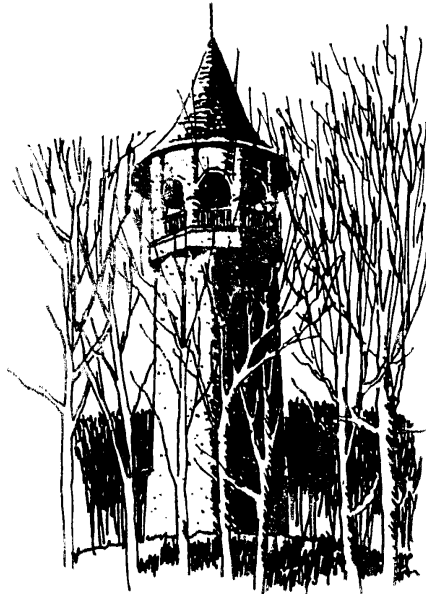


# ***October 2003 PPERRIA Newsletter***



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## **PPERRIA Board/Membership**

### **Meeting Notice/Agenda**

**The next PPERRIA Meeting is Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.**  
at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues Southeast

- 1. Welcome.**
- 2. Approve agenda/last meeting's minutes.**
- 3. Items for Consideration:**

- 4. New/Old Business.**
- 5. Adjourn.**

## Minutes from September 22<sup>nd</sup> PPERRIA meeting – (Dan Patenaude)

- 1) The 9/22/03 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association Inc. (PPERRIA) Board of Directors (BOD)/Membership/Neighborhood (B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Steve Banks, President, at 7 P.M. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC) (Orlin/Malcolm Avenues S.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414). A quorum of the BOD was present. Introduced were first time attendees, quests and visitors. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "To accept as the agenda for this meeting the agenda that was available at this meeting." See attached Item 1. There were no additional agenda items considered at this meeting.
- 2) Motion made by Steve Cross, seconded by Florence Littman and passed without noes: "The minutes of the 7/28/03 PPERRIA B/M/N as published in the 9/03 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting be accepted. See attached Item 2.
- 3) Allison Rajala, Como Neighborhood Improvement Association, reviewed the Tuttle/Pratt Middle School "Middle School Stuff" fund raiser to be matched by Hawkins Inc., a chemistry-based products company located in the Como neighborhood. Now that there is a community middle school [!!!] there is a need for "stuff" for the science labs, phy-ed and arts programs. The goal is a total of \$30,000. For further information call 612-668-1210 or [www.mpls.k12.us/schools/elementary/tuttle](http://www.mpls.k12.us/schools/elementary/tuttle) See attached Item 3.
- 4) Kari Simonson, PPERRIA/NRP Block Club Coordinator, reviewed the recent Neighborhood Night Out on 8/5/03. There were 10 separate block parties throughout the neighborhood with many of them combining two or more blocks to make organization easier and turn-out higher. A number of parties had visits from the Minneapolis Police Department and S.A.F.E. Over 400 neighbors attended a block party that evening with the weather cooperating. Block leaders reported that nametags provided by the City of Minneapolis were helpful for meeting new neighbors. The city also provided door hangers that helped announce the parties. Numerous Minnesota Twins ticket vouchers donated by the Twins were a fun give-away item. The National Night Out Block Parties are held each year on the first Tuesday night of August. If your block did not have a party this year, consider volunteering to help organize one for next year. Contact Kari Simonson at 612-331-2776 or 612-331-2772. See attached Item 4.
- 5) Tom Kilton, Neighborhood Clean Up Coordinator, reviewed the recent Neighborhood Clean Up. This event has been held for many years and yet each cleanup yields about the same number of trucks full of stuff. Changes in the program by the city resulted in the pickup of metal (two large trucks), tires (several pickups), concrete (almost a full large bin) and a combined brush/Buckthorn cuttings (two very full donated packer trucks). Hennepin County provided a site in the neighborhood to which individual neighbors could bring their hazardous waste. Items that can be picked up in the weekly trash and biweekly recycle were not picked up this year. There were fifty "truckee" neighborhood volunteers, a good turn out. [Thank you!] The morning-only schedule tended to work and the additional cost of the neighborhood having to pay for the metal trucks was covered by donations, along with the breakfast and lunch. Watch for a published report. The committee continues to review the procedures and printed materials so that each year there is improvement.

## Sept. 22 Minutes (cont.)

6) Motion made by Betts Zerby, seconded by Susan Larson-Fleming and passed without noes: "That PPERRIA make up to \$1,000 available to the PPERRIA History Committee for the production of a Prospect Park calendar. The money would be paid back to PPERRIA by the proceeds from the sale of the calendar." The recent publishing of the Prospect Park Neighborhood History book resulted in a large supply of photographs and drawings.

7) Julia Mackenzie-Cross introduced herself as the new JOY (Just Older Youth) Coordinator and reviewed that program. There are active and non-active activities/ programs for age 55+ residents of the neighborhood. JOY is a program of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Department. Contact her at 612-331-5823 or cross-mackenzie@juno.com See attached Item 7.

