



PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY PPERRIA BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The next PPERRIA meeting will be February 24th 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 January 27th Minutes
3. Motion/Items for Consideration:
 - Discussion: Planned Gophers-Only Stadium
 - Decision: Motion to reallocate \$10,919.85 from PARC A.1.a. to other strategies for Luxton Park.
 - Information: Meet new owners of Dragon Court and new Korean restaurant.
4. Old/New Business
5. Adjourn

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MOTION FOR FEBRUARY MEETING (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

MOTION: To reallocate \$10,919.85 from PARC A.1.a. Luxton Park Staff & Programs to the following strategies:

- \$5,000 to PARC A.1.d. Luxton Park computer classroom supervisor
- \$2,000 to Livability C.1. Gateways, signs, kiosks
- \$3,920 to PARC A.1.c. Luxton sports equipment

Luxton Park Council has

decided to reallocate its remaining NRP funds as described above for the following reasons:

1. We would like to reallocate the \$5,000 to computer classroom at Luxton in order to continue serving the people who use the classroom at the park. We have depleted our funds to staff the room at this time, and we would like to use this money for contin-

ued staffing.

2. Currently, we have allocated \$4,000 in Livability C.1. for a Luxton Park kiosk. However, the cost for producing such a kiosk is \$6,000. Therefore, we would like to add the needed funds so we can complete this project as planned.
3. Our NRP funds for sports equipment has

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Special Points

March Newsletter:

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

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been depleted and we have been able to purchase much needed

equipment over many years for the park. We would like to continue to be able to purchase equipment for our sports teams over the

course of the next several years with added funds, and believe this is a greater need at this time than staff and programming.

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 4TH NEIGHBORHOOD REALLOCATION MEETING AND VOTE (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

The neighborhood meeting to vote on NRP Funds available for reallocation was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at St. Frances Cabrini Church by temporary chair and Reallocation Task Force Chair Steve Cross. Cross explained the proposed agenda and answered questions about the procedures and policies applicable to the evening's meeting and about reminders involving use of NRP funds. Present were 195 neighborhood residents, including 33 PPERRIA Board members, and 24 non-residents/guests.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Steve Cross permanent Chair for the meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Susan Gottlieb recording Secretary for the meeting.

Cross explained the proposed rules for the evening, including how to offer a proposal in a motion. **Bill Kahn moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the proposed procedural rules from parliamentary to balloting procedure for the evening.** A Somali interpreter informed Somali residents of the proposed amendment, but also expressed concern about the need to translate all proposals on any written ballot in order for Somali participants to vote. **Amendment was not approved.**

Michael Atherton moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the proposed procedural rules by striking rule #6 (which fixed discussion

time at 90 minutes in length with an option to allow a motion to shorten or extend the time for discussion). The amendment was not approved.

Ken Cassibo moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the proposed procedural rules by changing rule #6 to allow a minimum of 60 minutes and maximum of 90 minutes for discussion of proposals and to limit speakers to 3 minutes. Motion was approved. Motion to approve procedural rules as amended was approved.

Cross reminded the meeting participants that consequences exist for reallocating housing funds within the NRP Action Plan, and he noted that the NRP/PPERRIA Conflict of Interest policy and grievance policy both apply to the plan modification process.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to set total funds available for reallocation at \$606,268, which included the following:

- **Housing A.1. Housing Redevelopment - \$528,000**
- **Housing B.1. Motley Home Improvement Loan Program - \$56,940**
- **Safety & Security A.1. Motion sensors/Watch Force Signs - \$5,000**
- **Transportation B.1.a. Traffic calming efforts - \$16,328**

Susan Gottlieb, secretary from previous NRP Reallocation meeting, reported on the outcome of that meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Pro forma motion approved at that meeting to be considered at this meeting is:

The following programs and amounts should be approved for the reallocation of the available \$606,268 in funds:

- **Pratt Center renovation and school transitional staff \$495,628**
- **SWIM Program operations 85,000**
- **Southeast Seniors program 25,640**

The specifics of each program are stated in the proposal considered at the meeting of December 10, 2002.

