



PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER PPERRIA BOARD/MEMBER- SHIP MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The next PPERRIA meeting will be October 28th from 7-9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast).

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve agenda and approval of minutes
3. Motions for Consideration:
 - Decision: Motion to have PPERRIA support the new Southeast Learning Council and contribute \$5,000..
 - Information: Update on Emerald Gardens project by Wellington Development.
 - Information: Update on Hennepin County initiatives by Peter McLaughlin.
 - Information: Update on Light Rail Transit committee meetings.
 - Information: Update on East River Mews construction.
4. Old/New Business
5. Adjourn

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MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION IN OCTOBER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Motions passed by the Executive Board on October 14, 2002 for action by membership on October 28, 2002.

The PERRIA Education Committee voted unanimously at its most recent meeting to recommend that:

1. PPERRIA should participate in the forming

of the SE Learning Council according to the proposal presented by the informal group: SE CHILDREN (copies of proposal will be distributed at the Oct. 28th meeting).

2. In addition, PPERRIA should support the SE Learning Council with \$5,000 to aid in the de-

velopment of learning projects in SE.

NOTE: It is understood that the \$5,000 will be matched.

Special Points

- Submit articles for November's newsletter to Joe Rockers by Saturday, November 9th
- joemr@msn.com ..

NRP REALLOCATION COMMITTEE SOLICITING PROPOSALS (STEVE CROSS, MARY ALICE KOPF AND SUSAN GOTTLIEB))

The NRP Reallocation Committee has mailed proposal forms and information to every Prospect Park household and neighborhood business. Forms are also available at Tower Grocery, Schneider Drugs, Pratt Community Center, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, and Luxton Park. Interested applicants will complete a proposal form, sign and submit it to PPERIA, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE, Minneapolis 55414 by no later than November 30, 2002, in order to be copied

for the discussion meeting to be held **Tuesday, December 10, 2002**, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 7-9 pm.

If you are interested in making a proposal, please observe the following guidelines to ensure adequate consideration:

- Complete the proposal form as thoughtfully and completely as possible, researching estimated project costs and entering the name, address, and number of the person(s)

making the proposal.

- If you have questions, would like to know if another individual or group is submitting a similar proposal, or would like to add or change your previously submitted proposal, please contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104. Many people might have a similar idea for a project worthy of neighborhood consideration.

HISTORY COMMITTEE TO HIRE EDITOR (BETTS ZERBY)

The History Committee is seeking to hire an editor. Requirements include:

- Experience in editing historical materials
- Familiarity with Prospect Park/

East River Road Neighborhood

- Knowledge of publishing resources
- Familiarity with Microsoft Word, QuarkXpress and computer pic-

ture manipulation.

Please send resume to Betts Zerby, History Committee Chair at ejzerby@yahoo.com or call (612) 379-8095.

FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS SCHEDULED (LOIS WILLAND)

There are a number of community events and happenings scheduled this fall. You may pick up a goldenrod flyer at Tower Grocery and at Pratt for more information.

Upcoming events include:

- Prospect Park United Methodist Church's (PPUMC) Centennial Celebration on Sunday, November

3rd at 9:30 a.m.

- Annual Bazaar and Art Fair on Saturday, November 2nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the church.

The Art Fair will feature sale of Tibetan bowls, pottery, jewelry, music, cards, weaving, paintings, photography, soaps, Hmong shirts and pa ndau, ornaments, baskets and more. The

Bazaar features Twice as Nice, a holiday boutique and bake sale. Refreshments and meals are available for lunch and dinner. After dinner (at 6:45 p.m.) there is a live auction.

- Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. at PPUMC.



WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

I would appreciate your comments regarding the newsletter.

If you have compliments or complaints, please let me know.

