



PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY PPERRIA BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

The next PPERRIA meeting will be January 27th from 7-9 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast).

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approve agenda and approval of November 25th Minutes
3. Motion/Items for Consideration:
 - **Motion:** *That PPERRIA advance to the History Committee up to \$10,000 to print the Prospect Park History Book, to be repaid out of the proceeds of sales of the book.*
 - **Information:** Discussion about proposed elimination of MTC Route #8 on Franklin Avenue in 2004.
 - **Information:** Coordinators for the 2003 Neighborhood Cleanup are needed NOW!
 - **Information:** Zoning Report and Update.
4. Old/New Business
5. Adjourn

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MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT FEBRUARY PPERRIA MEETING

MOTION: *To reallocate \$10,920 from PARC A.I.a. Luxton Park staff & programs to the following strategies:*

- \$5,000 to PARC A.I.d. Luxton computer classroom supervision
- \$2,000 to Livability C.I. Gateways, signs, kiosks
- \$3,920 to PARC A.I.c.

Luxton sports equipment

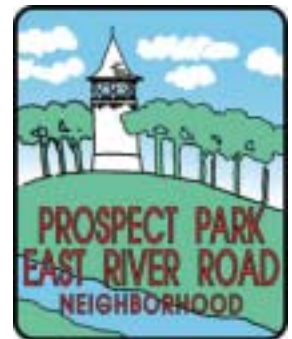
Luxton Park Council has decided to reallocate its remaining NRP funds as described above for the following reasons:

1. We would like to reallocate the \$5,000 to computer classroom at Luxton in order to continue serving the people who
2. use the classroom at the park. We have depleted our funds to staff the room at this time, and we would like to use this money for continued staffing.
2. Currently, we have allocated \$4,000 in Livability C.I. for a Luxton Park kiosk. However,

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Special Points

New Neighborhood Sign



the cost for producing such a kiosk is \$6,000. Therefore, we would like to add the needed funds so we can complete this project as planned.

3. Our NRP funds for sports equip-

ment has been depleted and we have been able to purchase much needed equipment over many years for the park. We would like to continue to be able to purchase equipment for our sports teams

over the course of the next several years with added funds, and believe this is a greater need at this time than staff and programming. There are no competing proposals for these funds at this time.

METRO TRANSIT PROPOSES ELIMINATION OF BUS LINE

#8 (PPERRIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

The PPERRIA Executive Committee has heard through several residents that Metro Transit plans to eliminate the Franklin Avenue bus route (Route

#8) beginning 2004. Please plan to attend the January PPERRIA meeting to discuss this proposed elimination and determine how our neighborhood

can respond/affect this action.

11 COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR SMALL JOBS ON SPRING CLEANUP (PPERRIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

The annual Spring Cleanup (last year held in the Fall) is one of the most important events held in the neighborhood. Formerly, one person coordinated all of the work. That made it one HUGE job. The PPERRIA Executive

Committee has decided to change that single job to 11 coordinator jobs. We hope that by having 11 SMALL jobs rather than one HUGE job, we'll do better in getting the volunteers needed to pull off the event. The coordinators

needed are, speculatively, the following:

- General Cleanup
- Brush/Buckthorn Cleanup
- Metal Cleanup

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TWO NRP POSITIONS OPEN IN PROSPECT PARK

(PPERRIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

PPERRIA is currently accepting letters of interest/application for two NRP positions in the neighborhood. The first is for **NRP Implementation Coordinator**, currently staffed by Susan Gottlieb. This position, which requires approximately 5-8 hours per week on average, would begin 4/1/03 working with Susan through April, then assuming duties fully beginning in May. The NRP Implementation Coordinator provides support to the PPERRIA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as well as to committees, neighborhood groups and volunteers who work to implement strategies in the Prospect Park NRP Plan. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Set up for and attend PPERRIA

and Executive Committee meetings,

- Work with neighborhood volunteers to ensure NRP strategies are correctly documented, funded and implemented,
- Work with city agencies to ensure smooth coordination of projects,
- Provide timely and accurate reports of NRP activity,
- Work with PPERRIA Treasurer to assess project financial status,
- Plan for NRP Phase II and complete the evaluation of Phase I, and
- Perform other tasks as assigned by PPERRIA and NRP.