Dean Lund asked the Chair to divide the vote. Chair (Cross) approved division. Discussion ensued about the Pratt proposal.

Susan Thrash moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the Pratt proposal to include placing Prospect Park on the National Historic Register (additional cost: \$36,000). Motion to call the question after discussion was approved. Motion to approve the amended proposal was not approved.

Bill Seeley moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the Pratt proposal to include SWIM and Southeast Seniors (i.e., undividing the vote). Motion to amend was approved.

NRP Staffer Barb Lickness explained the NRP legal opinions on various new proposals and stated that proposals which currently may not meet NRP guidelines could be revised to comply with legal requirements if the neighborhood supports those proposals through a vote. Discussion on

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legal ramifications of any voting decision ensued. **Motion to call the question was approved.**

Ken Cassibo moved, and motion was seconded, to substitute the following proposals for complete funding of \$606,268:

- SWIM \$85,000
- Southeast Seniors 30,000
- Air Condition Luxton Park 80,000
- Community Arbor Fund 5,000
- Light Rail Transit Study 41,000
- Home Improvement Loan Program 100,000
- Historic District Survey 36,000
- Southeast Environmental Coordinator 45,000

- Tower Hill Park Tennis Court 30,000
- Tree-trimming/removal program 22,500
- Motley Home Improvement Loans 71,768
- Cooperative Housing Dev't Fund 60,000

Motion was not approved.

Motion to close debate was delayed, because of established time limits as amended for procedural rules.

Andy Mickel moved, and motion was seconded, to amend the proposal as follows:

Include Pratt for \$495,628. Substitute the following two other proposals for SWIM and Southeast Seniors:

- Home improvement loan programs - \$100,000
- Motley home improvement loans - \$10,640

Motion was not approved.

Motion to call the question was approved. Motion to accept pro forma motion (funding Pratt, SWIM, and Southeast Seniors as noted above) was approved.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to ask PPERRIA to draft a letter to NRP requesting a plan modification as approved by neighborhood and PPERRIA Board of Directors.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Gottlieb

TASTE TEST AT PROSPECT PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR PRATT SCHOOL (PRATT PTO)

Pratt School will hold a fundraiser which invites 120 adults, including school and community members, to participate in a taste test to be held on **Tuesday, February 25, 2003**, at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.

Participants should not have food restrictions, should expect to spend approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour at ONE of three set times – 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM, and 8:00 PM – and should understand English, since there might

be a brief survey and/or oral interview regarding the product tasted. If you are interested in participating to raise funds for the neighborhood school, please contact Robin Schow at 378-3489.

JANUARY PPERRIA MINUTES (DAN PENAUDE)

1) The 1/27/2003 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) (Orlin and Malcolm Avenues SE Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414) A quorum of the BOD was present. First time attendees and guests were introduced and welcomed. **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda for this meeting as available at this meeting."** There were no additional items considered

at this meeting. See attached Item 1.

2) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept the minutes of the 11/25/2002 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 1/2003 PPERRIA Newsletter."** Bill Kahn, Member, indicated that he would be forwarding an e-mail to the Secretary regarding these minutes. See attached Item 2.

3) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA support Xcel Energy's Metro Emissions Reduction Project (XEMERP)."** Justin Eiben-

holzl, Southeast Environmental Coordinator (SEEC), reviewed his current activities:

A) The XEMERP is a plan to reduce air pollution at their three metro electric production plants (Riverside, High bridge and King) by changing the fuel source from coal to natural gas. The motion supports the XEMERP application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission that

- 1) The environmental and economic benefits justify the

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NRP/PPERRIA CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES—01/11/03 THROUGH 02/07/03 (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

- Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee
- Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center
- Supported NRP Reallocation Committee in efforts to redistribute NRP funds within NRP Plan
- Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
- Worked with individual neighborhood activists on process to acquire traffic-calming speed bumps
- Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn Removal Project

EXPENSE FOR CONTRACTORS' SERVICES:	HOURS BILLED	TOTAL EXPENSE	% OF BUDGET
Totals 01/11/02to 02/07/03	34.0	\$552.00	.4%
Totals 10/18/95 to 01/10/03	8,234.85	\$136,897.88*	91.0%
Totals 10/18/95 to 02/07/03	8,269.35	\$137,449.88*	91.2%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$150,674.15; **\$13,224.27** remains.

*These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/23/02 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 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/03. PPERRIA Contractor is Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/03.

Total PPERRIA funds available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00. PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$120; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,280.00

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; Karen Murdock	378-3038; 340-1338
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	TBA	
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

MOTION FOR MARCH PPERRIA MEETING (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE))

Motion: To reallocate \$3,000 from Transportation B.1.a. Traffic calming to Administration 2. Office/Resource Center.

In order to continue to support imple-

mentation efforts through shared payment with PPERRIA of our monthly newsletter, office supplies, etc., a reallocation of \$3,000 is needed for the coming year or so. Now that about 80% of the the NRP Plan strategies

have been implemented, the need for office support has diminished. These funds should provide PPERRIA with support until implementation is complete or almost complete.

GOPHERS-ONLY STADIUM (ROBERT H. BRUININKS)

In recent weeks, the state's difficult financial picture has overshadowed many other issues facing the University of Minnesota. As an organization that depends on state appropriations for a third of its funding, the University is planning for significant cuts from the state, and for the difficult decisions those cuts will necessitate. But even in these challenging times, the University continues to engage in long-range planning. Today I am writing to update you on my thinking about a future home for Gopher football.

As you are aware, in late November, the Minnesota Vikings rejected an on-campus stadium, stating that the site did not meet their needs for an NFL entertainment venue. I, too, developed serious reservations whether a joint on-campus stadium facility would yield the University's desired out-

comes. The needs of a modern-day, for-profit professional NFL entertainment franchise and those of an academic institution are simply too difficult to reconcile.

Although the joint stadium idea did not work, the time and resources the University devoted to planning a joint stadium have not been in vain. Most importantly, we have learned that significant support exists for bringing Gopher football back to campus. Further, our work with the Vikings indicates that an on-campus, Gophers-only facility may be a feasible option. Such a facility would be smaller and more consistent with campus aesthetics, and its calendar of events would be lighter, lessening the impact on our University community and adjacent neighborhoods.

Any new stadium effort would need broad support across our campus and

beyond it, and it must not divert academic resources or compromise our academic mission. Although we do not have a set timeframe, we hope to soon begin a more formal exploration of an on-campus, Gophers-only facility. Such an effort would include an evaluation of the potential for private fundraising for such a facility. I will keep you informed as this issue advances over the next few months.

As always, your comments and ideas are welcome, and can be directed to me at <upres@umn.edu> or through the web site we've created to help keep interested people informed about the stadium issue:

www.umn.edu/stadium.

SUMMER CONCERT PLANNERS ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE (LOIS WILLAND)

Planning for the neighborhood summer concerts is beginning. The committee welcomes your suggestions for musicians or groups that you'd like to

see give a concert. If you'd like to serve on the committee, we'd welcome you. Contact Lois Willand at 378-9697 or jon.and.lois.willand

@worldnet.att.net.

WE NEED HELP

COORDINATORS NEEDED

(Just the coordinators now. We'll ask for workers later.)