Joe Rockers

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NRP/PPERRIA CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES—09/07/02 THROUGH 10/11/02 (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

- Supported NRP Phase I Evaluation Team in reallocation and evaluation efforts
- Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee
- Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center
- Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood
- Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
- Worked with individual neighborhood activists on process to acquire traffic-calming speed bumps
- Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for fall, 2002
- Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn Removal Project

EXPENSE FOR CONTRACTORS' SERVICES:	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL EXPENSE	% OF BUDGET
Totals 09/07/02 to 10/11/02	171.0	\$2,736.00	.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 09/06/02	7,991.85	\$133,009.88*	89.2%
Totals 10/18/95 to 10/11/02	8,162.85	\$135,745.88*	90.1%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$150,674.15; **\$14,928.27** 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 9/30/02 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: \$96; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,304.00

PPERRIA COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND 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	TBA	
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970
LRT Planning	John Dewitt	338-1871

SEPTEMBER PPERRIA MINUTES (DANIEL PATENAUDE)

1) The 9/23/2002 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, at 7 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the BOD was present. **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda for this meeting that was available at this meeting."** There were no changes and/or additional items added to this agenda. See attached item 1a. Introduced were first time attendees at a PPERRIA B/M/N meeting and guests.

2) Consideration and approval of the minutes of the 7/22/2002 B/M/N was tabled until the 10/28/2002 B/M/N meeting. They will be published in the 10/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. Due to the secretary being out of the area, the 7/22/2002 minutes were not received by the editor in time to be included in the 9/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. Also, as the newsletter is mailed as bulk mail (postage is less than other methods) even though it is in the mail at least ten days before the scheduled meeting, occasionally the newsletter is delayed through the bulk mail process (the down side of bulk mail). As of this meeting, members had not yet received their copies. Copies were available at this meeting. See attached Item 2a. There was no 8/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting.

3) The new owners of the Signature Cafe (south of Franklin Avenue SE on Warwick Street SE) introduced themselves and their plans for upcoming reopening of the neighborhood cafe. Natalie Johnson reported that she is a classically trained chef with extensive experience in operating a food service. Several of the Mideastern dishes of the previous owners will be included

in the "menu in progress." An indicate-your-menu request sheet was circulated. She reported that the cafe would continue to serve ice cream and "deluxe" coffee during the day with weekend buffets on the agenda. They are looking for a residence in the neighborhood.

4) A toast was proffered by Linda Donaldson (Brighton Development Corporation-Brighton) to the East River Mews (aka Gopher Oil site or UNOCAL site or ?, Franklin Avenue SE and Thornton Avenue SE). As of last Thursday, Brighton is now the owner of the site and will start this week the removal of the polluted soil as per the existing Health and Safety agreement with the neighborhood. Monday through Friday, 7 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., about 8 to 12 trucks will enter the site from Yale Place SE and exit on Franklin Avenue SE to I-94 via 27th Avenue SE, Essex Avenue SE and Huron Boulevard SE. "Weather permitting," the hauling should take two months. Concerns and/or comments about the soil removal are to be directed to "Mark" (Minnesota Pollution Control Authority Consultant) at 612-751-1289. Once the site is clear, then this fall construction can start on ten of the 52 units. It will take about ten months to complete a unit. There will be additional focus groups regarding the design of the units as well as the entire project. Sale price will be in the \$200,000's. Animals are to be permitted in the units. In addition to the 96 years the neighborhood has been concerned with this site, Brighton ten years ago started housing discussions and for the last three years worked intensely for housing development on the site. Project signs should be up next week and individuals interested in purchasing a unit can call Shel

Hoffman at 612-623-1199.

5) An update on the now starting Emerald Gardens housing project (East of Emerald Avenue and between University Avenue and Franklin Avenue in St. Paul) was tabled to the 10/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting.

6) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To appoint Marjorie/Michael Woods to complete the 2001-2002 PPERRIA Board of Director's position of Eleanor Montgomery who died earlier this month."**

Note: Items 7/8/9 are related to the issue of development along University Avenue in both St. Paul and Minneapolis. Minneapolis Council Member Paul Zerby did not vote on items 7/8/9 although he was present at this meeting and is a member of PPERRIA.

7) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA apply for Consulting Party Status (affected parties) in the Section 106 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Committee."** Earlier motions:

- A) An earlier motion to table the issue was not adopted (6 to table and 14 not to table).
- B) A motion to call the question was passed without noes. Joe Ring, PPERRIA member and long time follower of the issue of Central Corridor Light Rail Transit, reviewed the motion. This motion will permit PPERRIA to have "a seat at the table" during the formation of the EIS. The existing status of Tower Hill and pending application of the Prospect Park/East River Parkway Neighborhood as a National Historic District requires that this status be considered in projects that are receiving federal

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funds and the EIS would be where PPERRIA would be most likely to have its concerns heard. The Consulting Party Status would demonstrate that PPERRIA has a stake in the project that would be useful if the issue went to arbitration. PPERRIA member legal counsel is reviewing all documents to be able to indicate what responsibilities PPERRIA is assuming and there will be a reporting at a later PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. The motion is passed now rather than at a future meeting so that PPERRIA can start the process at the 11/14/02 Central Corridor LRT meeting.

8) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA become a member of University-United." Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That Phil Anderson, PPERRIA Zoning Committee member, be the PPERRIA representative to University-United."

Earlier motions:

- A) Not approved with no noes was an amendment to the original motion, "that any PPERRIA member while attending a University-United meeting, not approve and/or make any statements not earlier approved by PPERRIA's membership." There were statements that this is necessary to protect PPERRIA from non approved actions by PPERRIA members. Statements also were made that this amendment was unnecessary and that it could become a can of worms.
- B) Approved with some noes, was a motion passed to call the question. Joe Ring reviewed the original motion. Several months ago, the Director of University-United spoke at a PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. University-United is a

organization of organizations along University Avenue and concerns itself primarily with housing issues along University Avenue. In the past, the St. Paul part of University Avenue and the Minneapolis part of University Avenue have not worked together on issues of common concern. This is an opportunity for PPERRIA to be a part of what happens along the entire University Avenue, especially now that there is a great deal of planning and development along University Avenue with several projects and proposed projects just over the Minneapolis border. The PPERRIA Executive Committee has recommended that PPERRIA join University-United. Several PPERRIA members have attended a University-United Board meeting and recommended that PPERRIA join the organization. The organization funds its activities through grants and does not accept other sources of funds.

9) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA, in cooperation with the St. Anthony Park Council-St. Paul, apply to the Metropolitan Council's Livability Committee for a Development Opportunity Grant to be used to review and/or verify earlier traffic studies of the Highway 280/University Intersection service area." An earlier motion passed without noes,

"To close debate on this motion." Joe Ring reviewed this motion. The St. Anthony Park Council-St. Paul (and others) position is that existing and earlier studies of traffic in this area are of question. The issue of the resulting traffic of anything done in this area is of most concern by the neighborhoods involved and that traffic is probably a deterring issue if there is to be done an Environmental Assessment Work-

sheet on any projects proposed for the area. The St. Paul Planning Department when asked about this issue has recommended that this grant be applied for. The grant is to be used to identify existing traffic, probable traffic information to be used in reference to any proposed development(s). If a grant is to be applied for there will be formed a joint St. Anthony Park Council-St. Paul/PPERRIA task force to determine scope of study and prioritize goals for the use of the grant. Although the Metropolitan Council will make a determination on this issue in Spring 2003, all the necessary back and forth between all involved will easily take that long. This is another opportunity for inter city cooperation on an issue of mutual concern.

10) Announcements:

- A) David Karr, PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator, circulated a sign-up sheet for this Saturday's (9/28/2002) Neighborhood Clean Up, including Buckthorn Removal. The neighborhood has been leafleted indicating that items are to be on the boulevards by 8:30 A.M. as there will be one pass each to collect burnable, brush, metal, concert, tires, oil, florescent lights and paint/garden chemicals. Items usually picked up on collection/recycle days will not be collected nor will "large" amounts of construction materials. Those working on the clean up can gather at 8 A.M. at the Kilton's on East River Parkway (Follow the Garbage Trucks) for a light breakfast and to join assigned crew. Lunch will be at the Luxton Park Building at noon. See attached Item 10a. David was

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B)
C) thanked for his Block Club efforts as he has resigned this PPERRIA/NRP position.

D) Announced are the Fiber Art For Interiors events 10/2/2002 to 10/29/2002 at the Textile Center of Minnesota (University Avenue SE and Arthur Avenue SE, 612-436-0464)

<www.textilecentermn.org> See attached Item 10b.

E) Announced was the Prospect Park United Methodist Church Bazaar and Community Arts Fair, 11/2/2002 starting at 10 A.M. See attached Item 10c.

