

# November 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



## **PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting**

**Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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 – 7:00 pm.*

If you have special needs requiring accommodation, please contact Joyce Barta at [bartajm@yahoo.com](mailto:bartajm@yahoo.com) and we will make every attempt to meet that need.

### **Note:**

**There is no Board/Membership meeting in December, and no newsletter in December – See you next year!**

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority is cutting, by more than half, their share of a contract with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board to fund operations of East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS) at Luxton Park.

Glendale Housing Development was built more than 50 years ago. And Prospect Park welcomed it on the condition that ESNS would be providing social services to the residents. Thus, Luxton Park and the housing authority have, together, paid the annual rental for ESNS at Luxton. The Park Board, alone, cannot do this. The housing authority claims their current budget prevents them from fulfilling their part of the agreement. And, after staff and program costs, the annual ESNS budget leaves nothing for rental fees.

With no Luxton office, the ESNS resources would fall back to a northeast Minneapolis neighborhood facility. When a 182-family, row-house development loses services that strengthen families and community, it becomes vulnerable to unsavory elements.

It is my intention to keep you informed about what is happening at Glendale.

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S ometime next year an application may be presented to the Department of the Interior to place the neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places – as the Prospect Park Historic District – for its significance in the areas of social history, community planning and development, and architecture. Although this is largely an honorific distinction, there is a practical side. National Historic Designation does not place any restrictions on what property owners may do with their property, but it does limit how any Federal Funds may be used with regard to the property.

An important outcome that Historic District designation is likely to have – and one that was anticipated in the original plan to seek designation – is that it would serve to buffer Prospect Park from impending increases in residential density and loss of amenities such as schools and green space. In fact, recent City plans for development in our area – especially development that is likely to occur in conjunction with Central Corridor light rail and the impact of U of M students and the new stadium – have already taken into account the presence of a historical district.

Our neighborhood has been in the process of applying for National Historic Designation since 1995. Even though the neighborhood has not yet received any designation, the federal law affords any properties that are applying for designation the full benefit of the designation. As a result there have already been several instances in which this has played a decisive role.

One of those occurred in 2004 when the Minneapolis Public School Board was ready to sell Pratt Community School and associated property. When they discovered that Pratt was part of a pending historic district, the potential buyer declined to proceed and the School Board decided not to sell the property.

There have been several other instances, but a recent example of how this works will be a major agenda item at the November PPERRIA meeting. Following the I-35 bridge collapse, the Minnesota Department of Transportation increased the traffic capacity of I-94 through our neighborhood. These changes made by MnDOT involved the use of Federal funds, and thus triggered a review to determine their impact on the neighboring historical district. The issues here involve the additional traffic noise and the adequacy of the current sound walls. Our State officials at the November meeting will discuss these issues.

Despite such positive effects on the neighborhood, there has been some concern that National Historic Designation might have a negative effect on property values, or that it might trigger a more restrictive Local Historic District designation. To deal with these concerns, it is important to understand the rationale for the potential designations and the processes for implementing them.

First, the designation is not for the purpose of preserving specific historic structures, but rather because the neighborhood is significant for its social history, community planning and development, architecture, and association with distinctive elements of city identity.

Second, local designation is separate from national designation and is not automatically triggered by national designation. Furthermore, even if a local designation does occur, it is likely to exemplify broad patterns of cultural, political, economic or social history.

Finally, historic district designation typically enhances property values, and while this may translate into higher property taxes for some, it is also likely to maintain the desirability and therefore the value of all the properties in the neighborhood.

.....Dick Poppele

## **PPERRIA Membership and Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, October 22, 2007, 7 p.m., Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. following a social gathering .

1. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Dean Abrahamson. Passed without noes.
2. A motion to approve the September minutes, after amendments by Julie Wallace and Betts Zerby, was made by Tony Garmers. Passed without noes.
3. **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT):** Susan Ude spoke of CERT, which trains people to respond to disasters, how to take care of selves and others, deal with fire, etc. Training over 21 hours is available, which includes classroom and hands on activities. Quarterly refreshers are offered. 400 people in Minneapolis have been trained. She emphasized that with 400,000 people in Minneapolis and 450 fire fighters, the need for volunteers with knowledge is clear when any disaster occurs.
4. **Bob Roscoe Architectural Review of Prospect Park:** Bob Roscoe, local architect who has spent 10 years on the Historic Preservation Commission of Minneapolis presented a slide presentation of homes in Prospect Park which exemplify the various architectural styles found in the area. From Greek Revival, Victorian, Stick Style, Shingle Style, Arts and Crafts, to modern, examples can be found in the area. His beautiful pictures led to an appreciation of the variety of building styles we have in our area.
5. **Huron Bridge:** Paul Scheurer raised the issue that he believes the Huron Avenue foot bridge creates an easy escape route for criminals in the Motley and western area of Prospect Park. He proposes that the bridge be closed. He believes that the purpose of the bridge no longer exists with the closure of the Motley School, and offers to pay for a barrier to close the bridge.
6. **Zoning Committee:** Florence Littman reported on a joint meeting with Como residents and Cam Gordon to discuss the City of Minneapolis' administrative review process. She described a point system that enables approval of buildings based on complying with certain recommendations of the City. Joe Ring reported on a meeting with Barb Sporlien of the City Planning staff at which she indicated that the Council had requested that the process for approval of project be expedited and that changes on the process would have to be made through elected officials. The group agreed to work on improving the point system, perhaps giving points for obtaining neighborhood approval. Florence reported that there would be a Nov. 6 joint meeting with Marcy-Holmes and Como regarding a University District Overlay area.
7. **Grand Rounds:** Andy Michel reported on his work on the committee which is attempting to locate a path for the missing portion of the Grand Rounds. He reported that the Como area was very concerned that the route not require the removal of any Como homes and not become a thruway for students. Andy said that it was clear that the route would not go through the heart of Como, but would be to the far east side of the city.
8. **NRP Report:** Dick Poppele reported that the NRP II plan for Prospect Park has allocated contracts for \$130,318. Seventy percent of the Prospect Park plan is \$243,000. The City Council has instructed its staff to find funding to guarantee that the plans would receive 70% of their funds. If this is done the Prospect Park Home Improvement program would be funded. Steve Ficker raised the issue of Affordable Housing that is included in the Plan, but has not been included in funding proposals. Dick requested a volunteer to serve as an elector to attend the meeting to elect the NRP policy board representatives.
9. **Membership.** Dick Poppele requested board members to volunteer to make calls to lapsed members to continue their membership.
10. **Livability Committee:** Joe announced that the November meeting will be very important to the work of the sound wall along Highway 94. We will have Senator Larry Pogemiller, Representative Phyllis Kahn, Nick Thompson, MnDOT supervisor, and Peter Wasko, MnDOT sound specialist to discuss the impact of the 35W detour on traffic and noise due to the expansion of lanes on 94.
11. **Announcements:** Andy Michel: Grand Rounds meeting Feb. 12. Pratt School Recruitment is in process. A Public Works Citywide Master Plan group needs a volunteer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean Abrahamson. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted, Betts Zerby, Secretary

Richard Poppele, President

## PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs

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By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	pgzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
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University / 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429

The Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG) is not a PPERRIA Committee but there are three PPERRIA representatives on the Committee: Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman, and Dick Poppele.

## November NRP Contractor Activities 10/04/07 – 11/09/07

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
10/05/07 to 11/09/07	<b>24.50</b>	<b>\$ 588.00</b>	<b>0.3 %</b>
10/18/95 to 10/05/07	<b>10,838.16</b>	<b>\$188,715.15</b>	<b>98.0 %</b>
10/18/95 to 11/09/07	<b>10,862.66</b>	<b>\$189,303.15</b>	<b>98.3 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services =  
\$192,661.45. \$4525.45 remains.

## Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com by **Thursday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact	
Thursday, November 15	6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
	<b>JOY Outing</b> There is no trip scheduled this month.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Tuesday, November 20	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970
Monday, November 26	7:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Friday, November 30	11:00 am- 1:00 pm <b>JOY Book Club</b> at Baker's Square, 25 <sup>th</sup> and University. Call for more information.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Wednesday, December 5	7:30 pm <b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder	331-6129
Monday, December 10	7:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Monday, December 10	12:30 pm 1:30 pm <b>JOY Potluck</b> at Pratt. Bring some food to share or \$3.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Wednesday, December 12	5:00 pm <b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrishia Collins	342-1952
Thursday, December 20	6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
December Day undecided	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Tuesday, December 18	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970
	<b>No PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting scheduled for December</b>	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, January 2	7:30 pm <b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park	Jim Widder	331-6129
January Day undecided	<b>JOY Book Club</b> Call for information.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Wednesday, January 9	5:00 pm <b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrishia Collins	342-1952
January Day & time undecided	<b>JOY Potluck</b> at Pratt. Bring \$3, or food to share. Call for information	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Monday, January 14	7:00 pm <b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, January 15	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Roberta Mark Luxton Park	331-6621 370-4925
Tuesday, January 15	7:00 pm <b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman	331-2970

Thursday, January 17	6:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt.	Mary Alice Kopf Pratt Office	379-7436 668-1122
Wednesday, January 23	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> Location TBA.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Monday, January 28	7:00 pm	<b>PPERIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Come at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.	Dick Poppele	378-9242

NOTICE: Our November 2007 meeting will include a discussion of freeway sound barriers; specifically, those proposed for East River Mews and East River Terrace. Our state Senator Larry Pogemiller and Representative Phyllis Kahn will appear, along with the MnDOT agent for our area. It's a chance to share your concerns in a Q & A session, and show your support for a neighborhood that is livable in all respects. This will be a structured, one-hour session. So please come prepared to join in a civil dialog. (See: Notes from the president.)

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