

# PPERRIA News – January 2011

Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association



**PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting**  
**Monday, January 24<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 to 7:00 pm.**

*If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact  
Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.  
We will make every attempt to meet that need.*

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## JANUARY AGENDA

- Partnership to enhance cultural and generational relations
- Historic Designation & Conservation District update
- \* Follow-up report on the December 2010 Board Retreat
- Continuing neighborhood issues

## WHAT'S AHEAD

February.....Work plan for a cleaner, more effective  
PPERRIA committee structure  
March.....Nominations for PPERRIA board  
April. ....Election of PPERRIA board

# Notes from the President

Happy New Year! We wish you the best for 2011.

**P**ERRIA strategic planning is off to a great start. A well-attended Board of Directors retreat last December 4<sup>th</sup> made progress in: identifying priorities; learning how to be more effective; reducing member burnout; and attracting new people. As our convener Roger Meyer summarized it, we know that PPERRIA should:

- Improve internal and external communications
- Provide more support to committees and committee chairs
- Add new people, focusing on younger residents to build long-term capacity
- Raise additional funds,
- Establish a physical location
- Connect more with the local business community
- Establish and organize block clubs

We recognized that additional staff support could enhance our outreach to residents, making them aware of PPERRIA, thereby fitting them into the various worthwhile PPERRIA activities. Added staff could support Committee Chairs, too, with logistics and clerical help.

Neighborhood surveys were conducted in October, and in a later on-line survey, that combined to reach nearly 300 residents. This was our basis for strategic planning. It provided feedback in six general areas: Housing, Commercial, Safety, Education, Transportation/Parking and PPERRIA.

The primary Housing concern was for maintaining the current housing stock. There was also broad support for senior housing options, and substantial opposition to increased student housing, particularly for undergraduate students.

There was an expressed desire for an “Urban Village” with commercial services (grocery, dry cleaning, etc.) Suggested sites were the LRT corridor and the River Road/Franklin and Bedford/University intersections.

Major themes under Safety included pedestrian, bicycle, auto, and prevention of crimes against persons and property.

Education responses emphasized Sidney Pratt, the U of M, youth programming, early childhood education and public schools in general. By far, the highest level of

responses were regarding Pratt, and keeping it a viable neighborhood amenity.

Transportation issues focused extensively on parking and the impact of University of Minnesota-generated parking on the neighborhood. Other general concerns centered on the arrival of LRT and the increased density development it will bring.

Respondents commenting on specific issues addressed primarily Livability and Communications, including a desire for stronger intra-neighborhood communications as well as outreach to other communities, especially in nearby Saint Paul. Many also expressed a desire for more accessibility and neighborhood activities at Luxton Park.

Respondents wanted PPERRIA to address neighborhood amenities, particularly those provided by local businesses such as a grocery store. Many were concerned about development and its effects on the stability of the neighborhood and its coordination with surrounding communities: beautifying University Avenue as a pedestrian-friendly street; more local restaurants to create a sense of Prospect Park as a destination; property maintenance; and safety issues.

At the retreat, these survey results were matched up with the existing PPERRIA organization and its current committee structure. Since committees primarily deal with PPERRIA issues, we attempted to clarify their role and function. We agreed that each committee needs:

- A chair who is a member of the Board (currently required by our bylaws)
- A clear scope and an annual work plan
- To function within its financial means
- To keep concise and succinct notes from its meetings
- To provide regular written reports to the Executive Committee. (Currently, chairs comprise the EC)
- To set regular meetings and publicize the date, time, location and agenda
- To recruit and welcome new members, and identify potential new Board members
- To coordinate with other committees
- Members who commit to 2 -3 hours per month
- To research issues, gathering input from the community and relevant experts
- To generate recommendations

The committees are now reviewing the retreat results and formulating work plans for 2011/12. They will present these at the February Board/membership meeting.

Finally, at the annual meeting in April we hope to launch a fund raising initiative

.....Dick Poppele

## **PPERRIA Meeting Minutes November 22, 2010, Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

Meeting called to order by President Poppele at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Welcome and thanks** to Tamara Johnson for the delicious refreshments.
- 2. Approval of agenda** – approved unanimously.
- 3. Approval of minutes** – no additions or corrections, approved unanimously.
- 4. Announcements**

NRP Elections (Joe Ring) - Joe represented PPERRIA at the election of candidates for the group that guides NRP. There were a number of candidates for each of the positions, with divergent opinions. Debby Evans was elected Delegate at Large, and Nicholas Kakos as Representative for the Preservation Grouping.

### **5. Featured Neighborhood Business: Home-Based Businesses**

Lois Willand noted that Southeast has quite a few home-based businesses. The Communications Group has recently updated the PPERRIA website to include 14. Lois introduced Judy Cornelius, a residential interior designer, and Terry Hokenson, carpenter and handyman.

