

PPERRIA News – July 2009

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting
Monday, July 27th
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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JULY MEETING AGENDA

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

What you should know about the historic district of Prospect Park
What's going on and what we're doing.

UPDATES

Granary Road
Central Corridor LRT
Zoning
Planning
Gopher football

NOTE: No Board/Membership meeting – or newsletter – in August

Notes from the President:

Welcome, new and renewing members! The recent door-to-door outreach by the Board is helping bring more of you up to date. And this newsletter is meant to provide a more in-depth review of neighborhood issues. You can also consult the archived issues of the newsletter on the PPERRIA website www.pperr.org (Click on “PPERRIA“ left column, then on “Newsletters” from top menu.)

As you know, PPERRIA has been part of a larger effort to work with the University and the City of Minneapolis, to improve living conditions in our University area neighborhoods. Following an initiative by the Minnesota Legislature – led by Senator Pogemiller – the University, the City and the neighborhoods surrounding the University have formed The University District Partnership Alliance to make: “...*the University District the subject of joint efforts to preserve and maintain a vital, safe, and attractive community that will be a premiere destination and choice of a place to live, learn and work*”

The Alliance (begun January 2008) has already initiated several District-wide projects. The neighborhoods, the City, and the University are now sharing resources and leadership in new ways and making progress on several fronts. A full report to the Legislature in January 2009 documented the Alliance’s progress for its first year. (Available. (Available at www.community.umn.edu/alliance)

I have co-chaired the Alliance Steering Committee along with Karen Himle, U of M Vice President for University Relations. Here is my perception of what the Alliance has been up to.

On neighborhood livability – The Alliance Early-Start work group began in 2007 working with the City Regulatory Services on an inspection sweep of rental properties in the University neighborhoods. The result: over 500 properties inspected and over 2000 violations resolved. We urged a new ordinance requiring that all properties being converted to rental be inspected and pay a \$1000 fee. Now, plans are underway to adjust the inspection schedule to

require more frequent inspections of problem properties. The Alliance also partnered with the City to carry out a comprehensive zoning, planning and regulatory review for the University District. You’ve heard about the recommendations coming from that review at recent PPERRIA meetings. The Alliance has begun quarterly meetings with the heads of several City Departments including Planning, Regulatory Services, Public Safety and the Legal Department to keep attention focused on the District and its review recommendations.

On neighborhood stability – The Alliance Demonstration work group implemented several projects demonstrating to the legislature how the Alliance can effectively use state resources (\$750,000 was allotted for the effort). The purpose of the projects is to stabilize homeownership in the District, and to reverse recent trends of converting owner-occupied housing to rental. Key here is the Homeowner Preservation program, which offers to purchase options on owner-occupied housing, giving the Alliance the right to buy the house when the current owner is ready to sell. The Alliance then reconditions the property as needed and markets it to another owner-occupant. This program targets two vulnerable areas in the Marcy-Holmes and SE Como neighborhoods. It is meant to eventually embrace the entire District. Currently, 20 properties are under option and three homes have been purchased and are being rehabbed. We believe this effort will build confidence, and bring new investment, in the impacted neighborhoods.

A second goal of the Demonstration projects is to market the University District as a place to live and work and to encourage more people working at the U and in the area to live here. The Alliance, the U and the City have funded a homebuyer incentive program that offers \$10,000 to anyone who buys a home and lives in it for at least five years anywhere in the University District.

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Also as part of the marketing effort, the Alliance launched a website that lists the homes available for purchase in the District, along with a promotional tour of its neighborhoods (www.LiveNearYourWork.net).

Another project – highlighting gateways to the community and the commercial areas for Cedar Avenue on the West Bank – is in the final planning stage. This project hopes to encourage further streetscape development along Cedar Avenue and the proposed Central Corridor LRT Station

On a vision for the future – The Alliance Vision and Planning group is actively developing a shared vision for the District. It began developing a design framework for the District by first identifying the plans and vision for each of the neighborhoods around the University. A District workshop in September 2008 brought together the players in each neighborhood – along with the University, the City planners, students and area businesses – to highlight each neighborhood. Following this – and an Alliance forum in October that examined best practices at other major urban Universities – a third workshop was held in December to identify a key transformative project in each neighborhood that would further the Alliance goals for the District.

