

# PPERRIA news



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## agenda

### PPERRIA Neighborhood Meeting

6:30 PM – 7:15 PM Monday, MAY 20, 2013

- 1) Welcome and Sign-In (CML)
- 2) Review and approval of neighborhood meeting agenda
- 3) Guests Business Guest—*Don Engel*, Shriners Hospitals for Children  
#311—*Lisa Good*
- 4) General Announcements/Reminders  
Possibility of a community oven—*Steve Cross*  
*Adjourn neighborhood meeting*

### PPERRIA Board of Directors Meeting

7:15 PM – 8:30 PM Monday, MAY 20, 2013

- 1) Welcome and Sign-In (CML)
- 2) Review & approval of Consent Agenda  
Historic District committee report
- 3) Review & approval of Board Meeting Agenda
- 4) Guests  
PP Community Gardens presentation—*Del Hampton & Sam Johnson*
- 6) Board Action Items
  - a) Administration Committee  
Treasurer's report  
Budget adjustment proposal  
Proposed membership policy  
Proposed grievance policy  
Proposed conflict of interest policy
  - b) Approve Board of Directors Meeting minutes: February, March, April
- 7) Other discussions?  
*Adjourn Board meeting*

cover photo:

#### **The View From Here**

Prospect Park Tower open but once a year coinciding with Pratt Ice Cream Social on 31 May, 2013. What's more: it's been standing watch for 100 years! See back cover for details.



**Prospect Park United Methodist Church** 22 Malcolm Ave SE

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# about

PPERRIA is the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association — the oldest neighborhood association in Minneapolis. Organized in 1901, PPERRIA was born out of the opposition to the city proposal to level Prospect Park hill, and ever since our neighborhood, through PPERRIA, has embraced controversial issues be it the I-94 freeway construction in the 1960's, school closings in the 1970's, the repaving project in the early 1980's, safety and security lighting of the late 1990's, or Central Corridor Light Rail in the current day. All Prospect Park and East River Road neighbors and businesses are eligible to join.

Your current PPERRIA officers:

President	<i>Christina Larson</i> pperriapresident@gmail.com
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Secretary	<i>Eric Amel</i> eric@msrltd.com
Treasurer	<i>Dick Poppele</i> dick@umn.edu

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<http://www.pperr.org/pperria/pperria.html>

# the board

Your current PPERRIA Board of Directors:

## 2012-2014 term

*Phil Anderson*  
*Richard Brownlee*  
*Sigrid & David Coats*  
*Steve Cross*  
*John Cushing & Martha Joy*  
*John DeWitt*  
*Kate Donahue*  
*Susan & Jeff Gottlieb*  
*Charles & Sally Jorgenson*  
*T.K. Kilton*  
*Christina Larson*  
*Susan Larson-Fleming*  
*Florence Littman*  
*Dorothy Marden*  
*Andy Mickel*  
*Karen Murdock*  
*Peggy & Peter Rejto*  
*Joe Ring & Susan Thrash*  
*Lindsey Wollschlager*  
*Paul & Betts Zerby*

## 2013-2015 term

*Richard Adams*  
*Eric Amel*  
*Tony & Greta Garmers*  
*Dick Gilyard*  
*Ken Hampton*  
*John Holmquist*  
*Tamara Johnson*  
*Dick Kain*  
*Roger Kiemele*  
*Dean A. & Janet L. Lund*  
*Ann Munt*  
*Will Oberly*  
*John Orrison*  
*Dan Peters*  
*Dick & Meredith Poppele*  
*Evan Roberts*  
*Rebecca Shockley*  
*Jerry & Margie Stein*  
*John & Wendy Wicks*  
*Lois Willand*

# notes

## from the President's Desk

Wow, great turnout at our Annual Membership Celebration, despite the heavy wet snowfall! Even some new faces braved the wintry weather to cast their votes for the new Directors. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the party, and many thanks to *Patrick Kellis* of the Profile Center for his generous donation of his space, his staff's time, and their wonderful catering.

Our Board confirmed the committee chairs for 2013-14, and also cast its votes for the 2013-14 officers. You'll find a full list elsewhere in this Newsletter, and you'll notice that the same author is writing to you from the President's Desk. Yes, I got re-elected. Isn't there some proverb that says the one best suited to lead is the one who wants it least? Yikes.

As long as I'm in the hot seat, I might as well have an agenda. You may or may not know that I am a veterinarian who works full time and provides additional consulting services in my free time. I also train in aikido, sail in the summertime, find time to work out, and run my little household without anyone to share the chores. As a result, I have a self-serving mission in the role of President: Provide the most bang for your buck in the least amount of time.

