

# *June 2007*

## *PPERIA*

### *Newsletter*



Membership remind

## **PPERIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice**

**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

At the Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

Come early for treats and conversation 6:30 – 7:00

**If you have special needs requiring accommodation**

**MOTION:** To release \$27,229 from Prospect Park's NRP Phase II Plan, PPERIA Administration section, to fund general administrative support, including staff time and office expenses.

This program comes directly from the Phase II Plan as approved by a majority of neighborhood residents at a meeting called for this purpose on June 29, 2005.

There are no competing projects for these funds at this time.

**Notice:** Luxton Park will have extended hours this summer, thanks to community support.

Park hours will be 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and 11:00 am to 10:00 pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

The extended hours, with a focus on teens, will be from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Pratt Community School** will likely enroll over 200 K-5 students this fall – compared with 81 this past year. We plan to devote a major part of the June Board meeting to learning more about

the implications of this development for the neighborhood and for the many programs housed at Pratt.

**Development along the University Avenue corridor**

- The Citgo (now Metro Petro) station will undergo significant new construction this summer.
- Further down the avenue the University's new cancer housing facility nears completion.
- At Arthur Avenue, M-Flats, which will contain 44 new condominium units, is well underway to completion in the fall.
- Recently plans were submitted to the city for a multi-story office building to replace three rundown duplex houses near 30<sup>th</sup> St.

The pace of this development is likely to increase as LRT plans become more of a reality. We are working to have an opportunity to shape such development for the benefit of our neighborhood.

**National historical district designation for Prospect Park** is on track and will

require some community decisions. The proposal will undergo state review in October, after which the application will be forwarded to Washington, D.C. in 2008. As a part of that process the State Preservation Office will be sending a notification to the property owners of all the participating historical properties. This will be preceded by a neighborhood meeting sometime in July.

**Good news** for Prospect Park: A bill that provides \$750,000 for the University / City / Neighborhood Alliance was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor! This is a historic opportunity for the University neighborhoods to develop projects that will address crime and livability issues, as well as the declining housing stock.

.....**Dick Poppele**

**Minutes of the  
PPERRIA Annual  
Meeting of the  
Membership and  
Board of Directors –  
Monday, May 21,  
2007, 7:15 p.m. – at  
PPUMC**

President Dick Poppele called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. New members and board members and guests were welcomed. Thanks to Meredith Poppele for refreshments, and to Joe Ring for his faithful service were expressed by President Poppele.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Lois Willand. Passed without noes.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the April Annual Meeting was made by Dean Abrahamson. Passed without noes.
4. **Minneapolis Park Board:** John Oganagi introduced himself as the new Park Board District Manager. He manages Commissioner Districts 1 and 2 (Olson and Dziedzic). John is the person to call with any Park problems. He said that the Park Board is preparing

**Executive Committee**

President Dick Poppele  
Immediate Past President: Joe Ring  
Secretary: Betts Zerby  
Treasurer: Lois Willand  
Vice President (newsletter editor) John Holmquist  
Vice President (membership): Tom Kilton  
Vice President (Website/Database) Andy Mickel / Cheryl Vollhaber (shared)  
Vice President (Zoning): Florence Littman  
Vice President: (Finance): Tony Garmers  
Vice President: Phil Anderson  
Vice President: Susan Larson-Fleming

**Livability Committee**

Chairman: Joe Ring  
Dorothy Davey  
Betty Burton  
Peter Lucas  
Noreen Keilty  
John DeWitt

a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Park System, the first in 40 years. He believes that airconditioning for Luxton is coming.

5. **Luxton Park:** Eric Cherland, the Luxton Park manager, spoke to the need for funding for extended hours programs at Luxton. The prior Phat Summer program was not funded by the Park Board for the coming summer. Luxton funding is short by \$8,000 from last year. A motion to release a \$1,085.95 in remaining NRP funds for Luxton to help meet the shortfall was made by John Holmquist. Approved without noes. Lois Willand moved that an additional \$1500 grant be made by PPERRIA to Luxton to further relieve the shortfall. Approved without noes. This amount will match \$1500 donated by Pratt Council.
6. **Administrative Funds Release:** Dick Poppele announced that a motion to release \$27,229 in NRP funds will be presented to the Board at the June meeting of the Association.
7. **Committee Organization and Membership Approval:** President Poppele noted that the organization of PPERRIA Committees had become somewhat confused, and the tonight's meeting was dedicated to a reorganization and approval of the PPERRIA Committees: Standing Committees and their members where listed:

Dave Walters  
Richard Adams  
Peter Rejto  
Gratia Reynolds (community events)  
Betts Zerby (History project)  
Mary Alice Kopf (landscape)  
Tom Kilton (East River Gorge Park)  
Dean Abrahamson (Environment)  
Karen Murdock  
Ann Munt  
Kate Galle