The Alliance then hired a consultant – The Cunningham Group – to work with each neighborhood in refining their thoughts for a neighborhood project. Prospect Park focused on the area around the 29th Avenue LRT Station as the most transformative project that would enhance the livability of our neighborhood. PPERRIA’s Planning Committee is working with the Alliance and with the City's Southeast Economic

Development (SEED) Committee to refine an urban village concept for this area.

The Alliance is now working through the neighborhood concepts to assess their feasibility. This includes the prospects for market-rate and affordable residential development; and the prospects for public, foundation and private funding. Through such efforts, we will all be in a better position to attract development that will best conform to our shared vision. The alternative is to react to developments we may find undesirable.

Finally, the Alliance is examining how to maintain a sustainable, independent organization with legal status separate from the University and the City, but nevertheless preserve the vital partnerships forged through the Alliance. It is important, too, that the Alliance be less totally dependent on volunteer organizations so it may keep up with rapidly changing events.

The worker bees – Several PPERRIA members have been active in the Alliance work. Dick Gilyard has chaired the Alliance Vision and Planning Committee and John Kari has served on it. Also, Florence Littman, Mary Alice Kopf, Andy Michel and Karen Murdock all served on Alliance task groups.

The Alliance has more events coming up, including a workshop this August 15th to examine demographics and community sustainability and the consequences these may have for the future of our residential neighborhoods. More information about the Alliance is at: www.community.umn.edu/alliance

.....Dick Poppele

PERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2009 Prospect Park United Methodist Church

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The agenda was approved unanimously. And the minutes of the April meeting were approved with the following addition: *The alternate members of the Board of Directors elected at the April meeting are Ken Cassibo (First Alternate), Travis Emdin and Steve Ficker (Second and Third Alternates, with a tie vote), and Peter LaSha (Fourth Alternate).* The minutes of the May meeting were approved unanimously. *(continued next page)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meredith Poppele passed around a sign-up clipboard for people to provide refreshments for PPERRIA meetings.
- Carla Urban announced that a task force is being set up to combat the recently discovered infestation of the emerald ash borer in the area. It will include members from Saint Anthony Park in St. Paul, Prospect Park, and S.E. Como. The task force will meet Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM at 890 Cromwell Avenue in St. Paul.
- The Prospect Park neighborhood cleanup will be September 26. Volunteers are needed and should contact Tom Kilton.
- Betts Zerby announced that a membership drive for PPERRIA would be held July 10-12. All Board of Directors members will be asked to participate. The neighborhood will be broken into small chunks, with each Board member assigned a chunk and asked to knock on doors and try to sign up new members. Membership in PPERRIA is free. Board members will be given membership forms and a list of talking points. As an incentive, Board members who sign up 10 new members for PPERRIA will get a free copy of our neighborhood history book, *Under the Witch's Hat*, of which a new printing is just hot off the presses. Betts said that there are about 1200 households in Prospect Park and only about 200 of these are PPERRIA members, so there is considerable room for improvement in this area.
- Dick Poppele announced that the moratorium on the construction of multi-unit housing in the University district, now in effect, would expire in August. The Zoning, Planning and Regulatory Review (ZPRR) Committee, which includes representatives from all the neighborhoods surrounding the U of M, is getting ready to present its recommendations to the City of Minneapolis. Primary among these recommendations is the creation of a "University Overlay District" in which certain parking (and possibly other) regulations would apply.
- The current zoning code for the City of Minneapolis requires that one off-street parking space be provided for each "housing unit." This works well for single-family houses if a single family is living in the house. However, developers have recently begun to stretch the definition of "housing unit" to create private "mini dorms" near the U of M. For example, a duplex at the corner of Yale Avenue and 27th Avenue in Prospect Park was torn down last summer and replaced with a 4-plex. Each "housing unit" in this 4-plex has 5 bedrooms. So at least 20 people are living in this "mini dorm." However, the developer only had to provide 4 off-street parking slots for this building.
- The ZPRR Committee is proposing that in the "University Overlay District" new housing be required to provide one off-street parking spot for every two bedrooms in the new building. A meeting next Monday at Van Cleve Park will deal with this issue.
- Another proposal from the ZPRR Committee would define what a "porch" is.
- Dick Poppele recommended that PPERRIA support the new ZPRR Committee proposals. A show hands indicated support for the proposals.
- Bob Roscoe announced the formation of a new task force to set up historic preservation guidelines for Prospect Park. He will chair the task force. Volunteers are needed and should talk to Bob or Dick.
- Dick Poppele made an announcement about alcohol policy at the soon-to-be-completed new Golden Gopher football stadium (TCF Stadium), now rising on the border of Prospect Park. The Minnesota state legislature passed a law (signed by the governor) that if alcohol was served anywhere in the stadium, it must be served everywhere in the stadium. President Bruinicks of the U of M recommended that alcohol not be served anywhere in the new stadium. The Board of Regents has not yet voted on this issue.
- Paul Zerby proposed a motion that "PPERRIA supports the recommendation of the President of the University of Minnesota that no alcohol be served or sold at all sporting events on campus, including those at the new TCF Stadium." The motion carried with one dissenting vote.

