

# February 2004 PPERRIA Newsletter



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## **PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda** **The next PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9 p.m.**

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm  
Avenues Southeast

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approve agenda and minutes from 1/26/04**
3. **Information: Proposed Gopher Stadium** – Jan Morlock, University of Minnesota
3. **Update on Pratt School**
4. **NRP Survey Results**
5. **Items for Consideration:**
6. **New/Old Business**
7. **Adjourn**

### **Motion**

PPERRIA requests \$14,412.50 in Phase II Plan Development funds to pay for organizational costs related to developing a participation agreement and Phase II NRP Neighborhood Action Plan.

# Minutes from January 26<sup>th</sup> PPERRIA meeting

- 1) The 01/26/04 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 S.E. Minneapolis Minnesota 55414) A quorum of the BOD was present. Introduced were new members, first time attendees and visitors. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept as the agenda for this meeting the agenda available at this meeting." See attached Item 1. There were no additional items added to this agenda.
- 2) Motion made by Steve Cross, Immediate Past President, seconded by Bill Hendrickson, Member and passed without noes: That the minutes of the 11/24/03 PPERRIA B/M/N Meeting as published in the 11/03 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting be accepted with a name spelling and a grammar change." See attached Item 2.
- 3) Katie Mulinix, Office Administrator- Genesis 2, (Malcolm and University Avenues S.E.) discussed the supervised day and evening programs offered for women and their dependents who are referred by the Hennepin and Ramsey County Child Protection and Criminal Justice Agencies: parenting, parent/child, interpersonal development, assessments, and continuing care for teens and adults. See attached Item 3. She asked about the neighborhood's contact with Genesis. Recently a new director was appointed, Nicole Deters Spader. A) Initially there was a PPERRIA member on its Board of Directors, but they felt their time was not well spent; B) There have been ongoing discussions about the placement of the trash bins on the east street side rather than on the west off street site. Otherwise there have been no incidents, etc. Genesis 2 is looking for ways to collaborate with organizations and individuals. 3036 University Avenue S.E. 612-617-0191 <genesis2@genesis2.org>
- 4) Announcements: A) Council Member Paul Zerby reported that there will be a meeting regarding the proposed Gopher Football Stadium on 02/04/04 at 4:30 to 6 P.M. at the University YMCA on University Avenue S.E. He indicated that the neighborhood needs to get reorganized and get in at the start. At the 02/04 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting, a motion will be introduced; B) Julie MacKenzie, Joy Coordinator, provided copies of the JOY (Just Older Youth) 02/04 Newsletter. See attached Item 4.
- 5) Florence Littman, Zoning Committee Chair, reviewed pending Zoning issues; A) The planned Cupcake Coffee House and Bakery to be located in the Architecture and Art Building (aka Nagle and Furniture Mart) at University and 31st Avenues S.E. has the Minneapolis Planning Commission okay as of 01/12/04. A May 2004 opening is planned; B) The variances requests for 194 Malcolm Avenue S.E. for a second story and garage changes should be granted as there are no neighbors' objections.
- 6) Joyce Barta referred all to the "PPERRIA/NRP Contractors Activities Report" as published in the 01/04 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting. Billed 12/05/03 to 01/08/04 was \$1,148.00 for PPERRIA/NRP support and Pratt outreach. Billed 10/18/95 to 01/08/04 was \$152,604.34 \$16,862.69 remains for future billings. See attached Item 6.
- 7) Old Business: A) Peter LaSha, BOD Member, said he has a fear of losing the 90 year old Tower Grocery (Zipoy's) neighborhood grocery store at Bedford and University Avenues S.E. The neighborhood needs to get organized about this. See attached Item 7; B) During the discussion about Tower Grocery the issue was raised about the not snow-cleared west sidewalk on Bedford between University Avenue S.E. and Fourth Street S.E. (On the next day received was an e-mail from Council Member Zerby that he had asked for inspections regarding the clearing of the snow); C) Also raised was the issue of the vehicle/pedestrian problems with the Bedford and University Avenues S.E. This

is not the only intersection. Needed is someone(s) to take charge of the Transportation Committee, now leaderless due to the death of its Chair, Eleanor Montgomery; D) Paul Zerby indicated that soon to come before the city council is a change in the inspection law that will assist inspectors in enforcing their orders.