FOR THE ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

The annual neighborhood cleanup (usually in the Spring but last year held in the Fall) is one of the most important events held in the neighborhood. Formerly, one person coordinated all of the work. That made it one HUGE job. The PPERRIA Executive Committee has decided to change that single job to 11 coordinator jobs. We hope that by having 11 SMALL JOBS rather than 1 HUGE JOB, we'll do better in getting the volunteers needed to pull off the event. The coordinators needed are, speculatively, the following:

General Cleanup	Worker Rewards (Food; Drink; etc.)
Brush Cleanup	Garage Sale
Metal Cleanup	General Cleanup Publicity
Cement, Paint, & Hazardous Waste Cleanup	Publicity for Worker Volunteers
City & Park Resources Acquisition	Coordinator of Coordinators
Financial Donations	Whichever Coordinator in Open

The exact tasks are somewhat self-defined but you will get information on what has been done in the past. The exact number is also flexible, so if we get more volunteers, we'll slice up the jobs to make everyone's work less. But we must have your help to do the cleanup. Remember, it's not that big of a job. We're only cleaning the neighborhood not the Augean Stables.

To volunteer as a coordinator, check a coordinator's position you're interested in from the above list and fill in your name and address below. Alternatively, contact Steve Cross at 612-376-0094 or stevenc@mn.rr.com.

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE: _____

EVENING TELEPHONE: _____

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- projects costs;
- 2) That the XEMERP is approved for all three plans at the same time.
 - 3) To speed up the time for the implementation of the XEMERP.
 - 4) Ensure that costs of repowering are born equitably based on energy consumption, so that costs are not unfairly imposed on small, residential customers. The other southeast neighborhood organizations have sent/will send a similar letter. See attached Items 3A.
- B) Rock-Tenn, AKA as Waldorf/Champion Paper, University and Vandalia Avenues, St. Paul, invited those neighbors with an interest in air pollution to see first hand the air quality improvements recently made. Great progress seems to be being made. But It seems that the SE Environmental Committee was not informed of the permit review and renewal.
- 4) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That PPERRIA advance to the PPERRIA History Committee up to \$10,000 to print the Prospect Park History Book, to be repaid to PPERRIA out of the proceeds of sales of the Prospect Park History Book"* Bets Zerby, History Project Chair, discussed this motion. Dean Abrahamson, Prospect Park History Book Editor, will soon have copy ready to go to the printer. Several printers have provided bids. The first print run will be 1,000 copies of which 200 will be sold at cost to the Pratt Council. Estimated printing cost is \$12.00 with a estimated retail sale of \$20.00. The title is to be "Under the Witches' Hat", a color cover, about 200 pages with 100 to 200 black and white photos, 8 1/2" by 11" and a paperback binding. The book will be copy-righted by PPERRIA. The first sales are to be at the 2003 Pratt Ice Cream Social and a marketing plan is being developed. There are sufficient funds available in the PPERRIA Savings Account.
- 5) Steve Cross announced that there is a

PPERRIA e-mail network up and running that forwards PPERRIA materials, newsletter, announcements, etc.; Prospect Park calendar and announcements; and need-to-know-"now" information, i.e., crime information. The network master is Lois Carlson, Member, who takes great care that there is no spam and that the confidentiality of individuals is honored. Out e-mails indicate only the senders' and receivers' names, no group listings or e-mail addresses. Nor is the list shared. Soon those on the list will receive the PPERRIA Newsletter via e-mail at a saving of about \$1 and much sooner than if it is sent bulk mail via US Post. Contact her at [<jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net>](mailto:jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net)

6) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That PPERRIA is committed to the improvement of public transit services to the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood and the entire metropolitan area. PPERRIA strongly disagrees with the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) proposal to eliminate the #8 bus route through our neighborhood and any other degradation of public transit services to the Prospect Park East River Road neighborhood. The PPERRIA BOD and Members directs its members, officers and neighbors to vigorously oppose any such attempts to degrade neighborhood transit."* Barb Agard, PPERRIA Member, and Steve Cross presented this motion and background information. An extensive discussion followed. The MTC has indicated that the cancellation of this route (the only one cancelled) is part of their strategy of transit on major corridors and to connect transit with the LRT system. The route currently ends/starts at the Minneapolis/St. Paul border on Franklin avenue, follows Franklin Avenue through the Seward neighborhood and ends/starts in downtown Minneapolis. The MTC has indicated that there is low ridership from the Minneapolis/St. Paul border area. Route #8 riders are encouraged to use #16 or #2 buses. Prospect Park riders who ride the #8 route would find that the number of additional blocks they would have to walk to ride the alternative lines increases from two blocks on the east to at least six blocks by the time the bus crosses the Mississippi River - and will lose the direct contact to the Cedar/Franklin Station of the LRT. In the Seward neighbor-

