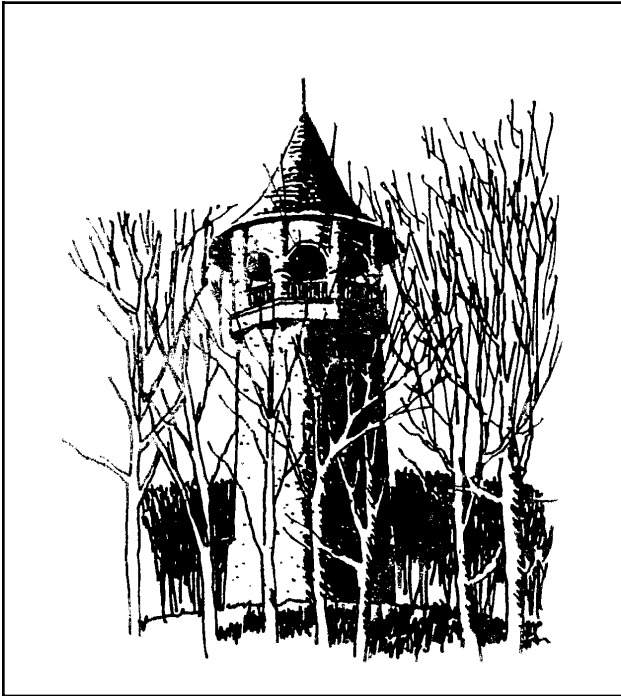


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Editor's Note: To add any news or info to the next newsletter, contact me at 331-8396 and either E-mail me at andym@mr.net or provide content on floppy disk using nearly any Mac, UNIX or Wintel text format.
- Andy Mickel

Note from the President

Dear PPERRIA members and PPERR neighbors,

This month's meeting includes an update on the work by the Executive Committee on revising the bylaws. There are three big issues: 1) who is eligible to be a member; 2) who can vote; and 3) who decides. You'll get information on those issues so you can help decide PPERRIA's future.

Sincerely, Steve Cross

PPERRIA Meeting Notice and Agenda

Our January PPERRIA Meeting is **Monday, the 24th, 7-9 p.m.**

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, SE Malcolm @ SE Orlin Aves.

1 Welcome. 2. Approve minutes from last meeting 3. Motions/Information:

Information

Update on Bedford Townhomes and Unocal projects.

Information	Recognition of Ralph and Mary Rapson for their contributions.
Information	Update on Pratt School (K/1).
Information	Update on proposed changes to PPERRIA bylaws.

4. New/old business. 5. Adjourn.

Minutes of November, 1999 PPERRIA Meeting – Dan Patenaude

1. The **11/22/99 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc.(PPERRIA)** Board of Directors/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Cross, President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). A quorum of the Board of Directors (BOD) was present.

Motion made, seconded, amended and passed without noes: "To accept the agenda as published in the 11/99 PPERRIA Newsletter and amended at this meeting." Amendments were: a) Move the by-law update to the end of the agenda. b) Table the recognition of the Rapsons until a future PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. There were no additional additions or changes of the published agenda.

2. Motion made, seconded and passed with some noes: "To accept the minutes of the 10/25/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting as published in the 11/99 PPERRIA Newsletter." Motion made, seconded, and not passed with some yeses: "To delete paragraph 20 that starts and ends 'Mike Atherton indicated...consent was received.'" A preceding motion "to call the question" was made, seconded and at least 2/3 passed with some noes. Mike Atherton indicated that the minutes do not reflect what happened and he played a taped recording of the Mike Atherton/ Steve Cross exchange in question. He repeated his statements that a chair pro-tem was not in order as the three motions he made did not refer to PPERRIA's President, the then chair of the 10/25/99 PPERRIA B/M/N meeting. (See paragraph 18 of the minutes.)

3. Sue Duoos, Director Health/Fitness, and Deanna Hamilton, Coordinator Membership/Sales, of the Midtown YWCA Community and Urban Sports Center; talked about the new YWCA. It is scheduled to open August 1, 2000. Construction is in progress of the facility located at Lake Street South and between 21st and 22nd Avenues South, north of the Minneapolis South High School outdoor athletic field. There will be a 90,000 square foot indoor fitness center and aquatic center (gym and pool) that fronts on Lake Street, parking and a field house between the centers and South field, and child care facilities. South High will have access to the facilities 7 AM to 6 PM school days with the community having access other open times on a membership or pay per use basis. Watch for future announcements and mailings.

4. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA supports the efforts to name the unnamed city pocket park at East River Road and Ontario SE, Slovak Park." Paul Scheurer, member from the Motley neighborhood, indicated that the Motley neighborhood was one of the city areas settled in the late nineteenth century by Bohemian immigrants from New York. With the recent destruction of what was originally their church at Ontario and Essex SE, other than the remaining houses, this park would be the only indication of this early settlement. The settlement folk referred to themselves as "Slovaks" Scheuer has and continues to have discussions with the Minneapolis Park Board and soon will start the naming process. The site has an operating well, some seating arrangements and has had some attention by the Park Board.

5. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA send a letter to the City of Minneapolis opposing a rental license for 631 Erie SE until the resolution of the issue of parties being held at that address that continue to disrupt the neighbors." Paul Scheurer reported that he continues to address this issue with the city and yet the disruption continues. Information obtained from the city indicates that a parent purchased the house for the use of their family, the property is homesteaded for real estate tax purposes, but that the son no longer lives there and the building is being rented to non-family members. The owner needs to use the house as housing for their family or apply for a rental license.

6. Nicole Magnan and Officer Jabra Kawas, Minneapolis Police Department SAFE unit, Second Precinct, provided and reviewed the January to September 1998 vs 1999 Prospect Park CODEFOR crime report: aggravated assault (8 to 5), arson (3 to 0), auto theft (39 to 32), burglary (50 to 54), homicide (none), larceny (181 to 165), rape (3 to 4) and robbery (8 to 9). The police have arrested and charged a person who is suspected of several neighborhood breakins this summer. The rapes include attempts and were usually committed by persons known to the victim. If anyone would like to receive "crime alert" information via email, send an email message to 2Csafe-on@lists.pandh.com

7. Lois Willand reminded all of the 12/12/99, 2 pm Community Choir Concert at the PPUMC. Bill Kahn announced that anyone who is interested in a Geographic Information Service (GIS) workshop offered by the University of Minnesota Geography department, should contact him at 378-5287. Jerry Purple asked all to review and if possible respond to the recent "green leaflet" mailing concerning a request for support for the Southeast Seniors.

8. Michael Atherton, member, said for the last three months he has been trying to get someone to take some time and to do something about the graffiti in the neighborhood. He said he has written the PPERRIA/NRP Health and Safety Committee and feels that this is their issue. Harrison Nelson, Health and Safety Committee co-chair, indicated that this issue is being handled through the block clubs and that anyone should contact their block club leader and/or the local fire station (#19 at Ontario and Beacon Street) who will provide removal materials. Karen Murdock, member, indicated that she would be the contact person (340-1338) for graffiti removal along University Avenue SE. There were no additional announcements or old/new business.

9. Steve Cross "talked at" the proposed consideration of PPERRIA by-law change. The PPERRIA Executive Committee for several months has been reviewing the issue: what is going on, ideas behind it, and do we want to do anything. If you are interested, the executive committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7 PM at the PPUMC. See you there. According to the current by-laws, by-law changes are made by the PPERRIA Board of Directors only at an PPERRIA Annual Meeting. This was done last when PPERRIA became a nonprofit organization (501c3) and then only for those by-law items necessary for 501c3 compliance. The proposed current review will be of the entire By-Law in relationship to current practices and legal requirements. State law referring to 501c3 organizations vests responsibility in an organization's board of directors. The current by-law is unclear on this issue which is further complicated by our current meetings which actually are three meetings (Board of Directors, Membership and Neighborhood). A comment from the floor indicated that this was not an issue as long as there was little money involved, but the PPERRIA/NRP funds have brought the issue to the front. The three major questions tend to be: 1) Who is a member of PPERRIA? 2) Who can vote? and 3) Whose vote represents PPERRIA? There seems to be enough concern to see if there can be a proposed change plan that could be considered at the upcoming annual meeting, April 2000.

10. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To adjourn."

Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

Comments and/or corrections to 117 Arthur Avenue SE or marko001@po.metrostate.edu

Motion for February PPERRIA Meeting - Jim Oberly

Motion: To reallocate funds (amount to be determined) from P.A.R.C. A.1.a. Luxton Park Council Staff (including \$463.15 remaining from contract #10062) to P.A.R.C. A.1.d. Computer Classroom.

Luxton Park Council would like to invest some NRP funds in acquiring a laser printer and other computer equipment (in addition to possibly upgrading computer equipment so that it is Internet accessible) to supplement the computer classroom funded previously. Many children use the classroom for homework help and need access to a printer. Original computer equipment was purchased with NRP funds several years ago with early access money. Currently, the computer classroom strategy has no funds remaining, but there are over \$8,000 in funds remaining in the Luxton Council staff budget. There are no competing proposals for the use of these funds, since it is an equipment/upgrade purchase. Luxton Park Council is currently investigating costs involved to make these upgrades and will present a written report to PPERRIA in February.