11) Council Member Paul Zerby reviewed the Minneapolis City Council actions on 9/11/02 regarding the reorganization of Minneapolis's functions. The vote for the proposal was nine for and two against (Council Member Zerby voted against.) There are two parts to the reorganization:

- A) Establishment of development priorities and
- B) The establishment of a Community Planning and Development Department (CPD).

Zerby does not greatly disagree with the development priorities. His bottom line and one he had some success in addressing is:

- 1) The Director be appointed on an interim basis and
- 2) regulatory functions not be a part of the development functions including Health services and Neighborhood Development Program (NRP). This avoids the inherent conflict of interest between the two activities.

Zerby feels that there could be future changes as there could be additional debate between now and 1/1/2003. The PPERRIA Executive Committee forwarded its observations on the

McKinsey Report to Council Member on 8/12/2003 indicating that these were from the PPERRIA Executive Committee and not PPERRIA B/M/N as there was not a PPERRIA B/M/N meeting before the issue was scheduled for Minneapolis City Council consideration. This action was authorized at the 7/02 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. The PPERRIA Executive Committee Observations were:

- 1) McKinsey and Company has performed a valuable public service.
- 2) It is useful for the city to set housing and jobs goals.
- 3) The city must take additional steps to communicate and coordinate interrelated city functions among city departments and employees.
- 4) Consideration of whether a city manager would be beneficial to coordination of city functions.
- 5) It is bad policy to mix regulatory and promotion functions.
- 6) Zoning is a useful way to prospectively determine the nature of city development.
- 7) the Neighborhood Redevelopment Program (NRP) and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) are multiple-jurisdictional agencies under state law and not an instrumentality of the city.
- 8) The actual role of the neighborhoods in the new development process seems inconsistent with an enhanced role for neighborhoods in that process.
- 9) We do not believe that a case has been made for the merger of the city's Public Works Department into a merged development agency.
- 10) Changes should be implemented step-by-step so there is sufficient time to evaluate as each step is completed. See attached Item 11 and as published in the 9/2002

PPERRIA Newsletter.

12) Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, reviewed the upcoming this fall's discussion and vote on the Reallocation of PPERRIA/NRP Funds. There will be a series of neighborhood -wide meetings to be held this fall/winter to discuss and vote on reallocation PPERRIA/NRP funds with the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I. Currently funds remaining are approximately \$550,000, most of which is from the Housing Redevelopment section of the PPERRIA/NR Plan I. These funds were originally set aside to attract housing investment from developers for three primary sites identified by the neighborhood: Kampa Tire (Bedford Avenue SE and Fourth St. SE), Watkins Trucking (on the northeast side of Fourth St. SE) and UNOCAL/Gopher Oil (Franklin Avenue SE and Thornton Avenue SE) The Hubbard Broadcasting now owns land from the former Watkins site and plans office development in the future for its own corporation. Brighton Development Corporation has worked closely with the neighborhood and the MCDA to develop townhomes on both the Kampa and UNOCAL sites. Building has began on the Kampa site while the project on the UNOCAL site will begin this fall. Housing redevelopment goals of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I having been met without using PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I funds for the UNOCAL site. There remains approximately \$518,000 in the plan, which can now be redistributed to other strategies within the Plan or to new strategies identified and agreed upon by the neighborhood. Once meeting dates are set and publicized, anyone who wishes to propose a use for these funds may complete a proposal form. These forms will be available at various neighborhood outlets. Any proposal must identify the amount of funds for transfer and the strategy within the PPERRIA/NRP

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Action Plan I to be eligible for funding. At the first information meeting in late 10/02 [TBA] all interested neighbors will explain and discuss the merits of all the proposals. Once the informational meeting has been held, no further proposals can be accepted, in order to comply with NRP rules regarding reallocation of funds and sufficient notice. All proposals will be publicized widely, and a second neighborhood wide meeting will be held at least 30 days after the notification to vote on which proposals will receive funds. Once the vote has occurred, there are a number of NRP steps of approval to assure adequate attention is paid to use of public monies. If you would like to submit a proposal for funds, contact Susan Gottlieb at 612-331-2104 or <susanmg@aol.com> See attached Item 13A, 13B and the 9/20/02 PPERRIA Newsletter.