hood, the #8 is the transportation connection of a large number of individuals. An informal survey shows the buses full during the morning and evening commuting hours, with a large number of women as passengers. During other hours, the ridership is less. There have been neighborhood meetings scheduled in the Seward neighborhood by the neighborhood and there are several community meetings sponsored by the MTC. It was recommended that there should be ways to increase the ridership by adjustments to the #8 route and schedule. Send to MTC, attn:Service Development, 560 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Mn 55411 or [<sector5@metc.state.mn.us>](mailto:sector5@metc.state.mn.us) See attached Item 8 for copies of MTC materials.

7) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes:** *"That in an effort to improve PPERRIA's effectiveness on transportation and land use planning issues, PPERRIA hereby authorizes the merging of the Transportation Committee (a standing committee that does not have a chair and is inactive) and the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Action Committee into the 'Transportation and Land Use Planning Committee.'" Steve Banks reviewed the motion. The Transportation Committee has been inactive since the illness and death of its chair, Eleanor Montgomery. The LRT Committee Chair, John Dewitt, and members agree that the merger of the two committees is in order. There is a large overlap of committee members and both have dealt with different parts of the same issues: movement through and within the neighborhood and the resulting issues. Transportation and land use tend to be proactive issues. The Zoning Committee concentrates on zoning issues that are usually reactive and they require constant vigilance, a Byzantine knowledge and where and who to deal with within the city.*

8) **Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes:** *"That PPERRIA refer the issue of PPERRIA and Neighborhood Revitalization program (NRP) to the PPERRIA Executive Committee to review, analyze and prepare a long range plan."* Steve Cross introduced the original motion that this motion replaced: "That

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PPERRIA is committed to the value of the NRP to the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood and to Minneapolis as a whole. PPERRIA hereby rejects any effort to eliminate NRP and directs its members and officers to vigorously oppose any attempt to eliminate NRP and to work closely with the Minneapolis Mayor, City Council and City Officials to ensure that NRP funding is continue, regardless of budget and other considerations." A lengthy and vigorous discussion was held concerning the relationship of the neighborhood with NRP. Opinions were presented that supported the continuation of the relationship in its present form and those that felt that there may be alternative relationships. In addition it is unclear as to if and/or what form will be the proposed NRP II. Minneapolis Council member Paul Zerby, PPERRIA Member, abstained from this vote.

9) Karen Murdock, Vice President-Membership, presented the 3' by 6' map of the neighborhood supplied by the City that she has prepared showing homesteaded properties and that were previous and of the 223 2002-2003 PPERRIA members, and the approximate 1000 living units in the neighborhood, with a somewhat even distribution throughout the neighborhood. She provided membership applications and 1/2003 PPERRIA Newsletters and asked all to contact their neighbors who are not PPERRIA members.

10) Announcements:

- A) A child at Pratt School has been diagnosed with Leukemia. A fund has been formed for contributions. Contact Susan Gottlieb, 331-5057 or susansmg@aol.com
- B) NRP has reported that several of the proposed PPERRIA/NRP Reallocation Strategies need work to bring the proposals in line with NRP regulations. Doing so is not impossible.
- C) The quest for eleven Neighborhood Cleanup Coordinators continues.
- D) Bill Kahn, Environmental Committee Chair, reported that there will be a committee meeting this Thursday at 4:30 at Pratt to discuss their realloca-

tion strategy.