NRP FUNDS

Dick Poppele moved: "to release \$18,829 NRP 2 funds for Administration." These funds, from the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, have been designated for spending for the administration of PPERRIA but must be officially released by the organization. This was announced last month because a month must be allowed between the announcement of an intention to release the funds and an official vote for this purpose. The motion passed without opposing votes so may be assumed to be a vote of the Board of Directors (a quorum being present). *(continued next page)*

TRAFFIC TRIANGLES

Almost all of the remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of two “triangles” (traffic islands), one at the intersection of Malcolm Avenue and University Avenue, the other at the intersection of Clarence Avenue and University. An aerial view and ground-level views of these triangles were shown.

- Kathryn O’Brien, environmental coordinator of the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, reported that an Environmental Impact Statement done in 2006 identified the two traffic islands as important to the historic preservation of the neighborhood. A study by Hess Roise found that the triangles were a “contributing” part of the proposed historic district in Prospect Park. However, under the “advanced preliminary engineering” designs for LRT, both triangles would be removed.
- Kelly Moriarity, project manager of the Minneapolis Department of Public Works, showed an aerial photo of the Tower Hill area from 1938. The photo showed both triangles and is the earliest evidence of their existence.
- Among the changes to come when the LRT line is built, no left turns will be allowed for cars coming from Clarence Avenue onto University Avenue. The Clarence triangle will increase in size under the proposed Central Corridor construction. However, under proposed changes, the Malcolm triangle will decrease in size to the point where it will be too small for any greenery. Wheelchair access is required under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).
- John Wike suggested that part of Tower Hill Park be taken to allow for a larger Malcolm triangle. Murmurs of dread greeted this proposal and it was generally conceded that this would be very difficult to do, since the Minneapolis Park Board owns Tower Hill Park, which is reluctant to part with any of its property. (The Department of public works, however, owns the triangles.)
- Dean Lund went on record as being opposed to any “nibbling away at our park.” He felt that the triangles were “functionally part of the park.”
- Bob Roscoe said the triangles were an essential part of the historic district and should be preserved.
- Paul Zerby said that people in Prospect Park “prefer green to concrete” and that green spaces are part of our history. Peter LaSha added that historically Prospect Park was set up as a “garden city” with such features as curvy streets and that the triangles in the Park (there are several besides the two under discussion) are necessary for traffic to move through the neighborhood.
- Dennis Gimmestad from the State Historic Preservation Office said that a “106 Review” of the LRT project forces consideration of the preservation of “essential character” elements along the train line. If such elements must be removed, the neighborhood must be given some “mitigation.” He said that Section 4F of the Surface Transportation Act requires that essential character elements of a neighborhood must be retained unless there is no feasible alternative to their removal. He said that the two triangles help to move people “psychologically” into the Park since, coming from University Avenue, people are moving into a very different landscape when they come into Prospect Park. Peter Wagenius mulled over what “mitigation” might mean for Prospect Park. He suggested that if one triangle must be removed, a new triangle might be constructed elsewhere in the Park.
- John Wike pointed out that there is another triangle along University Avenue in the Park, which we had not mentioned in the discussion so far. This is the triangle at Bedford and University. He said that this triangle has no greenery, is all concrete and, in his opinion, is very ugly. Gratia Reynolds added that the Bedford triangle is the only one in the Park that “has graffiti all over it.” This triangle is not in the proposed historic district and therefore not subject to such intense scrutiny as the two triangles at Malcolm and Clarence. Darrell LeBaron recommended that the Bedford triangle be redesigned so that it is no longer “raised.” A crossing at grade would be safer for people in wheelchairs, he said, since they would no longer have to roll up and roll down the Bedford triangle.
- Paul Zerby asked if any study had been done calling for the closing of Malcolm Avenue for two blocks south of University Avenue. The street is closed off temporarily with removable barriers now when the children from Pratt School are out playing.
- Dennis Gimmestad mentioned that the trees along the University Avenue boulevard are a part of the proposed historic district and therefore cannot be cut down without extensive review.
- John DeWitt of the PP Transit Committee said that University Avenue in Prospect Park is part of a “Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District.” He felt that it was inappropriate that the intersections under discussion prioritized car traffic over foot traffic.