13) Steve Cross, PPERRIA past president, reviewed the updated Prospect Park website. Andy Mickle and he have been designing and updating the site. As the earlier free server is no longer acting as a server there will be a monthly charge once a new server is selected. Needed are "stringers," those who take charge of individual entries and keep them up to date. If interested, contact Steve Cross at <steven@mn.it.com>. A successful website is one that is vital and moving. Planned are links to other websites that serve the neighborhood. Also

planned is to deliver as many as possible PPERRIA Newsletters via e-mail. Currently a US Post mailing costs \$1. Check out the site <<http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria/>>

14) Florence Littman, PPERRIA Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair, reviewed issues before the committee.

- A) Great Brakes (University Avenue SE and 32nd Street SE) after being out of city zoning compliance now wants a parking variance that will delay any compliance work until Spring 2003! The committee's recommendation is that a variance is not appropriate.
- B) The "moving target" of affordable city housing continues with proposed zoning and comprehensive plan changes that are at odds with the recently adopted city wide zoning and planning ordinances. The committee's opinion is that the affordable housing issue is not one that will be resolved by zoning changes. It seems that the proposals are not thought out, appropriate ones for one neighborhood may not be appropriate city wide, there is a trend to remove zoning controls and there is a lack of substantive definitions. An example is one neighborhood requesting the permitting of apartments above garages, this may increase the housing available in that neighborhood if it was a zoning overlay, but if it was city wide in SE Minneapolis it would result in increased numbers of students not

families on a site. See article in 9/2002 Southeast Angle.

15) Susan Gottlieb referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor 7/6/2002 to 9/6/2002 report as published in the 9/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 15. Billed was \$656.00 for support and doing neighborhood activities.

16) There was no further Old Business brought to this meeting.

17) Items of **New Business** were:

- A) There seems to be an increase in removal of elm trees due to Dutch Elm Disease. The issue was referred to the 10/2002 PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting.
- B) There is an increase in the need for outside playground facilities in the south of Franklin neighborhood. The existing Chergosky Park could use some "freshening." This issue was referred to the 10/2002 PPERRIA Executive Committee.
- C) The house on 216 Cecil Street SE seems to be abandoned. Council Member Zerby indicated that he would inform the necessary city officials.
- 18) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting."** There were no additional items considered at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary.

Written comments and/or changes to these minutes are to be sent to 117 Arthur Avenue SE

NEWSLETTER DUE DATES ESTABLISHED (JOE ROCKERS)

November 02:

- 9th—Articles Due
- 11th—Executive Board Meeting
- 12th—Newsletter to Printer
- 14-15th—Newsletter Mailed
- 25th—PPERRIA Meeting

January 03:

- 11th—Articles Due
- 13th—Executive Board Meeting
- 14th—Newsletter to Printer
- 16-17th—Newsletter Mailed
- 27th—PPERRIA Meeting

February 03:

- 8th—Articles Due
- 10th—Executive Board Meeting
- 11th—Newsletter to Printer
- 13-14th—Newsletter Mailed
- 24th—PPERRIA Meeting

JULY PPERIA MINUTES (DANIEL PATENAUDE)

1) The 7/22/2002 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) Meeting was called to order by Steve Banks, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist (PPUMC) Olin/Malcolm Avenues SE Minneapolis, Minnesota. A quorum of the BOD was present. **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *“To accept as available at this meeting the agenda for this meeting.”* There were no other changes and/or corrections to the agenda.

2) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *“To accept the minutes of the 6/24/02 PPERIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 7/2002 PPERIA Newsletter and available at this meeting.”*

Secretary’s note: An e-mail was received by the secretary regarding Item 3, Southeast Minneapolis Environmental Coordinator; and Item 7, Pechiney. There are a number of differences between the e-mail and the minutes as written by the secretary. The e-mail will be attached to the secretary’s minutes. This is an example of the necessity of makers of motions/amendments and presenters of items providing to the secretary exact wordings of motions/amendments and information regarding presentations.

3) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *“That PPERIA supports the Desnoyer Park–St. Paul Neighborhood Organization (Desnoyer) in their efforts concerning historical and environmental effects on the Meeker Island historical site on the east bank of the Mississippi River north of the Ford Dam.”* Tom Kilton, PPERIA River Gorge Committee Chair, introduced Jack Maloney, President, Desnoyer Park

Neighborhood Association, who reviewed the motion and provided copies of “Comments of Friends of the Mississippi River, Regarding Scooping Document 1 Ford Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 362-004.” See attached Item 3. The hydroelectric dam at the Ford Plant is up for relicense. Years ago there was a two foot addition to the top of the dam that permitted additional electricity to be generated. The dam was built by the Ford Plant to provide electricity for the plant with the excess being sold to Northern States Power. The dam continues to generate a large amount of electricity. The effect of the dam on the upstream neighborhoods is that the raised water level affects river sites that are meaningful to the neighborhoods. The renewal (and it will be renewed) of the dam permit might be an opportunity to see if there can be some benefits to the neighborhoods. The now under water Meeker Island, on the east bank at the Minneapolis/St., Paul border, in the early 1900’s was the site of a dam and lock and hydroelectric facility. There is an interesting history to this site that needs to be told. An iron stairway to the site from the River Road remains, as well as parts of the structures. The island is under water. The Minneapolis Park Board is not currently involved in the area. In addition to PPERIA’s motion, those who have an interest in this should form an interest group.

4) Jan Morlock, University of Minnesota (UM) Community Relations Director for the Twin Cities Campus, reviewed the status of the proposed Vikings/Gophers Football Stadium to be built on the UM Campus. She provided copies of her presentation to PPERIA (see attached Item 4A) and of the Minnesota Legislature legislation that there be a report regarding an

understanding between the Vikings and the Gophers, as well as a pre-design of a joint use stadium, sent to the legislature by 12/1/2002 regarding the proposed stadium (see attached Item 4B). Appropriated was \$250,000.00 for the costs of the report. The proposed site is the Huron Boulevard Parking Complex along Fourth Street SE from Oak Street SE to 23rd Avenue SE The report process has started. About three years ago, the Vikings started to talk with the legislature on this issue and, about two years ago, the Gophers were brought into the conversation. It seems to be the legislature’s position that there will only be consideration of state funding of one stadium and that it be located on the UM campus.

Comments at this meeting:

- Parking and traffic!!! As the UM already owns this site, the large size allows for UM expansion with little impact on its neighbors.
- How will this proposal affect the Southeast Industrial Development (SEID) plan of several years’ standing?
- How will this proposal affect the UM’s education functions? The city planning document shows this area as park land. A stadium on the site would act as a barrier to UM interests north of the site.
- Why is this the only site?
- Is there any public input?
- Does the legislature envision other combinations? The UM has a reputation of not responding to its neighbors’ concerns.
- What is the plan for the site 24 hours/day and 365 days per year?

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- How does this proposal fit with the priorities that the UM provides to the legislature?
- It seems that the UM is much more committed to this proposal than they have up to now let on. Where is the best place for PPERRIA to have its positions known? SEID?

5) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *“That PPERRIA B/M/N reallocate \$10,000.00 from the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I, Housing A.1 Redevelopment Sites for Housing to Administration I.a Implement Coordination.”* An earlier motion made, seconded and passed without noes: *“To call the question.”* Dean Lund, PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I, Director of Financial Review, certifies that the Housing A.1 has a significant balance of funds remaining, much of which may be reallocated to other strategies within the plan within the next few months in a coordinated Plan Modification Process. It is reasonable for some of these funds to be used for the required PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I Evaluation and to continue to staff support for program implementation. This request is in compliance with the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I. Steve Banks indicated that the PPERRIA Executive Committee, at its meeting on 7/8/2002, discussed this motion and found that it complies with NRP requirements for reallocating funds within the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I and is consistent with our goals as a neighborhood organization. Susan Larson-Fleming, PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Committee Chair, reviewed this motion. These additional funds are necessary to complete the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I Evaluation (mandated by NRP), including several focus groups, random sample survey (to be completed this fall by a graduate class at the University of Minne-

sota, Carlson School of Business) and final reports as well as to continue implementation of the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan I and planning for PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan II. There is no assurance of additional NRP continued support at this time and these funds are needed immediately to continue work on the required report. The report is a recent requirement (unanticipated) by NRP that was not in the original requirements, as well as the possibility of a NRP Action Plan II Program, therefore these costs were not included in the original budget. Few Minneapolis neighborhood Action Plans are as far along as PPERRIA/NRP's and NRP tends to add requirements as they become needed. This is also an opportunity to involve the University of Minnesota in the NRP.