- E) Susan Gottlieb announced that there will be a "tasting" fund raiser of General Mills products for Pratt on Tuesday 2/25/2003. See Item A above to contact her.
 - F) Karen Murdock announced that some unwanted telephone calls can be ended by calling 1-800-921-4110.
 - G) Karen also indicated that there are newspaper articles regarding I-94 sound walls in the St. Paul neighborhood of Merriam Park. The issue was referred to the Executive Committee.
 - H) She also read a Minneapolis Tribune article regarding school closings in Minneapolis and large vocal reaction is to be expected from Prospect Park if Pratt would be included.
- 11) Karen Murdock, Zoning Committee Member, reviewed the committees activities. She reported positive actions by the Minneapolis Council Zoning and Planning Committee.
- A) The issue of Carriage House Housing, two structures on one lot, will be limited to the Ventura Village neighborhood and not city wide. This is a strategy to increase affordable housing but in neighborhoods around the University of Minnesota, it would only result in more student housing not long-term housing.
 - B) There will be increased notification of affected parties of proposed zoning change and an attempt to notify business associations as well as neighbors and the zoning committee.
- 12) Susan Gottlieb referred all to the PPERRIA/NRP Contractor report as published in the 1/2003 PPERRIA Newsletter. See attached Item 12.
- 13/14) **Old and New Business:**
- A) Lois Willand, Treasurer, indicated that the now disbanded First Southeast Corporation, has contributed \$1,500 to each Southeast Neighborhood Organization. First Southeast was formed in the 1960s with individuals purchasing shares to purchase homes in SE that could be returned to single family residences and sold to

single family owner/residents. There are three conversions in Prospect Park and many members. The increase in housing properties' selling prices is the major reason for the disbanding.

- B) It was commented at the poor condition and unattractiveness of the East River Parkway from the St. Paul city limits to the Washington Avenue Bridge. The Minneapolis Park Board has a plan that improves the pathways along the Parkway as well as later improving the roadway, but these are on hold due to lack of funds. Tom Kilton, Mississippi River Gorge Committee Chair, indicated that the Park Board declined to be included when the neighborhood sidewalk lighting was installed.
 - C) It was commented that there seems to be an abandoned absentee owner duplex at Orlin and Arthur Avenue SE. It was recommended that a call be made to the Council member's office.
 - D) Council member Zerby reported that he continue to request from the City Council a statement regarding caution/opposition to the proposed USA/Iraq war.
- 15) **Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn this meeting."** No additional business was considered at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary.
Written comments and changes to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko029@umn.edu

PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR* (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to Contact
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m.	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist	Florence Littman, 331-2970
Thursday, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m.	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:p.m.	Cabin Fever Event at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. 6 p.m.—Potluck, 7 p.m.—Karen Radford & Friends folk/rock/bluegrass music	Becky Sechrist, 378-2380
Monday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Membership and BOD Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.	Pratt PTO Taste Test Fundraiser at Prospect-Park United Methodist Church	Robin Schow, 378-3489
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m.	Annual Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park—hayrides, bonfire, food, entertainment	Kris Hammes, 370-4925
Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Prospect Park Garden Club Meeting at location TBA.	Mary Alice Kopf, 379-7436
Wednesday, Mar. 5, 7:30 p.m.	Luxton Park Council Meeting at Luxton Park Building.	Jim Widder, 331-6129
Monday, Mar. 10, 7 p.m.	PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Steve Banks, 321-9064
Wednesday, Mar. 12, 6 p.m.	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) Meeting at 92 St. Mary's Avenue	William Tweet, 342-1952

*To include items in PPERRIA Calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **FRIDAY, March 07, 2003**.

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 Shirley Davis, 342-1952
Tues. 4 to 5 p.m. 1st Mon., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 3rd Mon., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. 4th Tues., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Cmty Center Bookmobile at University Good Samaritan Center	
Tues., 7 p.m.	Community Choir at Prospect Park	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	

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