

Community Building 8/18/2021

Attending: David Frank, Vera Marshall, Joe Ring, Jerry Stein

Minutes of 7/14/2021 were approved

Glendale-- Joe talked about the NPR morning show of Monday 8/16. "Arnie" called in with his family's story. They were evicted from their home, moved into Glendale; after 11 years mother moved out, bought a home. Arnie and siblings graduated from the U; he now lives in Edina. An Inspiring story showing the value of public housing. It should be distributed; can it be put on PPA website? Jerry will try to arrange this.

Veera noted how important stable housing is and we are not supporting it.

Audio clip of Arnie is here:



Link to entire program is here:

<http://www.mprnews.org/episode/2021/08/16/miller-tackling-inequality-with-basic-income-initiatives>

Jerry pointed out that 2022 is the 70th anniversary of Glendale. There is a plan to put on an event including videos of former and current residents.

Jackson project – Jerry said that longer term development of designs and designs in hand will be used to solicit funds for memorial and playground; total cost could be 250-350K

In the meantime there are low cost activities which can be done soon: renaming playground; have a 1909 photo of Jackson parents and 3 kids hung on wall; contact TPT about doing documentary on Jackson family, expanding on their program "Jim Crow in the North" (Susan and Jerry are contacting TPT about this); installing plaque in ground in front of the Jackson house; events to illuminate life of the family—for example, Madison Jackson was a porter, and Jerry pointed out that many famous African-Americans of the last century were children of porters because it was a way into the middle class (Thurgood Marshall comes to mind).

So there will be a bifurcation -- some things done this year and some in the future.

Jerry found Marvel Jackson's 1913 Pratt report card in the Library of Congress with his mother's signature on the other side. Jerry took a picture and Kira will make a facsimile of this and other

report cards. (This is the first time current members of the Jackson family had seen that handwriting.)

Vera announced that a new rain garden would be installed in Glendale on 8/19. (More info on rain gardens in September PPA newsletter.

The next meeting is Wednesday Sept 8 at 4:30 PM.