

# May 2007 PPERRIA Newsletter



## PPERRIA Board/Membership Meeting Notice

**Monday, May 21, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**at the new Overflow Espresso Café or at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast.**

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

**If you have special needs that require accommodations please contact Joyce Barta at 612-378-9268 and we will make every attempt to meet that need.**

## Thanks to Cleanup Volunteers

Over 150 volunteers turned out for the annual River Cleanup, and made short work of the job. It was great to see so many young people. Special thanks to our sponsors: Sabarro Pizza, Starbucks Coffee, Zipps Liquors; our partners at the Park Board and Solid Waste for Minneapolis. Super participation from PPUMC, Aveda, and Hill Murray High School.

**Watch for the Fall Cleanup in September or October!**

## May Meeting at Overflow

PPERRIA's May 21 meeting will be held at the new **Overflow Espresso Café** in the Prospect Park Business Center (old Kemps Building) **IF** City Inspectors allow them to open. If not we will be in our regular stomping grounds at PPUMC. **This meeting is a week early because of the Memorial Day holiday!**

Check with the neighborhood e-list to find the location of the meeting ahead of time. Lois Willand will let us all know where to go!

## SAAG Report

The Stadium Area Advisory Group, which was established by the legislation approving funding for the University of Minnesota football stadium, has been working on guidelines for the use of the \$1.5 million Mitigation Fund established by that legislation. It has established a Fund Management Committee of 5 members, three of which will be from the surrounding neighborhoods—Marcy-Holmes, Como and Prospect Park. Members of the group will come from the greater SAAG members. Prospect Park's representative will be Steve Banks, with Dean Abrahamson serving as his alternate.

## **Note from new PPERRIA President, Dick Poppele**

Welcome to the new members of the Board of Directors of PPERRIA. I hope you will all be able to attend the first meeting of the new Board for 2007-2008 on Monday, May 21, 2007. I look forward to working with all of you this coming year. My goal is to provide opportunities for everyone to participate in working on the several important issues that affect our neighborhood.

I'd also like to call your attention to a significant current event in our neighborhood: the capital fund drive for major renovations to the Prospect Park Methodist Church. The church has been a primary meeting place for our neighborhood for over a century. It has been a place for its weddings, for its funerals, for its political caucuses,

Boy Scout meetings, nursery school, concerts and community meals. Since 1905, when the community was already a center of activism in Minneapolis, the church has been an important supporter and facilitator for the community.

In particular, PPUMC is the site of PPERRIA meetings and it has been a partner in neighborhood activities like the Ice Cream Social. The renovation will make the church and fellowship hall more accessible and renovate and improve the overall facilities. PPERRIA has recognized this relationship with a 3-year budgeted line item contribution. I urge you to consider supporting this campaign further with your individual contributions.

### **PPERRIA Membership**

114 New members of PPERRIA have joined since the Annual Meeting on April 23.

If you have not renewed your membership, please send in the membership application on the last page of this newsletter to assure that you will receive this newsletter, and enjoy the privileges of membership as well as the good feelings you will get by knowing that you support your community in its efforts to remain the best neighborhood in the City of Minneapolis! If you don't see a 2008 expiration date on this newsletter, you have not renewed!

### **GARDEN WALK TO BE JUNE 23, 10 AM TO 3 PM**

One of Prospect Park's premier events, the Garden Walk, will be held on June 23 from 10 am to 3 pm. It is a great chance to see what some of your neighbors have done with their gardens (many are in the back of the house that you can't see from the street ordinarily). It is free. Maps for the garden locations will be available at Schneider Drugs and Signature Café. If you have any questions call Cheryl Vollhaber at 379-7234 or John Wike at 341-3641.

PPERRIA Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, April 23, 2007, 7:00 p.m. PPUMC