The second position is for **Block Club**

Coordinator, most recently staffed by David Kaar. This part-time position involves finding volunteers to serve as Block Club Leaders throughout the neighborhood and coordinating safety and security measures between the Minneapolis Police Department's CCP/SAFE Division and PPERRIA. Both positions pay \$16.00/hour with Independent Contractor status. If you are interested in applying, please send a letter of interest/application by **January 27, 2003**, to:

PPERRIA
66 Malcolm Ave. SE,
Minneapolis, MN 55414

NRP REALLOCATION VOTE TO SPEND \$606,268 TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY (STEVE CROSS, MARY ALICE KOPF, SUSAN GOTTLIEB))

Just under 150 neighborhood residents and 18 non-resident visitors attended the NRP Reallocation Discussion Meeting and participated in the “dotocracy” to prioritize proposals on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Sponsors of the 22 proposals presented a brief description of how the money would be spent for those projects. Projects which received the most “straw votes” in the informal, non-binding poll that night included the following:

- Pratt Center Renovation (\$495,628)
- SWIM Program Operations (\$85,000)
- Southeast Seniors (\$30,000)
- Air Condition Luxton Park Building (\$80,000)
- Community Arbor Fund (\$5,000)

- Light Rail Transit Study—Option 2 (\$41,000)
- Home Improvement Loan Program (\$584,900)
- Historic District Survey, Part II (\$61,035)
- Light Rail Transit Study—Option 1 (\$88,430)
- Cooperative Housing Development Fund (\$110,000)

promptly at 7:00 p.m. Sponsors of the original proposals who would like to amend their proposals (i.e., combine two similar proposals, change funds requested, etc. but NOT substantially change the proposal from its original form) may do so by submitting their amendment in writing to:

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66 Malcolm Ave. SE
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On Tuesday, February 4, 2003, neighbors will again meet at St. Frances Cabrini Church to cast their votes for projects to receive the \$606,268 in available NRP funds. A mailer detailing all the information about this process and meeting arrived in mailboxes just before the New Year. Participants are urged to arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. to register and enjoy refreshments. The meeting will begin

by 4:00 PM Friday, January 31, 2003.

PPERRIA COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND CONTACTS

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | TBA | |
| Zoning & Plan Review | Florence Littman | 331-2970 |

NRP/PPERRIA CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES—11/09/02 THROUGH 01/10/03 (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

- Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee
- Worked to ensure ongoing viability of neighborhood school in Pratt Community Center
- Supported NRP Reallocation Committee in efforts to redistribute NRP funds within NRP Plan
- Worked to revitalize block club network in neighborhood
- Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter
- Worked with individual neighborhood activists on process to acquire traffic-calming speed bumps
- Worked to plan and implement neighborhood cleanup for Fall, 2002
- Worked with Landscape Committee/Garden Club on Buckthorn Removal Project

| EXPENSE FOR CONTRACTORS' SERVICES: | HOURS BILLED | TOTAL EXPENSE | % OF BUDGET |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Totals 11/09/02 to 01/10/03 | 55.0 | \$880.00 | .006% |
| Totals 10/18/95 to 11/08/02 | 8,179.85 | \$136,017.88* | 90.3% |
| Totals 10/18/95 to 01/10/03 | 8,234.85 | \$136,897.88* | 91.0% |

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$150,674.15; \$13,7765.27 remains.

* These revised amounts reflect additional funds reallocated to this strategy 11/27/00, 2/27/01, 6/25/01 and 7/23/02 and adds in funds from Safety & Security A.1. Block club coordination, and from Education A.1.a. Neighborhood learning center – Education committee worker. *NOTE: NRP Contractors include Susan Gottlieb, whose contract expires 4/30/03 and Jerry Stein, whose contract expires 6/15/03. PPERRIA Contractor is Paula Denman, whose contract expires 12/31/02.* Total PPERRIA funds available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00. PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$120; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,280.00

Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$96; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,304.00

CITY ANNOUNCES 5.8% LOAN RATE FOR CITYLIVING MORTGAGES (MCDA NEWS RELEASE)

The interest rate for *CityLiving* home mortgage loans available from the Minneapolis Community Development Agency is now 5.8 percent with zero points for a 30-year loan. This rate is available to eligible homebuyers for straight purchase loans and

combination loans used to purchase and improve a home. Existing homeowners who want to refinance and carry out extensive improvements are also eligible. The property can be a one- to four-unit dwelling, as long as the owner occupies one of the units

and the property is within Minneapolis. For more information, check the website at <www.cityliving.org> or call 612-673-5288.

TEXTILE CENTER RECEIVES “SALLY” AWARD (NEWS RELEASE)

U.S. Bank and the Ordway Center announced the recipients of the **2002 U.S. Bank Sally Ordway Irvine Award**, and our local Textile Center was honored for Initiative. Other award winners included KFAI Fresh

Air Radio (Vision Award), Lawrence M. Redmond & Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (Commitment Award), and MacPhail Center for the Arts (Education Award). Presentations were made to award recipients on

January 6, 2003 at the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts.

NOVEMBER PPERRIA MINUTES (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

The Prospect Park East River Improvement Association (PPERRIA) held its Membership/Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. After President Steve Banks welcomed and greeted new members and visitors, the agenda was approved with minor modifications. The minutes of the October 28, 2002, PPERRIA Membership/BOD meeting were approved as written.

