

ERIC AMEL

SEYMOUR AVENUE

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

Prospect Park Water Tower

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

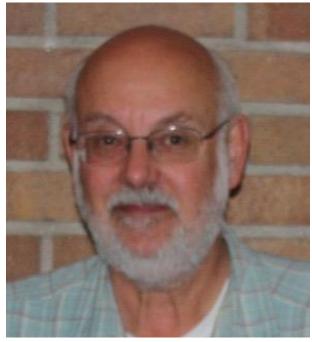
PPA board member since April 2013. PPA board secretary since April 2013. PPA Land Use committee member since April 2013. Licensed architect.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Rowing the boat, so to speak.

Anything else you want to share?

We have a wonderful neighborhood steeped in quixotic character. We are optimistic if not conflicted about what we envision, and frequently we surprise ourselves at what we accomplish together. The warp of time and weft community we weave and reweave here in the Park is a perpetual, sometimes experimental, and ever-changing tapestry. I feel fortunate to be here.



JOHN KARI

MALCOLM AVENUE

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

Tower Hill.

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

Current member of PPA board, vice chair of Land Use and Planning committee, chair of the Comprehensive Plan update work group, board chair of PP2020, retired regional planner with expertise in land use and transportation issues. Resident of Prospect Park since 1971.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Planning and land use



JOHN WICKS

EAST RIVER PARKWAY

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

Physical, cultural diversity

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

My career background as an architect and planner enables me to better understand the proposals brought to the Land Use Committee by developers and concerns of individual property owners who wish to improve their properties.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Land Use Committee and improvement in the physical and environmental conditions of the neighborhood.

Anything else you want to share?

It is a privilege to work with the many concerned residents who care so strongly for the Prospect Park Neighborhood.



ROBERT ROSCOE

EAST RIVER PARKWAY

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

Witch's Hat Water Tower

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

Historic preservation experience, knowing city processes.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Planning for the future, exploring historic resources beyond previous studies.

Anything else you want to share?

Other favorite features are the PPA organization, the topography and natural environment, the architecture of the houses.



CLAIRE HASKELL

MELBOURNE AVENUE

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

A strong sense of community engagement.

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

I bring 15 years of experience in business leadership and operations, including fundraising, not-for-profit management, and program development.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

To promote the safety and livability of Prospect Park. I'm interested in building the social fabric of the neighborhood, strengthening positive police-neighborhood relations, and advocating for the interests of Prospect Park residents to city government.

Anything else you want to share?



ISABELLE WATTENBERG

BEDFORD STREET

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

Tower Hill and the people!

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

I'm beginning my fourth year as a renter in Prospect Park but am a third-generation Prospect Park-er (my aunt, uncle, and grandma also reside in the neighborhood), so I have a strong connection to and familiarity with Prospect Park. I've had the pleasure of experiencing the neighborhood's unique personality and active community through activities including the Ice Cream Social, local caucuses, and garden walk. I was also immersed in building and modifying policy when I served on student senate as an undergraduate, a role that frequently exposed me to the challenges of addressing multiple viewpoints and needs.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Parking, preparing for the nearby construction and development, getting renters more involved in neighborhood events

Anything else you want to share?

I'm interested in serving a 1-year term for the PPA board.



JOHNATHAN SCHUSTER

WILLIAMS AVENUE

Johnathan has been elected by the U of M student government to be the 2017-2018 representative on the PPA Board! Because he has already been elected via that function, he will not be on the ballot.

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

The trees during fall time.

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

I have experience running student organizations at the collegiate level. Additionally, I have been living in Prospect Park for the past 3 years.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

To bridge the gap between the University of Minnesota community and the greater Prospect Park area.

Anything else you want to share?

Fun Fact: I once recorded a full-length Christmas album with a friend.



SUSAN LARSON-FLEMING

WILLIAMS AVENUE

Favorite feature of Prospect Park?

The Tower.

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

Past President; chair of Education Committee; member of livability committee.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Arts and Education

Anything else you want to share?

Currently Board President of Weavers Guild; member of the Minnesota Library Foundation board.



VINCE NETZ

THORNTON STREET

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

The Mississippi River Gorge - a fantastic wild and scenic feature right in the middle of the city!

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

I've been a PPA Board member for two years and President for one, working hard to transform an historically important organization into a more modern and dynamic one that listens more and does more in the unique community it serves. In my brief tenure I've:

- Shepherded major changes to bylaws, organizational structure, and our public face to make PPA more transparent, accessible, understandable, and efficient.
- Developed stronger partnerships with other community organizations and fostered an open culture that broadens participation of underrepresented groups.
- Improved fiscal performance by reducing expenses, increasing grants, and bringing in external auditors to ensure accountability.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Build upon the new structure we've recently put in place, bring in more funding to implement the many great ideas to improve the neighborhood we've received, and reach out to and include more groups - especially the 74% of our neighborhood that are students and renters.

Anything else you want to share?

I enjoy bringing people together for the common good.



DICK KAIN

ORLIN AVENUE

Favorite feature of Prospect Park

The Tower.

What experience do you bring the Board of Directors?

Resident for more than 30 years, board member for over 10 years.

What would your focus be during your tenure on the Board?

Livability.

Anything else you want to share?