



# PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS	Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200	Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC
<p><i>The most up-to-date list of meeting please check the <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><b><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></b> Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, February 7</u> Planning and Land Use Committee 7-9pm <a href="#">Draft Agenda</a></p> <p><u>Thursday, February 23</u> Neighborhood Relations &amp; Outreach 5:30-7pm <a href="#">Draft Agenda</a></p>	<p><b>PPA Town Hall Meeting</b> <b>Monday February 27,</b> <b>6:30pm - 7:30pm</b> <a href="#">TBD-Please see calendar</a></p> <p><b>PPA Board Meeting</b> <b>Monday February 27,</b> <b>7:30pm - 8:30pm</b> <a href="#">TBD-Please see calendar</a></p>

# Prospect Park has fire

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to all who are helping to keep the sidewalks clear! It's one of those things that helps keep this neighborhood a great place to live for everyone.

Another thing that makes Prospect Park a great place to live is the amazing events! The Annual Fire and Ice Festival is coming up at Luxton Park (112 Williams) on Saturday, February 4 from 5:30-8pm. There will be a giant bonfire, horse drawn hay rides, music, kids crafts, book giveaway, park naturalists, and food for sale. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach out to new neighbors and introduce them to a wonderful Prospect Park tradition!

Continue reading for more news and events regarding the neighborhood.

See you around,

Jessica

## New PPA Committees

The PPA Board recently voted to change the structure and type of committees that make up PPA's operating system! In recent years there has been some committee attrition, and the feeling that people do not know where to get started when they want to volunteer with PPA. This new structure should make it easier to identify where you would like to volunteer your time, and with it comes the announcement of several new committees!

- Housing & Livability (new!)
- Environment & Sustainability (new!)
- Transit & Safety (new!)
- Land Use & Planning (formerly the Zoning and Project Review Committee)
- Neighborhood Relations & Outreach (formerly Membership and Communications)

The functions and counterparts of these committees can be [viewed in this presentation](#) that was given to the Board of Directors. Currently there are still plans being made for when the committees will meet and what their scope will be, but if you would like to start

volunteering with the committee chairs to make these groups meet sooner, just [email Jessica](#) with your interests and she will help get you connected!

## Opportunities to Meet Your Reps

Senator Kari Dziedzic will be at the February Community Meeting on Monday, February 27th. Please come with your questions, concerns and general interest to see what she is up to at the Capitol!

Representative Ilhan Omar is hosting an event at Daybreak Press Global Bookstore in Stadium Village on Monday, January 30th from 7:00-10:00pm. Meet the new representative of the Prospect Park neighborhood and check out this great feminist-led bookstore! [See the Facebook event here.](#)

Both Senator Dziedzic and Representative Omar are hosting a Listening Session on Saturday, February 11th at Matthews Park (2318 29th Ave S), starting at 10:30am. That same day, Representative Omar will be at another listening session with Representative Loeffler at Van Cleve Park (901 15th Ave SE) starting at 1:00pm.

## Meeting regarding Parks & Developer

New building developments in Minneapolis must pay a Parkland Dedication Fee to support the acquisition or improvement of parks or trails in the same neighborhood as the development. While it is possible for developers to dedicate part of their land to parkland or trails in lieu of payment, most developers pay the fee, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) uses the funds for parkland investments that fit its capital improvements goals.

The development now under construction at 117 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE has applied to the MPRB to have \$225,869 of its fee refunded, based on the contribution it can make to the future Grand Rounds Missing Link, which is planned to run along 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Note: Prospect Park was represented on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the 2008 Missing Link

Development Study.

The PPA Land Use and Planning Committee (formerly Zoning and Project Review) met with this developer during the planning process, but this issue was not presented at that time, and the committee has asked the MPRB for an opportunity for community engagement before the request is approved. A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9th at Luxton Park from 6:30-8:30 pm. View the plans, discuss the pros and cons of the changed plans, and provide your input on how neighborhood green space is shaped!

## Prospect Park Merchandise

Prospect Park t-shirts, posters commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Witch's Hat Water Tower, and the history book Under the Witch's Hat, are all for sale at the PPA office! Limited sizes are available. To schedule a pick up time or for more information on pricing and availability, please call Jessica at 612-767-6531.

## Southeast Seniors News

Please join Southeast Seniors for two interesting workshops in February;

- February 2, 10-11:15 at Van Cleve Park - Vision Loss Resources will present information about services for people with vision loss.
- February 23, 10-11:15 at PPUMC - Honoring Choices, a presentation to inspire and support many community-based conversations regarding end-of-life care planning.

Southeast Seniors also offers many other services to help people 65 and older stay in their homes. They can connect you with resources like tax assistance, healthy cooking opportunities, connecting you with someone to help you around the house and more. Give SE Seniors a call to find out about all of the resources available 612-331-2302.

# Free Sand

Keep your sidewalks safe for your pedestrian neighbors by getting free sand from the City of Minneapolis! Check out the [pick up locations here](#).

## Save the Date — Community

## Connections Conference April 1st

Save the Date for the 5th annual Community Connections Conference – Your Voice, Your City: CommUnity - being held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The conference is FREE to all participants.

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department hosts the conference annually in partnership with City departments, neighborhood organizations, and community partners. It is designed to showcase and build successful community collaborations between neighborhoods, cultural communities, residents, and the City.

[Please visit the website](#) for future updates and details regarding the conference.

## PPA Documents

- [Committee Reports from December 2016 and January 2017](#)
- [PPA's Budget for January 2017-December 2017](#)
- PPA's New [Committee Structure](#) and [Committee Map](#)

*PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.*

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