CCP/SAFE officers Craig Stoddard and Kristen Hoppe provided information about how to access crime reports from the Internet and urged Prospect Park to designate representatives to participate in second ward trainings/workshops offered by CCP/SAFE. Such participation would enable the officers to get to know members of our community better and increase communication about specific ongoing crime and safety concerns. Steve Banks noted that about 12-15 people had indicated an interest in safety and security on their PPERRIA membership forms, and perhaps a new Safety & Security Committee could be revitalized from that group. Currently, there is no block club coordinator for PPERRIA.

Southeast Environmental Coordinator Justin Eibenholz provided the group a report on activities connected with the Clean Energy Now Coalition. That group, which ranges from Minneapolis to Stillwater in its representation, is concerned about power plant emissions from Xcel Energy's existing plants. Renovation of plants is scheduled to slowly continue, and the coalition is requesting (by petition) upgrades on the Stillwater plant by 2007, conversion of St. Paul's plant by 2008, and conversion of Minneapolis' Riverside coal plant to natural gas by 2009. The petition requests action by the Public Utilities Commission in over-

seeing these conversions.

Florence Littman introduced new business owners Jim Schmitt and his partner Mark Addox of Art + Architecture. This firm, owned by Jim handles architectural salvage and they plan to move into the bottom floor by late summer or early fall 2003. Mark will oversee and manage the addition of a coffee shop within the building. Other firms on upper floors at 3338 University Ave. SE will remain as tenants. Currently, the partners are removing the front façade of aluminum siding and providing landscaping on the side.

City transportation official John Wertjes sought information about and addressed alternative options for the neighborhood parking problem. Members complained about student/staff/faculty parking during the day, dual-side parking which constricts our narrow, winding streets, and initiatives such as encouragement by the University of Minnesota to have people ride the bus, which means more cars on Prospect Park streets with University personnel taking the bus from here. Marcy-Holmes resident Paula Kamrath noted that her husband and others in the Marcy-Holmes area had solved their chronic parking problem after completing a study with the city over one year. The eastern half of Marcy-Holmes neighborhood has converted to 1-side street parking 9-5 on Monday-Friday, without a permit system, and has had great success since that time. John noted that one size doesn't fit all with regard to solutions. He noted several options for the neighborhood to discuss:

- Add critical parking areas in the neighborhood (designated by city ordinance) to restrict parking in some way, such as with parking

permits, signage, visitor passes are available, costs for a parking fee for residents \$10 per year per car.

- Restrict parking with signs by time of day (most common is 2 hour parking restriction)
- Move to one-sided parking (as in Marcy-Holmes) during specific times of the day.

To implement any of these initiatives, a neighborhood group should promote the initiative and determine the area(s) to be affected. Next, (for designation of critical parking areas) residents in the area should obtain 75% approval by property owners for parking restrictions (or approval by neighborhood group if options #2 or #3 are decided to be best). Wertjes noted that restrictions don't "protect the neighborhood from itself" with regard to keeping out unwanted cars. Visitor permits under critical parking option #1 would be \$10/3 years and for service vehicles are \$5.

Minnesota Representative Phyllis Kahn addressed the group with updates on what may be coming when the new legislature and governor convene in January. She especially noted that the decrease in local government aid (LGA) for cities has become a problem for ALL municipalities throughout Minnesota, but especially Minneapolis and St. Paul. Rumors about the outcome of various projects proposed during the last session include positive news for the Guthrie, but negative implications for transit, the tobacco endowment, and even the Planetarium. Phyllis noted that there will be more attention paid to outcomes and accountability. Even though Governor-elect Tim Pawlenty has said "no more taxes," there is some question as to whether the legis-

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lature might increase cigarette and/or gas taxes to pay for roads and social services.

Steve Banks noted, with regard to the Joint University of Minnesota/Vikings stadium issue, that the Vikings have abruptly pulled out of talks and declined to complete a memorandum of understanding with the U. At this time, there is no need for additional neighborhood comment on the issue.

In Announcements,

- Steve congratulated Ann Munt for receiving the Legacy Award for excellence from the city.
- He also asked for cleanup coordinators to volunteer for the 2003 effort. **A motion to move the cleanup back to spring was made, seconded, and passed.** There was concern voiced about continuing the effort to haul away hazardous wastes, since that issue created tension with the county and city at the last cleanup.
- Bill Kahn noted the need for people in this neighborhood who have combined sewer overflows on their property to disconnect them during times of heavy rain and flooding in order to prevent runoff of sewage into the river. He also noted the Joint Southeast Environmental committee meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at Van Cleve Park; Prospect Park Environmental

committee will meet at Van Cleve at 6:00 that night.