6) **Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes:** *“To approve the use of \$10,000.00 funds provided by the Minneapolis Planning Department funds for Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. (HGA) to be PPERRIA's planning partner for Light Rail Transit (LRT) on the University Avenue Corridor as indicated in the attached proposal (See attached Item 6); and once the scope of basic services are clarified, itemized tasks for the \$10,000.00 fee are available and that the proposed Vikings/Gopher Football Stadium to be located on the Minneapolis University of Minnesota campus be included in the study.”*

- An earlier motion made seconded and passed without noes: *“To add to the original motion (To approve...attached proposal), the clause ‘and once the...in the study’.”*
- An earlier motion was made, seconded and passed without noes: *“To call the question.”* Steve Banks reviewed the motion. The PPERRIA LRT Committee recommended the above original mo-

tion after a meeting with the Minneapolis Planning Director, who offered the city funds. The proposed Vikings/Gopher Football Stadium at the University of Minnesota campus increases the concern, especially the transportation component, affecting the neighborhood and the city in the proposed LRT University Avenue Corridor. This affiliation will help to give the neighborhood committees information concerning the issues of LRT and the football stadium. The \$10,000 city funds are part of the estimated \$29,000 cost of the study, with the remaining funds to be provided by the UM. The contract with HGA indicates that PPERRIA's and the city's financial obligation is the \$10,000 and starts the proposal with no additional PPERRIA or city funds in the future. HGA is a partner in a St. Louis consortium studying the proposed football stadium on the UM campus as mandated the state legislature. PPERRIA will be able to be directly involved by providing information in the report of a joint Vikings/Gopher football stadium at the UM campus to the state legislature at the end of the year. Concern was expressed that this contract was not let out on a bidding process. It was noted that this is not a development contract and that someone else is talking for the neighborhood. The contract seems to include “boiler plate” statements. The PPERRIA LRT Committee will follow this issue and forward reports to the PPERRIA Executive Committee and B/M/N.

7) **Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes:** *“To rescind the Fall 1996 PPERRIA B/M/N motion to release \$5000.00 of PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Phase I Safety/Security B.1.a Motion Sensors*

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as there has not been a follow through." Susan Gottlieb, PPERRIA/NRP Implementation Coordinator, reviewed the motion. These funds were allocated for providing no-or low cost motion sensors on yard lights. The idea was to warn of approaching bad guys. However, the motion sensors seem to warn mostly of approaching squirrels or rabbits. There seems to be no interest in the use of motion sensors to turn on yard lights. As the strategy is still in place, there could be an allocation at a later date if there are requests for the sensors and there is someone willing to take charge of the program. There no longer is an active PPERRIA/NRP Safety and Security Committee and the Block Clubs have not taken an active interest in the issue.

8) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That Peter LaSha, PPERRIA Member, is authorized to seek a 'Sister Neighborhood Status' with the Bedford Park neighborhood of London, England. Prospect Park was developed on the model of Bedford Park."* See previous PPERRIA B/M/N meetings for presentations by Peter on this relationship.

9) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That the PPERRIA Executive Committee may need to call a special meeting and/or issue a statement by the Executive Committee on the neighborhood's position on the McKinsey Report and its effect on the city and the neighborhood in that the city may take up this issue before the next scheduled PPERRIA B/M/N meeting on 9/23/2002."* Steve Cross, PPERRIA Past President, indicated that the "McKinsey Report:

Strengthening Community and Economic Development in the City of Minneapolis" is now available. This is a recommended reworking of city government. There are some aspects of the report that bother him concerning their impact on city policies and procedures and the impact on the city's neighborhoods. The mayor's office seems intent to quickly move along consideration and acceptance of the report by the city. There may be need for action by PPERRIA before the next PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. As there is not usually scheduled a 8/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N, the report will be reviewed and recommendations made by the PPERRIA Executive Committee, there are 8/2002 and 9/2002 meetings scheduled, at the 9/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. See attached Items 9A and 9B.