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- Joe Ring of the Historic District Committee (and past president of PPERRIA) pointed out that in the year 2002 PPERRIA passed a resolution supporting the alignment of the LRT line along University Avenue through the Prospect Park neighborhood (however, the resolution was contentious and not representative of all residents, only passed passing on a vote of 18 to 16). At that time, the St. Paul Transit Authority promised not to widen University Avenue in order to construct the LRT, a promise that has since been rescinded. Joe read a statement he had recently received from Norma Olson who is considered one of the “mothers” of Prospect Park and played a vital role in landscaping the traffic triangles in the Park.
- Joe passed out a proposed motion for a position statement for PPERRIA to adopt on the traffic triangles. The following part of his proposal was moved (by Phil Anderson), discussed, and adopted with two no votes and six abstentions: *The Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association does not support or endorse the removal, or any alterations, to the landscaped triangles at the intersections of Clarence and University and Malcolm and University.*
- David Coats proposed a friendly amendment that PPERRIA oppose removal of the triangles until deficiencies in the process have been resolved to our satisfaction. This proposal was not adopted.
- Dick Gilyard reminded members that the area of PP lying north of University Avenue would be radically different in the future than it is today. It will have more residential uses, more industrial uses, and, possibly, an “urban village” of shops and other services near the LRT station at 29th Avenue (this concept is currently under discussion in the Master Plan Committee, of which Dick G. is the chairman).
- Peter Wagenius said that the traffic hazard at University and Malcolm would, in the future, be relieved to some extent by the construction of Granary Road. Granary Road is a high priority issue for the City of Minneapolis. However, the funds needed to connect Granary Road to Interstate 35W have not yet come through. The project is a complicated one since it involves the city governments of both Minneapolis and St. Paul and several other entities.
- Paul Zerby pointed out that the safety hazard for pedestrians at University and Malcolm involves both the north and the south side of this intersection. Two people have been killed here in the past few years. Susan Thrash said that large trucks on Malcolm north of University must, if they wish to turn right on University, do so from the left lane of Malcolm. This presents a hazard to both pedestrians and cars.
- David Coats made a motion that “All traffic and pedestrian safety issues at the Malcolm and University intersection be fully addressed by all concerned parties for current and possible future uses.” The motion passed unanimously and can be considered to represent a vote of the PPERRIA Board of Directors (a quorum being present).
- This ended the traffic triangles discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- Peter LaSha said that he had attended a meeting of the city’s Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), which is replacing the old Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). For purposes of the NCEC, the city of Minneapolis is divided into districts. Prospect Park is in District 8. At the NCEC meeting, Marcea Mariani (from the Cooper neighborhood) was elected the representative for District 8.
- Darrell LeBaron, who owns “Station 19” along with his partner Dick Brownlee, thanked the people of PPERRIA for supporting the preservation of this building twice in the recent past (the University had proposed to tear down the building in conjunction with the construction of the new football stadium). He said he plans to hold an open house at Station 19 before the first home game of the Golden Gopher season this fall. He invited everyone to come to the open house.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Murdock
 PPERRIA Secretary

They're baaaack!

Maybe you lived here when Memorial Stadium anchored the east end of the U of M campus – a red brick monument to the memory of the veterans of World War I. This was where the football Gophers became “Golden,” with consecutive nationally-ranked teams under coach Bernie Bierman (who lived at the bend in the hill on Malcolm). In 1941, the era produced Minnesota’s only Heisman Trophy winner Bruce Smith of Faribault. Talent was largely homegrown: big, quick kids off the farm, from small towns and the Iron Range, plus the indestructible Bronco Nagurski.

Football Saturdays were a campus event that, for good or ill, spilled over into our neighborhood. On a crisp fall afternoon the roar of the crowd would wash over Prospect Park, along with the cannon’s boom announcing each Gopher touchdown. Before the game, then Alderman Glen Wallace had his Sea Scouts parking cars to fund extra scout

activities. And for an hour after the game, strange cars would cruise our local streets: having tried to get around the busy main routes, they were now only wanting a way out of our tangle-town.