Progress on the Sale and Clean Up of the Former Barber, Gopher, Unocal Site for Housing Development - Florence Littman

Some members of the PPERRIA housing committee were invited by Linda Donaldson of Brighton Development to get an update on progress regarding our Unocal housing development project. Dean Lund, Mary Alice Kopf, Andy Mickel and Paul Scheurer and Florence Littman travelled downtown on December 9 to Brighton's new offices on N. 12th St.

We were informed that Brighton and Unocal will release a joint statement regarding an agreement pertaining to the sale of the site. The Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) will be requested to create a tax increment district to provide funds for site soil remediation. The clean up will be done according to a remedial action plan approved by The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Coming Up: Election of Next Year's Board & Officers - Steve Cross

The election process for next year's Board of Directors and Officers is about to begin. In February, I will appoint the Nominations Committee to develop a slate of Board Members and Officers. That slate will be presented at the Annual Members Meeting in April for election by the members.

It's not a case of "Uncle Sam wants you," but it is at least, "Your neighborhood wants you." Consider serving the neighborhood by serving on the Board or as an officer. The best way to get on the Board or be an officer is not to wait and get nominated from the floor. Instead, you should then contact one of the Nominations Committee members to indicate your willingness to serve. The Nominations Committee usually has to recruit candidates rather than select the best candidates from among a pool of volunteers. It would be great if they could select candidates rather than have to recruit them.

What work is required? For Board Members, the chief responsibility is to participate in monthly meetings nine times a year (every month but April, August, and December). You will be making final decisions on PPERRIA's policy as a representative of your neighbors. Because of the money provided by the NRP, many decisions involve allocation of that money.

Officers need to spend more time on PPERRIA work. In addition to the nine Board meetings there are Executive Committee meetings. It meets monthly 12 times a year plus a few special meetings thrown in. Some time beyond meeting attendance is necessary to do the work of the officer's position. For example, the outside work of the treasurer and secretary are obvious. The Vice-Presidents have jobs ranging from supervising PPERRIA's finances to updating the member database and editing the monthly newsletter. While outside time is required, it's not like taking on a second employment.

Are there any rewards or is it all work, work, and more work? Fortunately, the answer is "yes." Unfortunately, none of the rewards involve pay for your time. But you will get a thorough familiarity with the neighborhood. You'll get to know the neighborhood and the people in it. You'll learn a lot about local government. You'll get the pleasure of helping to decide many important issues (along with a lot of minor ones). You'll know you are helping many others.

So, consider running for a Board position or an officer's position. Make the Nominating Committee's job really difficult for once by letting them find out what it's like to have to choose from a pool rather than recruiting candidates.

Annual Fire and Ice Festival hosted by Luxton Park Council - Jim Oberly

This year's annual Fire and Ice Festival will take place on Saturday, February 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Luxton Park. (This celebration falls near or on Groundhog Day,; midpoint between first day of winter and first day of spring.) As in the past, there will be: **food, skating, a bonfire and horse-drawn wagon rides** through the neighborhood and park.

Join your neighbors for what is fast becoming one of the most popular festivals around!

Southeast Way to Grow Sponsors School Options Fair

Looking at kindergarten options for 2000-2001? Just moved to the neighborhood? Plan to attend the Southeast School Options Fair at Pratt Community Center on Saturday, February 12, 10:00 – 1:00. You can learn about kindergarten registration, make an appointment to tour area schools (including Marcy, Tuttle, Pratt, Sullivan, Heart of the Earth, etc), have District staff available to answer your questions and get a free book for your child. There will be a free light lunch, children's activities, games and more. To register, please call the Southeast Way to Grow at 617-1163.

Park Free at the University on Sundays and Late Weeknights

The University of Minnesota invites residents to visit the University of Minnesota and park free at any of six University parking ramps all day on Sundays and between 8 pm and 8 am on weeknights. Free parking at these times is available at the following ramps:

In the Dinkytown area: Fourth Street Ramp, one block east of Dinkytown at 4th St. and 17th Aves. SE

In Stadium Village area: Oak Street Ramp on Oak Street just south of Washington; and the Washington Avenue Ramp at Washington and Union Streets

On the West Bank: Nineteenth Avenue Ramp, one block east of Cedar Avenue, across from the Carlson School of Management (enter from Riverside Avenue or Third St. S); and the Twenty-First Avenue Ramp at 21st Avenue and 4th Street S. across from the Rarig Center

Free Sunday and weeknight parking will be available at the new Gortner Avenue Ramp on the St. Paul campus when construction is completed in Fall, 2000. The Gortner Avenue Ramp is under construction on Gortner Avenue just south of Buford, across from the Earle Brown Continuing Education Center and the Raptor Center. Please note that free parking may not be available at five of these ramps during special events. The Oak Street Ramp, which is not used for special event parking, is always available for free parking at the times listed above. To confirm special event dates, call 626-7275 or visit the University's event webpage at events.tc.umn.edu.

