fracture-critical. Nine hundred buses per day use the corridor now. The University does not want buses on the traffic-restricted area. John reported on the Metropolitan Council expectations that transit will double by 2030, with two additional light rail lines.
11. **Housing Committee:** Roger Kiemele reported that the loan program had approved five loans, and three potential applicants. There has been information in The Bridge, on the e-list, and in two mailings. There is still \$50,000 in the fund. People are urged to discuss with their neighbors.

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12. Membership Committee: Julie Wallace reported that PPERRIA membership was down from last year. There are currently 140 residents and seven businesses, with three non-profits and landlords. A letter will go out to ex-members.

13. Planning: Dick Gilyard reported on activities of the Planning Committee. They are preparing plans for what they would like the area to look like in the future. There will be a November 24 workshop to work on a University Area Master Plan, including Marcy-Holmes and Como areas.

14. Staff Report: is in the September Newsletter.

8. Announcements: Jerry Stein reported on the Learning Dreams program that helps families on-line, exploring how kids learn storytelling. Paul Zerby moved that PPERRIA make application for a \$10,000 grant to support the program. Jerry will write the grant application. Passed without noes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Hendrickson. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

Staff Report for October 8, 2008 – November 7, 2008

There were 25.25 billable hours, an expense of \$ 606. \$58 was paid by PPERRIA from the Citizen Participation Grant funds. Total budgeted: \$1600. Amount remaining: \$0. The remainder of the contractor’s services was paid out of NRP funds as follows:

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors’ services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
10/08/08 to 11/07/08	22.8 5	\$ 548.00	0.3 %
10/18/95 to 10/08/08	11,024 .66	\$193,191. 15	95.8 %
10/18/95 to 11/07/08	11,047 .51	\$193,739. 15	96.1 %

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$201,661.45. \$9335.15 remains.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 378-9268 by **Thursday, Jan. 10th**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, November 18 7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, November 20 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Friday, November 21 11:00 am	JOY Book Club meeting at Applebee's on Washington Ave (next to the Radisson on U of M campus).	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, November 24 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, December 3 7:30 pm	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Sunday, December 7 3:00 pm	Prospect Park Community Choir Holiday Concert at PPUMC. Free.	
Monday, December 8 noon - 1:30 pm	JOY Potluck at Pratt	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, December 8 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, December 10 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Thursday, December 18 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Wednesday, January 7 7:30 pm	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Wednesday, January 14 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Monday, January 12 noon - 1:30 pm	JOY Potluck at Pratt	Roberta Mark 331-6621 Luxton Park 370-4925
Monday, January 12 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Thursday, January 15 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, January 26 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, January 28 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club meeting Call for information.	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436

PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs			
4 th Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	tggarmers@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
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	deanabra@umn.edu	623-9449
*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
Membership	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970
Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Forces			
By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	pgzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Nominating Committee	Formed each February, as per PPERRIA Bylaws		
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		

FYI:

WELCOME, LOCAL NON-PROFITS AND BUSINESSES

This year, for the first time, PPERRIA is inviting neighborhood businesses and other organizations to become members. Several already are, and PPERRIA thanks them for their generous support. These are:

• Azuki Sushi • Four Star Auto • Metro Petro • Profile Center • Prospect Park Properties • Tierney Brothers • University Village • Good Samaritan

Please mention it when you patronize a local firm. Tell them how to find a membership form on the PPERRIA web site at: <http://www.pperr.org/pperria/membership-form.pdf>

NEIGHBORHOOD FALL CLEANUP – Tom Kilton

Fall clean up succeeds not only because neighbors volunteer their time, but also with the help of some who give donations of money, equipment, and food. We are fortunate to have partners such as SKB, Western Bank, St Francis Cabrini, Overflow Expresso Café', Alcan Packaging, Hubbard Broadcasting, and State Farm join us for this event.

This year, for the first time, we could provide safety vests to our volunteers thanks to monetary donations. They give greater visibility to the workers – for added safety – and a sense of continuity for our crews. (By the way, we got back all but two vests - so if someone inadvertently took one home, we would appreciate its return.)

.....Join us next year!

FOODSHELF NEWS – Ginia Klamecki

I want to welcome the new neighborhood food shelf at 2630 University Ave., SE, Suite #113. The Diversified International Community operates it (Tel: 612 378-2200- Ext. 16). They are open Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm. There is a registration process.

They will serve anyone fitting within their financial guidelines – twice a month – with enough food to last several days. They currently serve some Glendale residents.

I was impressed with the looks of their operation. At my suggestion, the director Linda Thomes, was introduced at our October PPERRIA meeting. They have a website: <http://diversifiedinternationalcommunity.com/>

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November meeting highlight:

Get a sneak preview as the Master Plan Committee reports to the neighborhood

- what will Prospect Park look like in 10 or 20 years?
- how can we manage growth, while preserving what is precious and unique?
- what are our opportunities for achieving what we want?
- what are your dreams for a livable neighborhood?

Come at 6:30pm to socialize and examine maps, sketches and photos.

.....Dick Gilyard, committee chair