

PPA Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
6:30-8:00 pm

Present: Rick McCormick, Mary Britton, Lydia McAnerney, Kathleen Davis, Vera Marshall, Steve Zimmer

- 1. Thanks to Kathleen for the minutes of the November meeting**
- 2. Brief discussion about neighborhood merger**
- 3. Approve proposed budget 2024 -Mary**

The final 2025 committee budget balance is \$1987. Mary says Wells Fargo probably will donate again next year, so she is starting the budget balance at \$2000. The committee discussed each budget item and agreed to the following amounts. The fall clean up budgeted at \$200; Flyers/Events budgeted at \$100; Green InfraStructure budgeted at \$1400 for trees, tools, mulch, ect. The 25% by '25 initiative budgeted at \$500; and the cost of multi-language translations is budgeted at \$200. The budget was adopted by unanimous vote.

- 4. Engaging with the Community- funding project with PPA (1/9/24 meeting)**

Starting January 2, 2024, community organizations, groups and individuals can apply for funding for small-scale, meaningful projects to make Minneapolis communities more socially connected, healthy and safe. Lydia agreed to attend a January 9th workshop discussing this initiative and will report back to the committee on funding possibilities.

- 5. Draft of 2024 schedule/goals**

Some thoughts include partnering with Southeast Seniors to help get homes winterized, and education projects (one example is a project encouraging house joist insulation). There was discussion about drafting a survey to find out what projects the community might support. Other goals include the planting of bushes in front of the Post Office on University. Mary emphasized the importance of hearing from our neighbors in Glendale.

6. Involving others- expanding committee membership

The group discussed how to increase membership. One suggestion is to use the 25% by '25 initiative to pull in interested folks. The group agreed that a celebration of our accomplishments Pillars in the spring could be helpful. Mary and Kathleen agreed to explore this possibility.

7. Fire and Ice

Vera and Lydia volunteered to sit at an informational table at the celebration.