Artists Welcome to Exhibit Works at City Hall

If you are an artist interested in the opportunity to exhibit your work at the Mayor's office, please send the following information to the Minneapolis Arts Commission:

- 1 ONE of the following work samples:
 - a A two-dimensional wall mountable work, or
 - b Slides, a maximum of 10, or
 - c Photographs, a maximum of 10
- 2 Resume and artist statement OR if this will be a group submission a summary of your proposed Exhibit
- 3 Self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of materials, if necessary.

Send the submissions by 4:30 pm Tuesday, February 1, 2000 to Minneapolis Arts Commission, 350 South 5th Street, Room 302, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

Winter Wonder Awards Call for Nominations

The Neighborhood Environment Committee (a sub-committee of the Committee on Urban Environment), and the same people who bring you the Blooming Boulevards Program announces the 4th annual Winter Wonder Awards. These awards are held each year to honor Minneapolis residents who have created innovative snow or ice sculpture in their yards, planted a winter garden, or initiated any wintertime project that brings color and life to the winter urban landscape. These awards are designed to celebrate non-holiday decorations.

Please feel free to nominate yourself, a neighbor or any winter artisan by sending the name, address and a brief description of the project with photo, if possible, to Winter Wonder Awards, Minneapolis Planning Dept., Room 210 City Hall, 350 S. 5th St., Minneapolis, MN 55415, or call 673-3014. The deadline for nominations is March 24, 2000.

PPERRIA 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 Cross	376-0094
Glendale/Prospect Park	Jerry Stein	623-0588
History Project	Florence Littman	331-2970
Holiday Cards	Mary Alice Kopf	379-7436
Housing:		
Co-liaisons Housing	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Sally Bell	623-0390
Housing Improvement	Andy Mickel & Paul Scheurer	331-8396 & 331-2526
Fourth Street Housing	Mike & Mary Huss	379-3362
Unocal Oil Housing	Dean Lund & Alison Savin	378-2486 & 378-9751
Landscape	Karen Murdock	340-1338
Membership	Dan Patenaude	378-3038
Safety & Security	Harrison Nelson	378-5377
Tower Hill Park	Susan Thrash	379-4587
Transportation	Eleanor Montgomery	378-2714
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970
	Alison Savin	378-9751

January, 2000 PPERRIA NRP Contractor Activities

Reporting period: December 11, 1999 through January 7, 2000. Major activities and results:

Supported communication between Housing Committee & city on Bedford Townhomes project	Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee		
Worked to implement safety & security sidewalk lighting initiative in neighborhood	Maintained the neighborhood calendar		
Supported production of PPERRIA newsletter	Worked to develop a neighborhood school at Pratt		
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total contr. Budget
Totals 12/11/99(1/7/00)	231.75	\$3,708.00	3.1

Totals 10/18/95(12/10/99)	6,650.85	\$111,094.80*	92.9%
Totals 10/18/95(1/7/00)	6,882.60	\$114,802.80*	96.1%

Total PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$119,522.69; \$4,719.89 remains.

*Note: These amounts correspond to Treasurer's Report of 11/9/99.

The only remaining contractors include Susan Gottlieb and Paul Denman. Their contracts will expire April 30, 2000.

Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

Day and Time	Recurring Community Events	Whom to contact
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 to 4 pm	Food donations can be dropped off at the Care & Share Food Shelf at 92 St. Mary's	Contact Ginia Klamecki at 331-7056 for options
Tuesdays, 4-5 pm 1 st Monday 11:15am 4 th Wed. 9:45 am	Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Community Center Bookmobile at Univ Good Samaritan Center	Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819 for more information
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	Community Choir at PPUMC	Connie Balcom 379-4958
Other Events and Location		
Thursday, 6-8 pm January 20	Pratt Council meeting at Pratt Community Center (childcare and rides available)	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819
Monday, 7:00 pm January 24	PPERRIA General Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Wednesday, 7:30 pm February 2	Luxton Council Meeting at Luxton Park Building	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Saturday, 5-8 pm February 5	Fire and Ice Festival at Luxton Park	Jim Oberly 379-3397
Wednesday, 5:00 pm February 9	Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave. SE (tentative)	Shirley Davis 342-1965
Monday, 7:00 pm February 14	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094
Monday, 7:00 pm February 28	PPERRIA General Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Cross 376-0094

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **Friday, February 11.**

PPERRIA WebSite: <http://tcfreenet.org/org/pperria>

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