### **6. Second Precinct Presentation** - Nicholas Juarez, Crime Prevention Specialist, Minneapolis Police Dept., 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, Madonna Loeffler - Representative from 311, Don Stickney - Representative from 911

Nick shared a map of all the “calls for service” that the precinct uses to look for patterns, upticks, etc. Don invited us all to visit the 911 and 311 centers. The 311 center is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct – at the corner of Lake and Minnehaha. The Board is welcome to have a meeting there. 311 is open 7 to 7, M-F. 911 is always open. 311 is for non-emergency situations. The FCC made 311 possible for non-emergency police calls in 1997. Minneapolis 311 debuted in 2006. It has become a portal to city services and information. 311 averages 1,500-2,100 calls per day. In 2009 they handled 400,000 calls, 20,000 e-mails. They provide over 170 different types of requests - animal control to zoning – there is lots of information on their web site and he recommended using the Google search box within the site: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/311/)

If you ever had anything less than a courteous, professional interaction with a 311 rep, he emphasized that we should provide feedback. Either call back and ask for a supervisor or comment via their website.

Madonna noted that you can call 911 anytime you need a police, fire or EMT response, even if it is not an emergency. They would like us to be proactive – call if you see anything suspicious. Be prepared to explain details that make it seem suspicious to you, along with good descriptive information about the situation. Unlike other 911 agencies in the metro area, Minneapolis 911 operators are separate from the Police and Fire dispatchers, so they can give you their full attention. If you have a less than satisfactory experience with 911, call 911 and ask to speak to a supervisor or call the administrative offices or go to their web site.

If you see something in process – break-in, graffiti, etc. - call 911. If you’re reporting it after the fact, and there is no physical evidence, then call 311, unless it is a time when 311 is closed and you really want to report it at that point.

Council Member Cam Gordon noted that people are also welcome to call his office with feedback or complaints. He also strongly encouraged people to report even smaller incidents (like a broken car window) because the data helps the city do its job.

If anyone wants more information on crime patterns or specific instances beyond the regular reports that are shared on the ppe-list, people can contact Office Juarez at the 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct and he will share information as able.

### **7. Committee Reports and Updates**

**Historic District** (Joe Ring) – Joe introduced Greg D’Onofrio, a University architecture professor, and Jesse McClung, research assistant, who, under a CURA grant and in cooperation with PPERRIA,

prepared a report on the issue of conservation districts. They compared conservation districts with local historic districts to outline the pros and cons of conservation district options. Conservation districts may have more flexibility and community input than local historic district processes. Red Wing and Stillwater have conservation district legislation in place. Cambridge, MA is an example of a district with its own local design review committee. Next steps might include exploring further with the n'hood in a more specific fashion than would occur in talks with the City. For all of their examples, the legislation and process were already in place and the n'hoods just had to sign on to it. That is not the case in Minneapolis, which does not currently have Conservation District legislation.

**Development** (Rob Nordin) – A 6-hour PPERRIA Board retreat will be held on Dec. 4 to enter the final stage of the strategic planning process. We will follow up on the listening sessions and online survey to determine the issues the Association will focus on in the next few years. Saturday, Dec. 4, 8-2 at the PPUMC, with continental breakfast and catered lunch.

**Master Plan and Transit** (Dick Gilyard and John DeWitt) – The University Alliance has sponsored two recent events on the University District, how the area came to be the way it is in terms of settlement patterns and what the opportunities and areas of conflict will be going forward. The sessions were interesting and well-attended. Planning for the Prospect Park LRT station area is underway. Tamara Johnson reported on the first steps in the Stadium Village LRT station planning process.

**Livability** (Carla Urban and Tom Kilton) – If people are interested in participating in a safety and security task force, let Carla Urban know.

**Communications** (Lois Willand) – no report

**Zoning and Land Use** (Florence Littman) – Buffalo Wild Wings should open soon in the Fire Station ground level.

Dave Barnhart has created curb cut access to his property on the south side of University Ave. The Zoning Committee is trying to work with the owner of the 3 houses on University Ave to inform the planning of the development there.

8. **Staff Report** (Joyce Barta) – 26 billable hours, there is about \$10K left in the account.

9. **New Business** – none.

10. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Urban, VP and substitute minute taker

## *Pratt Open House*

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, 11am. – 1pm.

