



Community Building Committee
January 4, 2024

Minutes
Susan Larson-Fleming, recorder

Attending: Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Lynn Von Korff, Cathy Fitch, Michelle Muthiani, Amy Kaminsky

1. Introductions
2. Jerry, in his Prolog, noted that this was the last Community Building meeting. Committee members voted last month to change the committee name to the Jackson Family Project Committee. The Renters Rights subcommittee has been inactive for some time. The Jackson Committee recommends that PPA form a Renters group. This will be taken up during PPA budget discussions.
3. Jackson Spring event. Potential dates were discussed. The Jackson Family would not be able to attend May 1, 2 or May 22-23. The Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for Friday, June 7. Pratt is holding their Field Day on May 31. Possible Jackson day-days: June 6, 7, 8 or May 16, 17, 18. A large part of the annual event will be a day at Pratt School. Connections will be sought with the Wilkins Center at the University of Minn. for a meet and greet with Jackson Family members. Cathy will contact Sam Meyers at the Wilkins Center. Others possibilities for neighborhood and family interactions will be planned after dates are set. Perhaps a walking tour.
4. Mellon Foundation Monuments Grant may be a possibility for funding. Amy noted that she has experience with this grant and will act as a resource.
5. MPS noted late last fall that they intend to fund a new playground at Pratt. Their representatives were not aware that considerable planning work had been done by Pratt staff, parents and neighborhood. There is a budget for equipment. We expect further details to be revealed very soon. Jerry will follow up with 4RM+ULA architects, who did the existing work on the project. They have been in touch with MPS. MPS intends to install new equipment by Fall 2024.
6. Budget will be submitted to PPA for approval in January. Modifications can be made as events arise.
7. Next meeting: February 1, 2024. Virtual, 4:30.