Secondly, as good as I may be at organizing or writing, my time and attention is limited. There are many, many people in this neighborhood with varied and diverse interests. If you come to me passionate about something you want to do, all I want to do is connect you with the people and resources that will launch you and get myself out of your way. You'll be great.

There will always be topics, concerns, and issues that come to PPERRIA's table. I don't have a crystal ball to predict what will cross our path in the next 12 months. What I do know is the operational items I want to focus on. There is a great reluctance to take up any leadership role in PPERRIA. I can think of at least three possible reasons why that might be the case: A perception it's too much work, a lack of knowledge about how to do it, and/or reluctance to be in a hot seat.

So here are my themes, which I have never really enunciated until now: Simplify, standardize, train, create.

I want to make PPERRIA operating knowledge as accessible and broadly-dispersed as we can, with the goal of making officer or chair positions as turn-key as possible. We can shorten the learning curve, and make it nearly automatic for appropriate actions to happen on time. Are you willing to share what you know?

Similarly, I want to make it easy for people to take on limited scope/limited time roles. We already have ongoing commitments available in the form of committees & committee chairs. We need more finite options, such as participating on task forces or self-identifying as subject matter experts ready to participate in selected conversations. What other opportunities can we create?

Everything I do (or ask for) is inside of this framework. It could be an amazing ride. Are you ready??

—your cheerful PPERRIA President, *Christina Larson*

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# minutes

## PPERRIA Executive Committee

April 8, 2013, 6:30 PM  
PPERRIA Office

### Attendees

*Christina Larson, President; Karen Murdock, Secretary; Lindsey Wollschlager, Treasurer; Dick Poppele, Immediate Past President, Administration; Lois Willand, Membership and Communications; Dick Gilyard, Master Planning; John DeWitt, Transit; Joe Ring, Historic District; Dick Browlee, Zoning & Project Review; Eric Amel, Newsletter Editor; Jessica Buchberger, Administrative Assistant; Nick Bussa, GASPA Guest; Chet Bodin, GASPA Guest.*

Consent agenda was approved unanimously, which consisted of the Transit Committee Report and the MemComm Report.

Modified agenda approved unanimously.

*Christina* reminded the committee to nominate committee chairs by the 15th. No co-chairs, only chairs and vice chairs will be accepted by *Christina*.

### GASPA

*Nick Bussa* and *Chet Bodin* presented from GASPA on the Student Board of Community Engagement (BCE) formation to strengthen ties between the University and the surrounding communities to serve the community. The purpose would be to establish and maintain transparent, coordinated and collaborative communication channels for community projects through service learning projects and public work or agency projects. The goal would be to provide a method for consistent civic agency among University Students in the adjacent neighborhoods through discussions and active participation in various community related projects. Student groups will be able to choose which service projects neighborhoods have proposed and will commit to those projects. GASPA would like PPERRIA to choose a committee for them to belong to, and will give a monthly update on GASPA projects and to find new projects for GASPA students.

### Administrative Committee and Treasurer's Report

For clarification from the Admin Report: the Community Garden is requesting \$3000 from PPERRIA for a \$5000 project.

The NCR wants the bylaws to be modified to meet their requirements for CPP grants, and may not give the CPP grant as a result of inaction. The Treasurer's report

shows that PPERRIA does not have the funds to cover the expenses it will incur starting now without taking it out of the restricted funds (Prospect Park Forward) which will need Board approval before it is spent.

The Community Garden approached PPERRIA to ask for funding for their project. They gave a full presentation on the garden, and have asked for help in funding a water supply to the garden on Arthur. They have asked PPERRIA for \$3000 as a part of a \$5000 installation of a hose system. They will pay for the water pumped into the garden with dues from garden members. Money earmarked for LRT Planning and Sound Wall in the PPERRIA budget would be redirected to the Community Garden if passed by the Board. Should the Board provide them funding, the Community Garden would become a PPERRIA Task Force.

*Richard Gilyard* moved to endorse, received a second, and was passed unanimously to move it onto the May Board meeting.

### Master Planning Report

*Richard Gilyard* gave a report on the March 26 Master Planning committee meeting. Report is appended. The letter of support was unanimously voted to be sent to the May BOD.