**Zoning and Land Use**

Chairperson: Florence Littman  
Phil Anderson  
David Barnhart  
Tom Clausen  
Bridget Ferguson  
Richard Gilyard  
Mary Alice Kopf  
Clay Lambert

Susan Larson-Fleming  
Dean Lund  
Karen Murdock  
Daniel Peters  
Dick Poppele  
Joe Ring  
Gary Shallcross  
Tom Skogstrom  
Spencer Ung  
Betts Zerby  
Peter LaSha  
John Wicks

**Planning Subcommittee:**

Chairperson: Rachel Ramadjani

**Personnel Committee**

Chairperson: Susan Larson-Fleming  
Dan Patenaud  
Jim Widder

**Membership Committee**

Chairman: Tom Kilton  
Cheryl Vollhaber (database manager)

**Finance Committee**

Chairman: Tony Garmers  
Lois Willand

**Housing Committee**

Chairman: Roger Kiemele

Dick Poppele  
Andy Mickel  
Mary Alice Kopf  
John Kari  
Steve Ficker  
Kari Simonson  
John Wicks  
Dan Peters

**Education and Human Services**

Chairman: Susan Larson-Fleming

Jerry Stein  
Scott Johnson  
Bridget Ferguson  
Steve Banks  
Meredith Poppele

**Transit Committee**

Chairman: John DeWitt

John Wicks  
Phil Anderson  
Walt Jacobs  
Julia Wallace  
Dan Peters  
Steve Ficker  
John Holmquist  
Bonnie Herr

Task Forces for specific short term projects were announced as:

**By-laws Committee**

Chairman: Paul Zerby  
Dorothy Davey  
John DeWitt  
Richard Adams  
Dave Walter  
Steve Ficker

**University /4<sup>th</sup> St. Property Committee**

Chairperson: Julie Wallace  
Sally Bell  
Bob Estes  
Matthew James  
Doug and Doreen Schulz  
Kari Simonson  
Jesse Vega  
Julie Wallace  
Aloida Zaragoza  
Phil Anderson

8. **SAAG Committee** Richard Poppele reported that the SAAG group was currently forming a Funding Task Force to accept applications for use of the \$1.5 million mitigation fund. PPERRIA's representative on the task force will be S Banks, with Dean Abrahamson an alternate.

9. **Announcements**

A request for items to be donated for the Ice Cream Social Silent Auction was made by Bridget Ferguson. Items donated are on the Prattschool.org website.

Gracia Reynolds announced that the summer concerts will be held on June 19 and July 17. Help was solicited for posting notices.

The Garden Walk will be held on June 23, approximately 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The Ice Cream Social to be held June 1 needs help with the food and games. People were asked to sign up for shi

10. A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Peters. Passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

### Contractor Activities May 3 – June 7, 2007

This month, contractor's services were paid by PPERRIA as per the 2007 - 2008 budget. There were 31.25 billable hours, an expense of \$750. Total budgeted: \$1040. Amount remaining: \$290. The total remaining in the NRP administration budget is approximately \$ 6,000.

<b>PPERRIA Standing Committees and Chairs</b>			
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	<a href="mailto:flemings@usfamily.net">flemings@usfamily.net</a>	331-8819
Executive	Dick Poppele	<a href="mailto:dick@umn.edu">dick@umn.edu</a>	378-9242
Finance	Tony Garmers	<a href="mailto:tggarmers@msn.com">tggarmers@msn.com</a>	378-2656
Housing	Roger Kiemele	<a href="mailto:kiemele@earthlink.net">kiemele@earthlink.net</a>	331-5106
Livability (Subcommittees listed below, designated by *)	Joe Ring	<a href="mailto:jring@visi.com">jring@visi.com</a>	379-4587
Membership	Tom Kilton	<a href="mailto:tom@tomkilton.com">tom@tomkilton.com</a>	339-3064
Personnel	Susan Larson-Fleming	<a href="mailto:flemings@usfamily.net">flemings@usfamily.net</a>	331-8819
Transit	John DeWitt	<a href="mailto:jdewitt@comcast.net">jdewitt@comcast.net</a>	338-1871
Zoning & Land Use	Florence Littman	<a href="mailto:littm005@umn.edu">littm005@umn.edu</a>	331-2970
Zoning Subcommittee: Planning	Rachael Ramadhyani	<a href="mailto:s_ramadhyani@hotmail.com">s_ramadhyani@hotmail.com</a>	379-7320
<b>Other PPERRIA Committees or Task Forces and Chairs</b>			
By-laws Task Force	Paul Zerby	<a href="mailto:pgzerby@yahoo.com">pgzerby@yahoo.com</a>	379-8095
*Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	<a href="mailto:grandmagratia@yahoo.com">grandmagratia@yahoo.com</a>	331-5312
*East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	<a href="mailto:tom@tomkilton.com">tom@tomkilton.com</a>	339-3064
*Environment	Dean Abrahamson	<a href="mailto:deanabra@umn.edu">deanabra@umn.edu</a>	923-9449
*History Project	Betts Zerby	<a href="mailto:ejzerby@yahoo.com">ejzerby@yahoo.com</a>	379-8095
*Landscape, Garden Club	Mary Alice Kopf	<a href="mailto:mollisk@earthlink.net">mollisk@earthlink.net</a>	379-7436
*Landscape Subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	<a href="mailto:pjdenman@mn.rr.com">pjdenman@mn.rr.com</a>	338-1871
University / 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Task Force	Julie Wallace	<a href="mailto:jwallace3@comcast.net">jwallace3@comcast.net</a>	378-9429