8) Todd Renbold, VP of Public Affairs for the University of Minnesota Graduate Professional Student Association, introduced himself and his organization. This contact is part of the concern that there needs to be more and ongoing involvement of the different stakeholders of the University of Minnesota (UM) and the non UM stakeholders that the actions of the UM affect and visa-versa. This can be addressed by interaction of the UM Organizations/PPERRIA and by those UM students who live in the Prospect Park neighborhood to join PPERRIA and run for membership on the PPERRIA Board of Directors.

9) Announcements: Phil Anderson, Zoning Committee member, reviewed his research on two issues brought forward by the neighborhood regarding the going-ons at the East River Mews Town Home/Condominium project at Franklin and Thornton Avenues (27th East River Parkway): A) Why such slow construction? Brighton Development/Builder/ Owner financing requires that at least half of the units in a building need to be sold before financing is provided for construction. Two of the townhome buildings are under construction with the foundation of a third building being put in place. So far only one of the twelve condominiums is sold. Condominiums tend to sell later as there is a different market and buyers tend to like to see built parts of a condominium project; B) Why are there holes on the site that fill with water? These 30'x6'x10' holes are catchment basins designed to hold up to one foot of onsite drainage that will later drain into the city storm sewer system after any neighborhood drainage has been taken care of.

10) Florence Littman, Zoning Committee Chair, reported that there will be additional building inspections in the Marcy/Holmes and Como neighborhoods. At present there is none scheduled for the Prospect Park Neighborhood. She reviewed the issues brought before the committee. A) A zero set back variance to replace an existing garage at 111 Arthur Avenue S.E. was recommended with amendments that the runoff water generated be restricted to the site, the garage be no higher than the existing garage, the walls be of an open lattice construction and that any encroachments on a neighbor's property be corrected. This is a project that has been in the works for several years and a year ago there was a site plan okayed by the city that is different than the current one. The city was not going to request a review of the current plan. B) The at least four year saga of the landscaping plan for the Great Brakes site on University Avenue S.E. and between Bedford and Clarence Avenues S.E. continues. The property owner has done some of the work correctly, but there remains other undone work. Next chapter? C) The issue of an appropriate and acceptable fence between the neighbors on Fourth Street S.E. and the Alliance clinic and Fraser School properties on University Avenue S.E. continues. There remain unresolved issues and requirements between the two businesses that probably will delay the finishing of the fence until 2004.

## Sept. 22 minutes (cont.)

11) Joyce Barta, PPERRIA/NRP Coordinator, reviewed the PPERRIA/NRP 7/11/03 to 8/8/03 Contractor billings and activities as published in the 9/03 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at this meeting. Billed was \$628.00 for committee support. Total billings 10/18/95 to 8/8/03=\$148,208.34. Remaining amount for future billings up to \$6,258.69. See attached Item 11.

12/13) Old/New Business: A) Dick Kain (1 Orlin) indicated that there is an increasing problem in that area with non-resident on-street parking, vehicles not being able to drive through the street and needing to back up, running of stop signs at the Orlin/Malcolm corner and speeding. An extensive listing of similar situations and alternatives was had. The issue was referred to the Transportation and Land Use Committee, John DeWitt, Chair. B) Julie MacKenzie-Cross commented on the increased airplane traffic over the neighborhood. Additional information about this concern is needed before there can be any neighborhood action. As there is not a "livability" committee to address issues of this type, someone is going to have to take charge.

14) Motion made, seconded and passed without noes: "That this meeting be adjourned." There was no additional business conducted at this meeting.

Daniel Patenaude, Secretary

Written changes and comments to 117 Arthur Avenue S.E. or <marko029@umn.edu>

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# NRP Phase I Evaluation Survey

## THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

A survey of the Prospect Park neighborhood's views on the results of Phase I of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program will be taken during November. Surveys will be available to residents at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church Sale on November 1, and will be available for residents to complete at Pratt Community Education Center, Schneider's Drug Store, and Luxton Park. The survey will also be sent out over the PPERRIA e-mail list, and will be available on the PPERRIA website, pperr.org. The survey will be part of the Phase I Evaluation that will be submitted to NRP, and results will be publicized in the PPERRIA Newsletter, the *Southeast Angle*, and on the e-list and the PPERRIA website.

Take a few minutes to complete a survey and express your opinion. Completed surveys should be sent to PPERRIA, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE, or dropped off at Pratt Community Education Center.

Betts Zerby

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# Thanks to all the Block Club Leaders! - Kari Simonson

A very big THANK YOU to all of the people who helped make the National Night Out parties a success. This important neighborhood event could not have happened without their time and effort. Their help in creating a fun event for neighbors to meet each other contributes greatly to the safety of the neighborhood as a whole.