### Zoning & Project Review Report

The committee discussed nine active projects that are happening around the neighborhood and discussed the draft of the liquor policy which should be ready to be sent to the Board after the next Z & PR meeting. The developers of a new building on Walnut St. presented to the committee which Z & PR did not take a position on. *Jan Morlock* is continuing to plan an informational community meeting on the ambulatory care project. A new topic to get more people involved in the community discussion is parking and the possible avenues PPERRIA might take in the future.

### Annual Meeting

Meeting is happening April 22nd, at the Profile Event Center, who is providing food. *John Orrison* and *Richard Adams* are spearheading the Task Force.

### Historic District Report and Update

*Joe Ring* has talked with the Metropolitan Council about the traffic study, who asked if PPERRIA would provide a proposed draft of the study to the City. *Joe* recommends that PPERRIA give it to them, seconded by *Dick Poppele*, unanimously approved.

# meeting calendar

## Board of Director Meeting Dates

May 20, 2013

June 24, 2013

July 22, 2013

August — no meeting

September 30, 2013

October 28, 2013

November 25, 2013

December — no meeting

January 27, 2014

February 24, 2014

March 24, 2014

April 28, 2014 — Annual Meeting

## Executive Committee Meeting Dates

May 6, 2013

June 10, 2013

July 8, 2013

August 12, 2013 — tentative

September 9, 2013

October 14, 2013

November 11, 2013

December 9, 2013 — tentative

January 13, 2014

February 10, 2014

March 10, 2014

April 7, 2014

## Minutes

There was a motion made to approve the meeting minutes from the March Executive committee via email by Noon on Friday. This was approved unanimously.

## Discussions

### Conflict of Interest

*Christina* raised the fact that there has not been an approved policy on conflicts of interest. The Zoning & Planning committee has a policy that anyone who has a conflict of interest of any kind that would influence their voting in an unfair bias should recuse themselves from the discussion and remove themselves from any voting on the matter. The Zoning and Project Review committee policy will be sent to the Administration committee for review and possible action to move this forward to the Board.

### Bylaws Discussion

The 20 Board members who are not up for nomination will be split up amongst the Executive committee and contacted personally to discuss the bylaws changes. This will also happen with the new Board members elected at the Annual Meeting.

### Annual Meeting Agenda

The committee would like an update from the Nominating committee with who is running for the Board of Directors and who has been asked to run but has declined so the Executive committee can find more names to add to the slate of nominees.

### Policy of Distribution of Draft Minutes

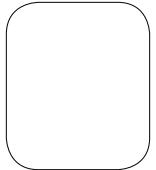
Draft minutes are distributed to the people in attendance and the full Board of Directors for review, excluding non-member guests. Finalized materials are published.

Group transition from volunteer to a mix of volunteer and professional consultant mix.

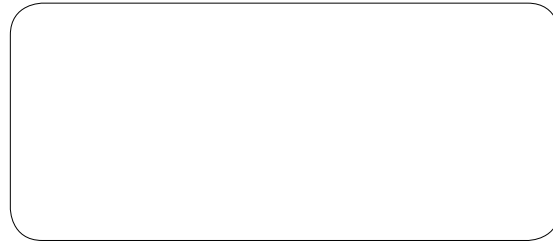
With the hiring of new consultants and staff it may be prudent to seek help in informing the membership about the changes in structure or duties. Dick Brownlee has proposed PPERRIA explores seeking help in resources to aid in these transitions and will look into the resources available to a group like PPERRIA.

Adjourned at 9:05pm





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# **PRATT ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Friday, May 31, 2013, 5:30 - 8:30 PM RAIN OR SHINE!**

**CLIMB THE 100 YEAR OLD TOWER SHAPED LIKE A WITCHES HAT! 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

Great View--Bring Your **CAMERA!**

This is the only day of the year that the Tower Observation deck is open to the public.

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS & FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

**FANTASTIC FOOD!**

Ice Cream! Cake, Brats, Sambusas, Egg Rolls, Wontons, Beverages, Roasted Corn, and more **ICE CREAM!**

**GAMES OF CHANCE!** Fish Pond, Palm Reading, Moon Walk, Face Painting and more!

**EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT!**

*Cadillac Kolstad*, *Mike Wilson* and *Erkki Huovinen's The Prospectors*, *Len Yaeger's Lazy Does It Band*, Tap Dancers, Pratt Middle Eastern Dancers, Hip Hop Dancers, Appalachian Clogging

**PLANT SALE!** by PPERRIA Garden Club

**SILENT AUCTION!** by Pratt Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). All proceeds go to the school's student enrichment programs. Online bidding at <http://www.32auctions.com/pratt2013>

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