President Joe Ring called the meeting of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Association to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Introductions of new members and guests were made.
2. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mary Ann Page. Passed without noes.
3. A request for items to be donated for the Ice Cream Social Silent Auction was made by Bridget Ferguson. Last Year's Silent Auction raised over \$5,000 for the use of Pratt School.
4. The nominating committee slate for Board of Directors was presented. Paul Zerby, Nominating Committee Chairperson noted that the Committee had made a special effort to recruit new members, and thanked old members who had offered to step aside. No nominations were made from the floor. Ballots were distributed and the election was held.
5. The Grand Rounds and the Mid-Town Greenway was the topic for the evening. John Holmquist, the scheduled speaker on the Grand Rounds, was injured in a bicycle accident and could not appear. In his stead, Joe Ring read a selection from one of John's writings in *Voices From the Land*. John DeWitt, Chairman of PPERRIA's Land Use and Transportation Committee, introduced the topic, and Tim Springer of the Midtown Greenway Coalition. Springer described the completed Greenway, which runs from the west side of the city through Lake of the Isles and Lake Calhoun, parallel to Lake Street all the way across the city to the Mississippi River. This route with broad bicycle and walking paths will continue with a bridge across the river. St. Paul has plans to continue the Greenway across St. Paul as reported by Betsy Jacobson. Springer presented slides of the Greenway across the city. Several residents spoke glowingly of their experiences bicycling on the route, which runs for the most part below the street level grade. Volunteers maintain the gardens and trees that line the route.
6. The results of the election were announced, with the election of Dean Abrahamson, Richard Adams, Tom Clausen, Bridget Ferguson, Kate Galle, Tony and Greta Garmers, Bonnie Herr, John Holmquist, Walt Jacobs, Dick Kain, Roger Kiemele, Ginia Klemecki, Dean and Janet Lund, Ann Munt, Dan Peters, Dick and Meredith Poppele, Jerry and Margy Stein, Julie Wallace, John and Wendy Wicks, and Lois Willand. David Kaar and Steve Ficker were elected alternate.
7. Announcements were made by:  
Karen Murdock: University Student Rental Housing Study is available with much valuable information about the neighborhood.  
Julie Wallace: Community Choir Concert will be held at PPUMC on May 20 at 4 p.m. Community invited.  
Mary Alice Kopf: Announced that three Prospect Park homes will be on the Minneapolis Home Tour on Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29.  
Tom Kilton: thanked all for participation in the River Cleanup. Over 150 volunteers participated.
8. Tom Kilton thanked Joe Ring on behalf of the membership for his three years service and accomplishments as President of PPERRIA, and his many prior accomplishments for the benefit of this community and the City of Minneapolis. A book with individual thank yous from members was presented.
9. A motion to adjourn was made by Peter LaSha. Passed without noes.

Refreshments and flowers were available for all attendees following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betts Zerby, Secretary

PPERRIA Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
Monday, April 23, 2007, 9:15 p.m.  
PPUMC

A Board of Directors' Meeting was called to order by Joe Ring immediately after the Annual Meeting for the sole purpose of electing officers of the board. The Nominating Committee Slate of President – Dick Poppele; Immediate Past

President – Joe Ring; Secretary – Betts Zerby; Treasurer – Lois Willand; Vice President (Newsletter Editor) – John Holmquist; Vice President – (Website – Database Manager) Andy Mickel and Cheryl Vollhaber; Vice President (Zoning); Vice President – Phil Anderson; Vice President (Finance) – Tony Garmers; Vice President – Susan Larson-Fleming was presented. A white ballot for all members was cast.

The Nominating Committee slate for Committee Chairs nominated Dick Poppele – Executive Committee; Susan Larson Fleming – Personnel Committee; Joe Ring – Livability Committee; Florence Littman – Zoning and Land Use. A white ballot for all members was cast.

A motion to elect was made by Joe Ring to designate Lois Willand, Dick Poppele and Tony Garmers as signers on the PPERRIA Bank accounts was made and passed without noes.

Motion to adjourn by Dean Lund was passed without noes.

Respectfully submitted,

Betts Zerby, Secretary

### May NRP Contractor Activities 04/04/2007 – 05/03/2007

Supported PPERRIA activities, NRP I, and NRP II			
Contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
04/04/07 to 05/03/07	<b>40.50</b>	<b>\$ 972.00</b>	<b>0.5 %</b>
10/18/95 to 04/04/07	<b>10,720.41</b>	<b>\$185,235.15</b>	<b>95.9 %</b>
10/18/95 to 05/03/07	<b>10,760.91</b>	<b>\$186,207.15</b>	<b>96.4 %</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP Phase 1 budget for independent contractor services = \$206,426.89\*; \$6712.22 remains.

### PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

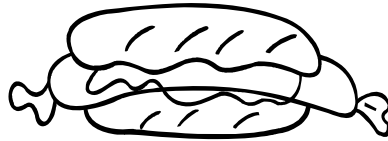
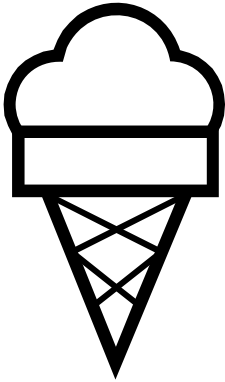
Community Events	Gratia Reynolds	grandmagratia@yahoo.com	331-5312
East River Gorge Park	Tom Kilton	tom@tomkilton.com	339-3064
Education & Human Services	Susan Larson-Fleming	flemings@usfamily.net	331-8819
Executive	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
History Project	Betts Zerby	ejzerby@yahoo.com	379-8095
Landscape	Mary Alice Kopf	mollisk@earthlink.net	379-7436
Landscape subcommittee: Tree Health Project	Paula Denman	pjdenman@mn.rr.com	338-1871
Livability	Joe Ring	jring@visi.com	379-4587
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman Phil Anderson	littm005@umn.edu philanne@ties2.net	331-2970 627-9471

### Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood Calendar

To include items in PPERRIA calendar, contact Joyce Barta at 378-9268 by **Thursday, June 7, 2007.**

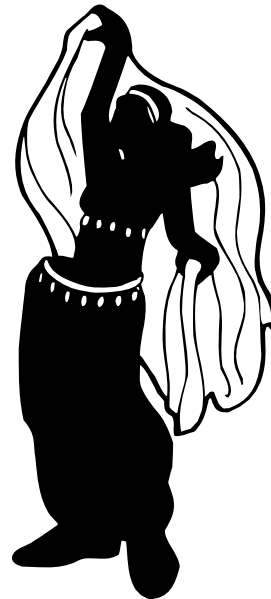
Date and Time	Event and Location	Whom to contact
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Monday, May 14	11:30 am- 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Pot Luck</b> at Pratt	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, May 15		<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, May 15	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Thursday, May 17	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>Pratt Council meeting</b> at Pratt	Greg Bernstein	378-3489
Sunday, May 20	4:00 pm	<b>Prospect Park Community Choir Concert</b> at PPUMC. "A Couple of Tra La Las", featuring a Wizard of Oz medley.		
Monday, May 21- note date change	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Board of Directors &amp; Membership Meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church.	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, May 22	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>Crime prevention</b> meeting at 2515 University Ave SE	Joe Ring	379-4587
Wednesday, May 23	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>Garden Club</b> at the home of Mary Shields, 117 Melbourne 612-730-9545	Kent Petterson	332-1821
Friday, June 1		<b>Pratt Ice Cream Social</b> at Pratt School. Food, games, music. The only chance all year to climb the tower!	Deb Clark	668-1122
Monday, June 11	11:30 am- 1:30 pm	<b>JOY Picnic</b> at Luxton Park	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Monday, June 11	7:00 pm	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Dick Poppele	378-9242
Tuesday, June 12		<b>Last day of school</b> for Minneapolis Public Schools		
Wednesday, June 13	5:00 pm	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Latrisha Collins	342-1952
Tuesday, June 19	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	<b>JOY Outing</b> Call for information.	Eric Cherland	370-4925
Tuesday, June 19	7:00 pm ?	<b>Community Concert</b> at Pratt.		
Tuesday, June 19	7:00 pm	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman	331-2970
Saturday, June 23	10:00 am- 3:00 pm	<b>Prospect Park Garden Walk</b>	Cheryl Vollhaber	379-7234
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



## **DON'T FORGET THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**JUNE 1, 5 PM TO 8:30 PM AT  
PRATT SCHOOL AND TOWER HILL**



# Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) 2006-2007 Membership Form

**Eligibility:** Any person 18 or older is eligible to join PPERRIA whose permanent and primary residence is within the geographic boundaries of the Prospect Park East River Road Neighborhood of Minneapolis (Oak Street to the St. Paul city limits).

**Cost:** Annual donations pay **PPERRIA** operational costs. Please contribute according to your means and according to the value that **PPERRIA** provides to the neighborhood. We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax-deductible. A single donation applies to the memberships of all eligible persons living at the same street address. A donation is not required for membership.

**Duration:** Persons shall become members from the first PPERRIA meeting following the submission of the completed application and the payment of the annual donation to the PPERRIA Executive Committee. A membership submitted with this form is effective through the 2005 annual meeting (4th Monday in April).

**Please send membership form to:** **PPERRIA Membership** Please make checks payable to "PPERRIA"  
**66 Malcolm Avenue SE**  
**Minneapolis MN 55414**

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Names:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Evening Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail Address 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**

Please check which areas you are especially interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Recreation        | <input type="checkbox"/> History Project           | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety & Security         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Jobs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Improvement       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Walls               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events           | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Re-development    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping & Garden Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning & Site Plan Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment                | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks                     | _____  |

Please check any skills you would be willing to occasionally offer to PPERRIA:

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|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accountant   | <input type="checkbox"/> Editor               | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Designer       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architect    | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Printer                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art & Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalist           | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbying             | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Management           | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinator    |

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

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