8) New Business: A) Peter Wagenius, Senior Policy Aid to the Minneapolis Mayor and a neighborhood resident, reported that there is an issue regarding the needed repair of the East River Parkway bridge over the Bridal Veil Falls just west of the Franklin/River Parkway/27 S.E. intersection. The City Public Works Maintenance Department has recommended replacement as the most cost-effective. The city Capital Long-range Improvement Committee (CLIC) has recommended that there be a study to consider alternatives, and funds were provided by the city council. Alternatives could include diverting current traffic with or without a bridge to uncover and restore the falls. The falls is the outflow into the Mississippi River from the Bridal Veil Watershed area north the site well into the Como neighborhood. It is unclear if the area and the falls are included on the National Register of Historic Places. This should be considered an opportunity of a life time. See attached Item 8. It was noted that this issue was discussed at length by the Transportation Committee during the remake of the intersection and it was then felt that there would be an increase in traffic through the neighborhood and aggressive driving if the intersection becomes more complicated. And there is the issue of historic identification. The materials regarding this will be reviewed. B) Paul Scheurer, Motley Neighborhood resident, reviewed three problems in Motley: 1) 637 Ontario Avenue S.E. is being changed by new construction from a single family residence to a 15 unit rental building. Construction has started and he has not seen any public information/discussion. Of long-run consideration is that there are many similar properties in the neighborhood. (Note: Received the next day was an e-mail from Council Member Zerby. The site is zoned R-5, the most dense residential use, and has been given all necessary permits. At this time little can be done.) But there needs to be proactive activities concerning this issue; 2) 637 Erie Avenue S.E. is owned by an absentee person and the building has been vacant for two years. The building has been boarded up and there are inspector-written orders that have been ignored. There is a fear of fire and that it spreads to neighboring resident buildings, the neighboring residents attended this meeting. (Note: The next day Council Member Paul Zerby e-mailed that the building has been opened up and there is a local individual who is to address the inspector's orders.) This site needs close observation. 3) There seems to be an increase in socially irresponsible behavior especially during certain school year calendar times. This is a specific example of an ongoing issue, not so much with the city. There are "party house" procedures, but this is an ongoing issue with the University of Minnesota (UM) and its relationship/ responsibility for off campus resident students. The UM since the "Hockey Riots" of recent years has included in the campus behavior policies UM reactions to student riot behavior. Working relationships exist with the UM and the neighborhood; the problem is with the President making recommendations and the Board of Regents implementing them. A work in progress that needs constant attention.

9) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That this meeting be adjourned." There was no additional business conducted at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary

Written changes and/or comments to 117 Arthur Avenue S.E. or marko029@umn.edu

## **Gopher Stadium Proposal**

Many of you may be following the recent news stories concerning a University of Minnesota stadium feasibility study released in December. That study concluded that a new, on-campus stadium for Gopher football may be feasible. According to the University press release, the study recommends a 50,000-seat, open-air stadium be built on campus, northeast of Williams and Mariucci arenas. Since the University campus is a near neighbor of the Prospect Park/East River Road neighborhood, PPERIA has invited Jan Morlock, University Community Relations, to come to the February 23<sup>rd</sup> PPERIA meeting to update the neighborhood on the study and the proposal to build a stadium. According to a University statement of guiding principles for the possible development of an on-campus stadium, "Any stadium on campus will be designed, constructed and operated in a manner that is compatible with the University campus environment, master plan and the commercial and residential neighborhoods near the stadium site. The University will seek to accommodate and respect the community and neighborhood needs during the planning process." More information on the stadium proposal and the feasibility study are available on the University website. Go to [www.umn.edu/stadium](http://www.umn.edu/stadium).

## NRP Policy Board Agendas Available Online

NRP Policy Board Agendas are now available online at the NRP website: [www.nrp.org](http://www.nrp.org). Agendas will be posted at least two days prior to all board meetings. An e-mail notification service is also available. To subscribe, contact Brett at [bfeldman@nrp.org](mailto:bfeldman@nrp.org). NRP policy Board meetings are held once a month and are open to the public.

## PPERIA Committees and Chairs

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 and Land Use	John Dewitt	338-1871
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	331-2970 627-9471

## February NRP/PPERIA Contractor Activities

Reporting period: January 8, 2004 through February 6, 2004. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERIA newsletter
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Worked to establish and strengthen Block Clubs		Worked to evaluate Phase I of NRP	
Worked with students, parents, and teachers at Pratt			
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 01/08/04 to 02/06/04	<b>87.75</b>	<b>\$1,604.00</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 01/08/04	<b>9,095.60</b>	<b>\$152,604.34</b>	<b>90.1%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 02/06/04	<b>9,183.35</b>	<b>\$154,208.34</b>	<b>91.0%</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$181,623.46\*; **\$15,258.69\*** remains.

\* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/22/02 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, PARC B.2. History editor and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker and Neighborhood Education Worker, and \$15,000 from Education A.1.a Pratt Liaison (contract 12/3/03). *NOTE: Current NRP Contractors include Kari Simonson, Block Club Coordinator and Joyce Barta, Implementation Coordinator, whose contracts expire 4/30/04, and Janet Madzey-Akale, Education Worker, whose contract expires 6/15/04. 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; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$168; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,232.00.

-Joyce Barta

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to Call
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	<b>Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities</b> can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-7056 Shirley Davis 342-1952
Tuesdays 4 – 5pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays 11:00-11:25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays 11:30-12:00	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park <b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ. Good Samaritan Center <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center	Bookmobile 630-6630
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556

# Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, February 8, 2004.**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event and Location</b>	<b>Whom to Call</b>
Month of February	<b>Black History Month Activities</b> at Luxton Park and area schools	
Tuesday, February 17 7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Tuesday, February 17	<b>JOY Outing</b>	Julia M-F business hrs MacKenzie-Cross 331-5823
Thursday, February 19 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Saturday, February 21 6 pm potluck 7 pm music	<b>Cabin Fever Event</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	
Monday, February 23 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, February 25 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club meeting</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday March 2 11:00-1:00	<b>JOY Book Club</b>	Julia M-F business hrs MacKenzie-Cross 331-5823
Monday March 2	<b>Precinct caucuses</b>	
Wednesday, March 3 7:30 pm	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday March 8 12:00-200pm	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b>	Julia M-F business hrs MacKenzie-Cross 331-5823
Monday, March 8 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, March 10 5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet 342-1952
Tuesday, March 16 7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Tuesday, March 16	<b>JOY Outing</b>	Julia M-F business hrs MacKenzie-Cross 331-5823
Thursday, March 18 6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Monday, March 22 7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, March 24 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club meeting</b> location TBA	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436

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