For some of us it can never be the same. U of M football disappeared downtown under a Teflon roof.

But, hey – it’s a new day and a new stadium. U of M football is back on campus! Once again, for good or ill, football Saturdays will spill into Prospect Park – and from a venue even nearer than before. So let’s make the most of it. Come to this, our last meeting before the September 12 football opener. Discuss it with neighbors and bring your ideas. We can cuss it, but it’s a reality. We may as well embrace it and make it work for us. (See Julie Wallace for fresh ideas.)

.....the editor

National Night Out (NNO) Tuesday August 4

Our town perennially scores high on national ratings for participation in National Night Out. If you’re block party’s not ready for National Night Out by now, you’ll have to hustle. This year it falls on August 4th. And Tuesday July 21 is the deadline for filing a permit to close your street. After that, it’ll cost you. You can register and do it all on-line.

The City of Minneapolis can assist you, but their ability to help diminishes as the NNO date approaches. Also, rain can disrupt your plans. If you have no alternative rain venue, the city-authorized rain date is Wednesday, August 5th.

if you aren’t set up by now, find another party to join. Hey, it’s all about getting acquainted and meeting your neighbors. However, freeloading is not cool. Bring something to the party even if it’s nothing but a sunny disposition and a willingness to pitch in.

July 2009 PPERRIA Staff Report 6/6/09 – 7/8/09

This month, the contractor’s services were paid using budgeted PPERRIA funds. Staff hours from June 6 through July 8, 2009 totaled 26.25 for a cost of \$630. Total PPERRIA funds budgeted for 2009: \$1000. \$300 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, Sept 10th**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, July 21 7:00 pm	Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970 Phil Anderson 627-9471
Wednesday, July 22 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club meeting at the home of Mary Alice Kopf, 137 Warwick ST SE	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436
Monday, July 27 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
Tuesday, August 4	National Night Out Block Club Parties	Contact your Block Club Leader
Monday, August 10 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Tuesday, August 11 7:00 pm	Community Concert at Pratt outdoor amphitheater featuring local, "home grown" talent. Come and cheer on our own performers!	Gratia Reynolds 331-5312 Lois Willand loiswilland@comcast.net
Wednesday, August 12 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Tuesday, August 18 7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970 Phil Anderson 627-9471
	No PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting in August.	
Thursday, August 20 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Wednesday, August 26 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Garden Club meeting at the home of Chris and Harrison Nelson, 1827 Franklin Ave. SE	Kent Petterson 332-1821 Harrison Nelson 379-1236
Wednesday September 2 7:00 pm	Luxton Park Council at Luxton Park	Jim Widder 331-6129
Wednesday, September 9 5:00 pm	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins 342-1952
Saturday, September 12 8:00am - noon	Pratt Boot Sale and Pancake Breakfast	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, September 14 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Tuesday, September 15 7:00 pm	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970 Phil Anderson 627-9471
Thursday, September 17 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt	Mary Alice Kopf 379-7436 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, September 28 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

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Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman, Co-chair Phil Anderson, Co-chair	littm005@umn.edu phil.ann.anderson@gmail.com	331-2970

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Nominating Committee	Andy Mickel	andym@pperr.net	331-8396
Sound Wall	Dorothy Davey	tom4dotd@aol.com	331-8418

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, Jakki Kydd-Fidelman, Susan Gottlieb
Southeast Economic Development Committee (SEED)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard

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FYI:

Help Stop the EAB!

Carla Urban

(We're talking about that sneaky beetle here: the Emerald Ash Borer.)

The PPERRIA Livability Committee seeks volunteers to join the fledgling **Emerald Ash Borer Task Force**. The discovery of this destructive pest in Minnesota happened just recently in South St. Anthony Park, kitty-corner from our neighborhood just across Hwy. 280 and University Avenue. St. Paul has taken aggressive action to limit the spread of the beetle, but we should assume it will reach our neighborhood in the foreseeable future.

We envision the EAB Task Force as:

- Educating residents on identifying ash trees and looking for signs of infestation
- Facilitating communication on the topic within the neighborhood, and
- Playing other roles as the situation progresses.

Want to become involved? Contact Carla Urban, PPERRIA VP and Livability Co-Chair, at 612-379-8083 or dewey002@umn.edu. And for an informative, local article on the topic, see the Bridge Online at: <http://www.bridgelandnews.org/8591>