

March 2006 PPERRIA Newsletter



PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice/Agenda

Monday, March 27th, 7:15-9 p.m.

at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

Come early and enjoy coffee, treats and conversation with your neighbors from 6:45-7:15

Crime Near Student Housing

A review of the crime reports in the PPERRIA neighborhood shows that the majority of the crime centers around the student housing, and mostly relates to thefts from and of automobiles. PPERRIA's Safety Committee is attempting to respond to this fact by getting together the University Police, the University Community Relations Department, the Minneapolis Police, the student housing owners and managers, the University student organizations, and the Prospect Park, Como and Marcy Holmes neighborhood organizations at a meeting on March 30 to address the problem. This is a first step in attempting to deal with the increase of crime in our neighborhood. Future efforts will be aimed at the increase of crime in the single and multiple housing areas of the neighborhood.

What is the Status of Central Corridor Light Rail?

A discussion on the status of the proposal for light rail in the central corridor between Minneapolis and St. Paul will take place at the March PPERRIA meeting. It has been several years since PPERRIA last discussed the proposed light rail line which is currently planned to connect the two cities via University Avenue. Since that time the Hiawatha line has been running for nearly a year with ridership running substantially above predicted levels.

Reminder - Earth Day River Cleanup

On **Saturday, April 22nd** PPERRIA will host its 12th annual Earth Day River Cleanup. It's a perfect time to spend a few hours with your neighbors and at the same time provide a valuable neighborhood service. We will actually clean the area of the Mississippi riverbank from the University to the St. Paul Border, from the river to East River Parkway. We will provide gloves, bags, and trash pickup. Arrive at Franklin Ave. and East River Parkway about 9:30 a.m. to register (get your coffee and bagels), and cleanup instructions. Report back to the registration area about 11 a.m. for a light lunch and heavy THANK YOUs. **We need about 50 volunteers to make this a successful effort.** Please join us.

Monday, February 27, 2006, 7:15 p.m.

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1. President Joe Ring called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m, after a social and treats session.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Florence Littman Passed without noes.
3. Tom Kilton moved to approve the minutes of the November and January meetings. Passed without noes.
4. Joe Ring announced that the nominating committee for next year's board consisted of Dick Poppele, Julie Wallace and Bill Seeley. Anyone interested in serving should contact a member of the nominating committee.
5. Daryl Le Baron updated the group on the efforts of the University of Minnesota to acquire Station 19. Paul Zerby moved that Joe Ring be authorized to take any actions on behalf of PPERRIA that may be necessary to preserve the historic building.
6. Joel Ahlstrom updated the group on his intention to bring a new grocery store to the neighborhood. He will be going into commercial space that will replace the Colonial Building on University Avenue and Emerald in St. Paul. Delay in construction is because Wellington is seeking tax increment financing from St. Paul.
7. Joe Ring presented a report on crime in the Prospect Park area. His presentation and that of Valerie Wurster, Shift Commander of the 2nd precinct of the Minneapolis Police Department and Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Oosterhuis, indicated that the majority of the crimes centered around the student housing projects, Peter La Sha moved that Joe Ring put together a meeting of interested stakeholders, including property owners, managers, University of Minnesota Police, student groups, and the Minneapolis police to determine what actions can be taken to reduce the level of crime surrounding the student housing complexes.
8. Valerie Wurster reported that the police department would have 35 more officers by July, and that the police are aware of who the perpetrators are of many of the auto related crimes.
9. Joe reported that the St. Paul Planning Commission had unanimously approved the rezoning of the St. Paul part of the land north of KSTP so that the JPI student housing proposal could proceed, over the objection of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood group. Members were urged to contact the St. Paul council members, mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis to object to the rezoning.
10. Dean Lund moved that the issue of the central corridor light rail line be brought up for discussion at the next meeting. Passed.
11. Dan Miller presented a Resolution Concerning the Disposition and Use of Minneapolis Park Land, and moved its passage. The Resolution is attached hereto and part of these minutes. Passed.
12. Peggy Reito moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Betts Zerby

Resolution Concerning the Disposition and Use of Minneapolis Park Land

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis park system is widely regarded as one of the best urban public park systems in the country;

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land, a national authority on land conservation, described the Minneapolis park system as "closest to park nirvana";

WHEREAS, the success of the Minneapolis park system is the result of a long history and tradition of public support and involvement;

WHEREAS, the city's park system has been vital to the physical environmental, and social health of our community;

WHEREAS, the city's park system has been vital to the physical, environmental, and social health of our community;

WHEREAS, the expansion of urban development and scarcity of undeveloped land in Minneapolis further demonstrates the value of current park lands;

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is charged with securing "the necessary land for such a grand system of Parks and Boulevards as the natural situation offers."

WHEREAS, the mission of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is to, "permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance the City's parkland and recreational opportunities."

WHEREAS, the trade, sale, lease, change in use, or other disposition of public park land to non-park entities is not consistent with the Park Board's mandate and mission or the values embodied therein;

WHEREAS, past decisions regarding disposition and/or use of public park land have been made without adequate public notice or hearing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) opposes the trade, sale, lease, change in use, or other disposition of public park land to non-park entities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that PPERRIA requests that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board provide written or electronic notice to every officially recognized neighborhood organization with the City of Minneapolis of any proposal for the trade, sale, lease, change in use, or other disposition of park land before the earlier of two dates: a) two weeks after the date in which the proposal was submitted to the Park Board or b) six weeks before the proposal is to be voted on by the Park Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of PPERRIA is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

March NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities 2/8/06 – 3/10/06

Supported PPERRIA activities and NRP I and NRP II development			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
02/06/06 to 03/10/06	21.50	430.00	0.2%
10/18/95 to 02/06/06	10,491.16	\$10,491.16	93.5%
10/18/95 to 03/10/06	10,512.66	\$180,825.15	93.7%

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89*;
\$12094.22 remains.

PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

Community Events	Lois Willand	jon.and.lois.willand@worldnet.att.net	378-9697
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Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Friday, April 7, 2006.**

Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
Tuesday, March 21	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Tuesday, 7:00 pm March 21	(Tentative) Zoning & Planning Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Wednesday, 6:30 pm - March 22 8:30 pm	Garden Club at Territorial Horticultural Books, 503 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul.	Mary Alice Kopf 378-7436
Monday, March 27	PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Social hour from 6:45-7:15	Joe Ring 379-4587
Wednesday, April 5	Luxton Park Council meeting at Luxton	Jim Widder 331-6129
Friday, April 7	JOY Book Club at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Week of April 10	Spring Community Education Classes begin at Pratt	Neala Kernan 668-1122
Monday, April 10	JOY Pot Luck at Pratt	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Monday, April 10	PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Joe Ring 379-4587 321-9064
Wednesday, April 12	Glendale Resident Organization meeting at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet 342-1952
Tuesday, April 18	JOY Outing Call for information.	Eric Cherland 370-4925
Saturday, April 22	Earth Day cleanup of Mississippi River. Meet on E River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge.	Tom Kilton 339-3064
Monday, April 24	ANNUAL MEETING of the PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Social hour from 6:45-7:15	Joe Ring 379-4587

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