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

### Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at [bartajm@yahoo.com](mailto:bartajm@yahoo.com) by **Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event and Location</b>	<b>Whom to contact</b>
Monday, June 18	<b>Summer Splash begins</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Tuesday, June 19	7:30 pm <b>Community Concert</b> at Pratt. If it rains, concert will be held at PPUMC.	Christina Larson 329-2784
Wednesday, June 20	8:00 am - noon <b>Urban Tennis</b> at Tower Hill. Registration is Tuesday, June 19 at Tower Hill.	
Friday, June 22	<b>JOY Book Club</b> Call for information.	Roberta Mark 331-6621
Saturday, June 23	10:00 am- 3:00 pm <b>Prospect Park Garden Walk</b>	Cheryl Vollhaber 379-7234
Saturday,	10:00 am- <b>Prospect Park Plant Sale</b> at Pratt	John 341-3641

June 23	3:00 pm			
Monday, June 25		<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, June 25	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, June 27	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Pam Harris, 120 Orlin, 612-331-6626.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Monday, July 9 - Friday, July 20	10:45 am - 1:00 pm	<b>First Tee golf program for ages 7-17.</b> Meet at Luxton Park. Transportation to Columbia Golf Course Learning Center will be provided.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, July 9	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, July 10	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Wednesday, July 11	noon - 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Picnic</b> at Luxton Park. Bring some food to share.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Wednesday, July 11	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization (GRO) meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins	342-1952
Tuesday, July 17	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, July 17	7:30 pm	<b>Community Concert</b> at Pratt. If it rains, concert will be held at PPUMC.	Christina Larson	329-2784
Friday, July 20	8:00 am - noon	<b>Last Day of Urban Tennis</b> at Tower Hill		
Monday, July 23	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Wednesday, July 25	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Mary Alice Kopf, 37 Warwick 612-379-7436.	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Friday, July 27		<b>Last Day of Summer Splash</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland	370-4925

**TWO PROSPECT PARK SUMMER CONCERTS  
TUESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:30  
RAIN OR SHINE – AND THEY'RE FREE!**

• JUNE 19: *THE EDDIES*

An a capella men's group singing upbeat folk songs, work songs and sea chanteys. Fresh from the Minnesota Folk Festival, Irish Fair and Landmark Center.

• JULY 17: *THE LIGHT OF THE MOON*

An Irish-Celtic Band of mandolin, whistle, flute, guitar, banjo, harmonica, spoons, digeridoo, tuba and voice. Reels and jigs for folkdancing, contradancing, art fairs and farmer's markets – Come to dance!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR JUNE 19 AND JULY 17 at 7:30 P.M. Join friends and neighbors for two musical, fun-filled evenings outside at Pratt (indoors, if it rains).

Performances are at the Pratt School Amphitheater, Malcolm and Orlin (at the base of Tower Hill) and are sponsored by PPERRIA, Pratt Council and by Tom at Schneider Drug.

In case of rain, performances will be in the Prospect Park Methodist Church Sanctuary, across from Pratt School. (Enter by the ramp from Orlin.) Both sites wheelchair accessible.

Summer concerts in the neighborhood are organized by volunteers and supported by donations from those who attend. The concerts are for all ages. Bring your friends, bring the kids as well as the Grands – all will enjoy the music. Some bring picnics, some are inspired to dance. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, or sit on the steps.

*The concerts are put on by a volunteer committee, who can always use*



more help. If you want to be part of the concert planning, contact  
Christina Larson, <[larsonchristina@gmail.com](mailto:larsonchristina@gmail.com)>

**PERRIA Web Site: <http://www.pperr.org>**

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