10) **Announcements:**

A) The development of further Block Clubs continues. Contact David Kaar, PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator, at 612-331-9015.

B) Paul Zerby, Minneapolis City Council member, indicated that once the title of the UNOCAL/Gopher Oil/etc. site at Franklin and Thornton Avenues SE is clear, the development contract can be signed and the removal of polluted top soil can begin. Then the construction of townhomes can begin. There is to be a contract between the neighborhood and the developer regarding the consequences of the removal of the soil. Brighton will provide an update at the 9/2002 B/M/N meeting.

11) Florence Littman, PPERRIA Zoning Committee Chair,

A) The issue of the proposed zoning changes that will increase density

continue.

B) The saga of the owner of the Great Breaks site (University and 31 St. Avenues SE) continues. Since 6/99 there has been continuing delays in providing an upgraded site plan for the area. The city planning department had given the owner the latest deadline of until 7/1/2002. After that date, the permit to do business on the site is to be canceled. The owner has requested another delay until 9/2002. The committee's position continues to oppose extensions and was stated in an earlier letter to the city planning department.

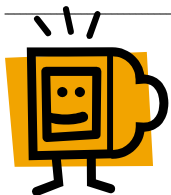
12) Susan Gottlieb referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor Report as Published in the 7/2002 PPERRIA Newsletter. Billings 6/8/02 to 7/5/02 were \$412 for support to committees, Block Club Development, Buckthorn Removal efforts and production of Newsletter. See attached Item 12.

13/14) **Old and New Business:** It was commented that as the "Prospect Park www" now stands, it should be shut off as it is an embarrassment to the neighborhood. In response, it was indicated that there are individuals who have agreed to develop a "Wish List" of what needs to be done to the www and update the current information so that by 10/02 the www should not be an embarrassment.

15) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That this meeting be adjourned."* There were no further items and/or decisions made at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary

Written changes and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or <marko029@umn.edu>



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PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR* (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Thu., 10/17, 6-8 p.m..	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center, 66 Malcolm Avenue S.E. Childcare and rides are available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Mon., 10/28, 5-7 p.m.	Celebration at Bedford Townhomes site. Meet in Fraser School parking lot off Bedford St. SE.	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Mon. 10/28, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Membership and BOD Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
	No Garden Club Meeting this Month	
Sat., 11/02, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Annual Bazaar and Art Fair at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Mary, 379-1730
Sun., 11/03, 9:30 a.m.	Prospect Park United Methodist Church Centennial Celebration.	Becky Sechrist, 378-2380
Tues., 11/05	ELECTION DAY (Bake Sale at Pratt Community Center, 7:00 a.m.-??).	
Wed., 11/06, 7:30 p.m.	Luxton Park Council Meeting at Luxton Park Building.	Jim Oberly, 379-3397
Mon., 11/11, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Wed., 11/13, 5 p.m.	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) Meeting at 92 St. Mary's Avenue.	Shirley Davis, 342-1952
Tues., 11/19, 7 p.m.	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Thurs., 11/21, 6-8 p.m.	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-09713
Mon., 11/25, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Membership and BOD Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Wed., 11/27, 7:30 p.m.	Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Becky Sechrist, 378-2380
Sat., 11/30, Noon	Proposals for NRP Reallocation Due at 66 Malcolm Ave. SE (Pratt Center).	Susan Gottlieb, 331-2104
Tue., 12/10, 7 p.m.	Discussion Meeting to reallocation over \$00K in NRP Funds	Steve Cross, 379-0064

*To include items in PPERRIA Calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002.**

RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Day and Time	Event	Whom to Contact
Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Avenue.	Ginia Klamecki, 331-7056
Tues. 4 to 5 p.m.	Bookmobile at Luxton Park	
1st Mon., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Bookmobile at Pratt Cmty Center	
3rd Mon., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.		
4th Tues., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Bookmobile at University Good Samaritan Center	
Tues., 7 p.m.	Community Choir at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Curt Oliver, 331-3713
Fri., 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Adult badminton at Luxton Park. \$2	
Sat., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Aerobics for adults. Luxton Park.	
All	Labyrinth at Franklin Oval always open. Franklin Ave. S.E. between Bedford & Cecil.	

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