66 Malcolm Ave. SE, Minneapolis

**11:15 – 11:45 - Move & Groove – Rock, roll, shake, twist, & sing our favorite Pratt songs with music teacher Miss Katy**

*Plus:*

- *Tour historic school building • Meet Pratt Community School Staff & Principal Anne Wade •*
- *Get Academic & Enrichment Program Information •*

<http://pratt.mpls.k12.mn.us> | 612 668-1122

### ***News from Sidney Pratt –***

Volunteer opportunities:

- Daytime classroom helpers (10:00–4:00)
- Lunch & recess supervisors (12:30–1:30)
- Tutoring (10:00–12:30)
- Photographing special events

Note that you don't have to commit to a daily or even weekly schedule. Pratt will be happy to work around whatever time you have available, even if it's only one day a month. The school has many parents, grandparents and neighbors who volunteer their time to the school whenever they have a free hour or two, and you can be one of them!

If you can help with any of these, contact [Jakki Kydd-Fidelman](#), (612) 668-1107

**SIDNEY PRATT – A neighborhood Resource  
And more than a public school  
Join Pratt Council and discover how much more  
Contact Susan Larson-Fleming at 331-8819**

### **Melia's Day**

Hurrah! A field trip this Friday to a college to learn about Africa! And later in the week an afternoon music program open to everyone. We'll all sing "Puff, the Magic Dragon."

And hurrah for indoor recess where we play games like "Duck, Duck, Goose." (Better than being out in the snow and cold.)

Sometimes Miss Carlson says she has lost her brain and we must tell her words that start with certain letters. (I think Miss Carlson wants us to learn how to spell.) This week me and another girl and a boy in our class all lost teeth.

Some of us help Miss Carlson keep order. We say: "Crisscross, applesauce, hands in your lap, eyes on the teacher, clap, clap." Then we give the peace sign and hold a finger to our lips. That means "Hush."

Jackie's after-school Club is giving a play – only, kindergartners won't have speaking parts.

*(Editor's note: Melia is a flesh-and-blood girl starting Kindergarten at Pratt in September 2010. Her "Day" will read as a diary through the school year relating her thoughts as accurately as we can project them. While reflecting every Pratt Kindergartner, they will gradually reveal the real-life Melia.)*

# One - Day Sale!

Reduced Price – January 24, 2011

## PPERRIA Sweatshirts \$20



## Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in the PPERIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 859-4960 by **Thurs, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Monday, January 24 7:00 pm - 9:00 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
Wednesday, January 26 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club meeting.</b> Location to be announced.	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Friday, January 28 3:30 pm	<b>Glendale Residents Council</b> at Luxton Park.	Henry Keshi keshi@minn.net
Tuesday, February 1 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, February 10 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt.	Susan Larson-Fleming 331-8819 Pratt Office 668-1122
Monday, February 14 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>PPERIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele 378-9242
Wednesday, February 23 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club meeting.</b> Location to be announced.	Kent Petterson 332-1821
Friday, February 25 3:30 pm	<b>Glendale Residents Council</b> at Luxton Park.	Henry Keshi keshi@minn.net
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### November/December 2010 PPERIA Staff Report 11/1/2010 – 12/31/2010

Staff hours from November 1 through December 31, 2010 totaled 42.75 hours for a cost of \$1026. This was paid out of NRP 2 funds. Contract C-25154 (11-1-07) between NRP and PPERIA contained \$27,229 for Administration, of which \$20,000 was designated for Staff and \$7229 for other administrative costs. \$9,905.40 remains for staff.

#### PPERIA Officers

President	Dick Poppele	dick@umn.edu	378-9242
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*Community and River Gorge Cleanup	Tom Kilton	tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com	339-3064
*History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@comcast.net	338-1871
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Planning	Dick Gilyard	rgilyard.architect@earthlink.net	362-8995
Transit	John DeWitt	jdewitt@comcast.net	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman, Co-chair Phil Anderson, Co-chair	littm005@umn.edu phil.ann.anderson@gmail.com	331-2970

## Other PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups

4 <sup>th</sup> Street	Julie Wallace	jwallace3@comcast.net	378-9429
Luxton Book Exchange	Meredith Poppele	mbpopp@comcast.net	378 9242
Motley Crew	Rebekah Lorence	rlorance@mm.com	331-2464
Nominating Committee	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095

***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

“Do more than belong: participate.” .....*William Arthur Ward*



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***FYI:***

*Annual Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park*

**Saturday February 12, 2011, 5:30 to 8:00pm**

- **Bonfire • Music • Horse-drawn Wagon • Book exchange & Sale •**
- **Snow Sculptures •**

.....*Jim Widder*

***PPERRIA COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETING***

**Thursday, January 27th, 7pm, at Prospect Park United Methodist Church**

**Come and be part of a new day in how we communicate within the neighborhood**

**Contact Committee Chair Lois Willand: 612.378.9697, or [loiswilland@gmail.com](mailto:loiswilland@gmail.com)**

**Remember:**

***What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today***