The following people all put in a lot of time and effort to make the National Night Out parties happen this summer. In addition, these neighborhood volunteers help out with other jobs like putting up flyers for neighborhood events. If you see these neighbors out in their yards, please take the time to thank them personally for their volunteer work. And maybe offer to help out next year!! My apologies to anyone missing from this list:

Rob & Joyce Barta, Jean Bauer, Jane Burnam, Charles & Cheri Dawes, Paula Denman, Kathy Frank, Tony Garmers, Jean Gilette, Brooke Hart, John Holmquist, Barbara Karkie, Mary Alice Kopf, Peter LaSha, Rachel Levitt, Vera Marshall, Andi Marvey, Andy Mickel, Karen Murdock, Harrison Nelson, Doug Parry, Mimie Pollard, Gratia Reynolds, Mary Schneider, Mary Skelley, and Jenny Smith.

Keep in mind, there are lots of people *not* on this list who contributed their time, yard space and, of course, FOOD to help make this a great event. National Night Out is truly a group effort that exemplifies the best part of living in a neighborhood as involved and friendly as Prospect Park/East River Road.

If you have any questions about the Block Club program, or if you would like to find out how you can help with the National Night Out block parties next summer, please contact Kari Simonson at 612-331-2776 or 612-331-2772, or e-mail kari.simonson@juno.com.

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## PPERRIA Committees and Chairs

Community Events	Susan Thrash	379-4587
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
Transportation and Land Use	John Dewitt	338-1871
Zoning & Plan Review	Florence Littman	331-2970

## September NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities – Joyce Barta

Reporting period: August 8, 2003 through September 5, 2003. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Worked to establish and strengthen Block Clubs			
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 08/08/03 to 10/05/03	<b>14.50</b>	<b>\$232.00</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 08/08/03	<b>8,844.10</b>	<b>\$148,208.34</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 09/05/03	<b>8,858.60</b>	<b>\$148,440.34</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

Total revised PPERRIA NRP budget for independent contractor services = \$166,6233.46\*; **\$5,298.69\*** remains.

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Total PPERRIA Funds Available for Buckthorn Removal per Exec. Committee 7/8/02: \$1,400.00; Total PPERRIA Staff Funds spent to date: \$168; Total Hard Costs spent to date: \$0; Total Remaining: \$1,232.00.

## October NRP/PPERRIA Contractor Activities – Joyce Barta

Reporting period: September 5, 2003 through October 9, 2003. Major activities and results:

Supported various PPERRIA committees and the Executive Committee	Maintained the neighborhood calendar & supported production of PPERRIA newsletter		
Worked to establish and strengthen Block Clubs			
Expense for contractors' services:	Hours billed	Total expense	% of total Budget
Totals 09/05/03 to 10/09/03	<b>45.5</b>	<b>\$728.00</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Totals 10/18/95 to 09/05/03	<b>8,858.60</b>	<b>\$148,440.34</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
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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, November 7.**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event and Location</b>	<b>Whom to call</b>
Tuesday, 7:00 pm October 21	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Monday, 7:00 pm October 27	<b>PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Friday, 6:00-8:00 pm October 31	<b>Halloween Party and Haunted House</b> at Luxton Park	Kris Hammes 370-4925
Saturday, 10 am -5 pm November 1	<b>Art Fair and Bazaar</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Mary 379-1730
Wednesday, 7:30 pm November 5	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129
Monday, 7:00 pm November 10	<b>PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 5:00 pm November 12	<b>Glendale Resident Organization meeting</b> at 92 St. Mary's Ave.	William Tweet 342-1952
Tuesday, 7:00 pm November 18	<b>(Tentative) Zoning &amp; Planning Committee meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Florence Littman 331-2970
Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm November 20	<b>Pratt Council Meeting</b> at Pratt Community Center; childcare and rides available.	Gary Jordan, 673-9713
Monday, 7:00 pm November 24	<b>PPERRIA BOD &amp; Membership meeting</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Steve Banks 321-9064
Wednesday, 7:30 pm November 26	<b>Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service</b> at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 1500 Franklin Ave SE	
Wednesday, 7:30 pm December 3	<b>Luxton Park Council meeting</b> at Luxton Park building	Jim Widder 331-6129
Sunday, 2:00 pm December 7	<b>Prospect Park Community Choir Winter Holiday Concert</b> at Prospect Park United Methodist Church	Curt Oliver 763-208-6556

<b>Day and Time</b>	<b>Recurring Community Events</b>	<b>Whom to call</b>
Monday-Friday 10am-4pm	<b>Food, toys, art supplies, seasonal clothing, necessities</b> can be donated to Care & Share Food Shelf, 92 St. Mary's Ave.	Ginia Klamecki 331-705 Shirley Davis 342-195
Tuesdays 4 – 5pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays 11:00-11:25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays 11:30-12:00	<b>Bookmobile</b> at Luxton Park  <b>Bookmobile</b> at Univ. Good Samaritan Center  <b>Bookmobile</b> at Pratt Community Center	Bookmobile 630-663
Tuesdays 7:00 pm	<b>Community Choir</b> at PPUMC (Note: does not meet during the summer)	Curt Oliver 763-208-655
Always Open	<b>Labyrinth at Franklin Oval</b> on Franklin Ave between Bedford and Cecil	

**PPERRIA Web Site: <http://pperr.org>**

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