- John Dewitt announced that 2100 copies of the Light Rail Transit survey had been distributed, with 200 returned to date. An independent firm is tabulating results, which will be announced at an LRT meeting scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2002, at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 7-9 p.m. After results are announced, the group will break into small discussion groups and John needs facilitators for those small groups.
- Julie Wallace updated the group on the progress toward restoration of her grandfather's cottage, moved in 2000 from University Avenue to 4th Street, next to the new Bedford Townhomes. Julie is selling her current home on Melbourne and will live in the renovated cottage.
- Florence Littman reported concern within the zoning committee and with other communities about swift changes being made to the city Zoning Code. Very little citizen input is being sought as changes are happening rapidly. On January 12, 2003, there will be a meeting of neighborhoods to discuss what we can do and Florence will keep PPERRIA informed.
- Steve Banks noted that membership forms have allowed the Executive Committee to compile a list of potential new committee

members for existing committees and groups in the neighborhood. He urged committee chairs to discuss this with Membership Vice President Karen Murdock.

Under Old Business,

- Peter LaSha handed out an article on car ownership and the effect it has had on neighborhoods and cities.
- Steve Cross reminded members that on December 10 at St. Frances Cabrini Church, there will be a meeting to discuss NRP fund reallocation proposals and all members of the community are welcome to attend.
- Concern was also raised about egress points designed for the new Emerald Gardens and East River Mews developments. Florence Littman will contact Brighton Development to determine their planned egress and exit locations on that site.

In New Business,

- concern was raised about the future of Shriner's Hospital, which will probably be closed. It is zoned R-4, which could result in high-density housing. PPERRIA will follow the issue closely.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gottlieb, Acting Secretary

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- Cement, Paint, & Hazardous Waste Cleanup
- City & Park Resources Acquisition
- Financial Donation Acquisition
- Worker Rewards (Food; Drink; Gloves; Shirts; etc.)
- Garage Sale

- General Cleanup Publicity
- Publicity for Worker Volunteers
- Coordinator of Corordinators

The exact tasks are somewhat self-defined but you will get information on what has been done in the past. The exact number is also flexible, so if we get more volunteers, we'll slice up the jobs to make everyone's work less. But we must have your help to do the

cleanup. Remember, it's not that big of a job. We're only cleaning the neighborhood not the Augean Stables.

To volunteer, contact Steve Cross at 612-376-0094 or stevenc@mn.rr.com.

PPERRIA NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR* (SUSAN GOTTLIEB)

| Date and Time | Event and Location | Whom to Contact |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Thursday, Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m. | Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available. | Gary Jordan, 673-9713 |
| Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. | (Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist | Florence Littman, 331-2970 |
| Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Garden Club Meeting, Location TBD | Mary Alice Kopf, 379-7436 |
| Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. | PPERRIA Membership and BOD Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. | Steve Banks, 321-9064 |
| Friday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m. | Amended Proposals for Reallocation Due at 66 Malcolm Ave. S.E. (Pratt Center) | Susan Gottlieb, 331-2104 |
| Saturday, Feb. 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Annual Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park—hayrides, bonfire, food, entertainment | Kris Hammes, 370-4925 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6:30-9 p.m. | NRP Reallocation Vote to Reallocate \$606,268 at St. Frances Cabrini Church; childcare and refreshments provided | Steve Cross, 376-0094 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. | Luxton Park Council Meeting at Luxton Park Building. | Jim Widder, 331-6129 |
| Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. | PPERRIA Executive Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. | Steve Banks, 321-9064 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m. | Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) Meeting at 92 St. Mary's Avenue | William Tweet, 342-1952 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. | (Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Florence Littman, 331-2970 |
| Thursday, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m. | Pratt Council Meeting at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available. | Gary Jordan, 673-9713 |

*To include items in PPERRIA Calendar, contact Susan Gottlieb at 331-2104 by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2003.**

RECURRING COMMUNITY EVENTS

| Day and Time | Event | Whom to Contact |
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| Mon-Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Avenue. | Ginia Klamecki, 331-7056 Shirley Davis, 342-1952 |
| Tues. 4 to 5 p.m. 1st Mon., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 3rd Mon., 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. 4th Tues., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. | Bookmobile at Luxton Park Bookmobile at Pratt Cmty Center Bookmobile at University Good Samaritan Center | |
| Tues., 7 p.m. | Community Choir at Prospect Park United Methodist Church | Curt Oliver, 331-3713 |
| Fri., 6:30-9:30 p.m. | Adult badminton at Luxton Park. \$2 | |
| Sat., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | Aerobics for adults. Luxton Park. | |
| All | Labyrinth at Franklin Oval always open. Franklin Ave. S.E. between Bedford & Cecil. | |

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