- 1. The 10/26/98 Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, Inc. Board/Membership/Neighborhood (PPERRIA-B/M/N) meeting was called to order by Alison Katagiri, PPERRIA President, at 7 PM at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (Orlin/Malcolm SE). A quorum was present. The agenda available at the meeting was accepted without additions or corrections.
- 2. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes to "Accept without changes or corrections the 9/28/98 PPERRIA-B/M/N minutes available at the meeting."
- 3. Nicole Magnan, Minneapolis Police Department, circulated copies of the 9/98 Prospect Park crime statistics. There were several dwelling burglaries during the day with entry through cut screens.
- 4. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes "To move \$2,000 from PPERRIA/NRP Parks and Recreation A.1.b (Luxton Sports Camps) to A.1.c (Luxton Sports Equipment." Jeanne Moses, Luxton Council, reported that the funds Luxton receives from the Minneapolis Park Board does not cover the increased needs for equipment at Luxton.
- 5. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes to "Release an additional \$11,000 from PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Housing section A.1 from the \$100,000 set aside for the purchase of properties in the Motley neighborhood, to be used for code-compliance on the housing coop at 635 Erie St. S.E." Paul Scheurer, PPERRIA/NRP Housing Committee member, indicated this was necessary to complete the purchase using a mortgage provided by the NorthCountry Cooperative Development Fund and allow the rehab to start on the only University of Minnesota (UM) owned house in Motley sold to an owner/resident. The UM will not bring the house up to code and the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA) no longer provides funds for coops. Any funds unused for code compliance will be returned to the Housing Fund. He also said that there may be up to two additional UM Motley houses yet to be sold. It was mentioned that this funding over the original \$5,000 does not take from any other UM Motley property due to the UM selling almost all to nonresident owners. All administrative matters are being handled by MCDA.
- 6. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes with a friendly admendment "To began negotiations with Brighton Development Corporation to implement the development of both the Unocal (Franklin/27th Ave. S,E,) and the Fourth Street (Bedford/4th St. S,E,) housing sites in order to fulfill long-standing neighborhood wishes to complete both projects. This good faith negotiation would allow the neighborhood to use one developer, with whom it has had successful dealings in the past and with whom it would work toward developing a mutually agreeable development package for both sites. Some critical issues to be addressed in any contract with Brighton would be that the agreement with PPERRIA/NRP is contingent upon the successful negotiation with the city for a Tax Development Financing District, the designation of the Unocal site as R-2 for zoning purposes, with successful negotiation between Brighton and Unocal of a purchase agreement of the Unocal site and the use of the highest standard of construction which is architecturally compatible with the neighborhood in the development of the sites." Sally Bell, PPERRIA/NRP Joint Housing Site Committee, reported that Brighton's purchase agreement of the Fourth Street site is soon to expire and if this happens due to the current zoning on that site and the possibility of any of the four different owners selling to highest bidder, as well as due to the current zoning on the Unocal site, Unocal could also sell to the highest bidder. It is imperative that there be a "beginning" of the PPERRIA/NRP Unocal/Fourth Street Housing Project. This would allow further time to locate the additional funds needed to develop both sites as planned. Concern was expressed that there may be "better" developers "out there." Development on these sites has been talked about for "years" and this agreement is only about "negotiating" not "signing now." An abstract will be prepared about the history of the development on these sites.

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- 7. Alison Katagiri reported that the process of reallocation of "uncommitted" PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan funds continues. The PPERRIA/NRP committees and neighborhood groups have determined their plans to implement remaining PPERRIA/NRP strategies. Not surprisingly, most will implement their strategies. However, there remains an estimate of \$17,000 to \$40,000 no longer deemed necessary strategies. Area residents are being asked to consider the implementation of PPERRIA/NRP Livability C.2 (Gateways/Signs/Kiosks). The action plan states that the goal is to "identify both the geographic boundaries and districts within the neighborhood, and create identifiable entrances and gathering places." If any group or individual has a proposal for implementing this strategy, they will be asked to respond by 11/26/98. This request will be advertised in the SouthEast Angle and by neighborhood signs. Alison Savin and Harrison Nelson will co-chair the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Reallocation Committee with a goal to have a final report January 1999. Any funds not implemented will be allocated to the PPERRIA/NRP Action Plan Contingency Fund.
- 8. Motion made, seconded and passed without noes to "Accept the PERRIER Zoning Committee recommendation for a set back variance for 300 Seymour Place. As this is a corner lot, there are two front sides and a second story addition to the existing house is currently illegal. Florence Littman, PPERRIA/NRP Zoning co-chair, also reported that the UM is considering changes to their agreement for UM student housing in the Dunbar building under construction between 25th and 27th on University Ave. SE. after the comments at the 9/28/98 PPERRIA-B/M/N meeting. The UM also is talking about Neighborhood Impact Statements!!! The recent tax sale buyer of the Bambies' site (26th/Essex S,E,) has now proposed resident housing on this site. No one has seen any building documents. The State Capitol Credit Union has expressed interest in the recently closed Embers and Fina businesses between 24th/25th Streets and University Avenue. A phone message was left regarding a proposed grocery store on University Avenue somewhere between 280 and the UM. Attempts to return the call have not been successful. SuperAmerica has withdrawn their request for unattended, 24-hour available, credit card only gas service at the SuperAmerica site on the southwest corner of University/Bedford SE. There is talk that this store is to be sold. The Dinniken appeal before the Minneapolis Zoning Committee of an earlier rejection for a parking variance due to hardship on a lot from which they had earlier removed the house was rejected. The lot is at the northeast corner of Ontario/Deleware S.E. The PERRIER Executive Committee at the 10/12/98 passed the following motion: "That the maps of the proposed Minneapolis Zoning Code be referred to the neighborhoods to allow for meaningful comments and concerns." Although initial wording of the proposed revised Minneapolis Zoning Code did not sound too bad, now that the maps are available there are big problems. The maps were never referred to the neighborhoods for comments and concerns and show zoning much too dense for certain areas and changes in housing that were earlier indicated not to happen. The PPERRIA Zoning Committee will continue to advocate that original zoning principles are held to, that corrections be made and that the neighborhoods participate in all phases of the process.
- 9. Mary Ledgers, PPERRIA/NRP Contract Worker, reviewed the Sept/Oct 98 PPERRIA/NRP Contract Worker Report as publish in the 10/98 PPERRIA Newsletter and available at the meeting. The total funds paid remain well under the budgeted amount with one year remaining on the budget.
- 10/11. Expressed were strong comments about neighbors illegally raking leaves into the street and in past years not timely removing the snow from public walks. These are two of a series on unresolved ongoing "Livability Issues" that for the lack of some one to "take charge" will continue to be handled by the concerned individual. Andy Mickle indicated that the company he was able to convince to move to the neighborhood has relocated in larger quarters within the neighborhood. Expressed was concern of the recent increase in Canadian Pacific railroad switching on their tracks between the I-94 and East River Terrace S.E. Callers to the railroad were told by the railroad that this was due to reduced switching at the Hawiatha site and nothing would be done

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to reduce the noise. Callers to our council member were told by our council member's office that this was not the city's problem, but were advised to keep a record of the individual noise events. An unresolved issue. PPERRIA will send letters of concern to both parties.

Motion made, seconded and passed without noes to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Patenaude, PPERRIA Secretary.

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