

Prospect Park Association Community Meeting

June 22, 2015
PPUMC

6:30 pm

Board of Directors Present:

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Stu Anderson
4. Judy Britton
5. David & Sigrid Coats
6. Steve Cross
7. Kate Donahue
8. Diana Dukich
9. Tony Garmers
10. Dick Gilyard
11. Susan Gottlieb
12. Del Hampton
13. Tamara Johnson
14. Charles Jorgensen (Sally absent)
15. Dick Kain
16. Tom Kilton
17. Christina Larson
18. Florence Littman
19. Eric Lueneburg
20. Dorothy Marden
21. Andy Mickel
22. Karen Murdock
23. Vince Netz
24. John Orrison
25. Dick Poppele
26. Joe Ring
27. Evan Roberts
28. Robert Roscoe
29. Serafina Scheel
30. Bill & Jane Seeley
31. John Wicks (Wendy Absent)
32. Ladan Yusuf

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Phil Anderson
2. Dick Brownlee
3. John Cushing
4. Ken Hampton
5. Martha Joy
6. John Kari
7. Susan Larson-Fleming
8. Peggy Rejto

Members & Community-at-Large Present:

1. Dan Cross, member
2. Ross Kylo, member
3. Lydia McAnery, member
4. Robert Sykora, member
5. Michael Tenlen, member
6. Paul Figluiller, member
7. Karina Martin, UofM
8. Rev. Antony Alekseyenko, member
9. Robin Garwood, Ward 2 Council
Member Staff
10. Reed Polakowski, member
11. Kyle Rosenberg, member
12. Neal Simons, member
13. Bridget Smith, member
14. Diane Smith, member
15. Paul J Kellogs, member
16. John Holmquist, member
17. Shalini Gupta, member
18. Meredith Poppele, member
19. Greg Simpson, member
20. Connie Balcolm, member
21. Peter Wagenius, member
22. Manivanh Voravong
23. Peter Rejto, member
24. Ruthann Ovenshire, resident
25. Michelle Montbriand, member
26. Cam Gordon, Ward 2
Representative
27. Bill Prince, Public Works
28. Jessica Buchberger, PPA staff

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Richard Adams*, PPA Vice President and meeting chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:30 pm. and asked that all sign in at the back of the room.
 - A. **New introductions.** *Mr. Adams asked if anyone new was in attendance:*
 1. *Karina Martin* introduced herself as a representative of the Department of Urban Studies and *Dr. Ed Getz*. The group is interested in observing the unfolding Glendale Townhomes public process. *Mr. Adams* indicated that the recently confirmed Glendale Committee would want to be a point of focus for their research.
 2. *Robin Garwood* introduced himself as public policy aide for Ward 2 Councilperson *Cam Gordon*.
 3. *Kyle Rosenberg* introduced himself as a new member of the neighborhood association.
 2. **Announcements.** *Richard Adams* opened the floor for announcements:
 - A. **PPA Committee Participation.** *Serafina Scheel*, Chair of the PPA Development Task Force encouraged members to participate on this task force freshly appointed by President Christina Larson. Executive Committee identified the need to come up with a development plan. The task force will develop an initial framework for fundraising, grant writing, etc. *Ms. Scheel* stated that development in the non-profit sense helps obtain the resources we need make our goals a reality. An initial planning phase is to wrap up in early fall. Three members are currently on committee.
 - B. **July Refreshments.** *Richard Adams* indicated the need for a volunteer for the July meeting refreshments. *Karen Murdock* volunteered.
 - C. **Earth Day River Clean Up.** *Tom Kilton* reported that normally 60 volunteers participate in the annual Earth Day Clean Up, and yet there has been growing concern regarding diminishing numbers and increasing median age. This year the committee reached out to South High and its initiate to provide student community service; Vertical Endeavors for repelling on steep areas near bridges; and Surly Gives a Damn, which alone provided 45 volunteers. 125 volunteers signed in. *Mr. Kilton* called this effort very successful. Looking forward, the Neighborhood Cleanup is set for Saturday, September 19, 2015. The focus will be yard brush, tires, concrete, and metal.
1. **Discussions/presentations.**
 - A. **Introduction to St. Panteleimon Russian Orthodox Church.** *Rev. Fr. Antony Alekseyenko*, Rector, introduced St. Panteleimon Russian Orthodox Church at 2210 Franklin Avenue SE. <http://www.stpanteleimon.org/>
Fr. Alekseyenko rhetorically asked who has lived in the neighborhood 60 sixty years. The Russian Orthodox community is celebrating 60 years in Prospect Park. The church itself is 100 years old and was moved at some point to the current site. The church has served many communities: Baptist, Methodist, as well as Greek Orthodox. Russian Orthodoxy has been present in the United States since the 1800s and has migrated west to east thru Alaska. St. Mary's in St. Paul is the oldest community in the nation. The congregation participates in FOCUS Minnesota [Fellowship of Orthodox Christian United to Serve] in service to those who are hungry and in need. The Fellowship accepts donations.

Fr. Alekseyenko is proud to reside and serve in Prospect Park, and conversely feels the neighborhood is “blest to have us.” He said St. Panteleimon stands for tradition similar to Prospect Park. The next closest Orthodox church is in Chicago. Services area 90% Russian: the essence of the church has been to provide a place of transition for new immigrants since the beginning.

Tamara Johnson asked if there are plans to replace the dome. The response: there are plans yet unfortunately, the building is old and prior to installing a new dome, other things require fixing. The church is not on a historic registry. *Bob Roscoe* commented on rules in the Conservation District would be more flexible. *Steve Cross* mentioned that periodic breakfasts are wonderful, open to the public, and neighbors should come. *Fr. Alekseyenko* shared that Russian Orthodoxy recognizes a saint in Minneapolis: *Saint Alexis Toth*.

Fr. Alekseyenko would like to visit the PPA neighborhood meeting quarterly. Services at St. Panteleimon Russian Orthodox Church are held Saturdays at 6 pm and Sundays at 10 am. The core congregation is about 50 Russian-speaking persons. Yet close to 100 attend services each weekend from the broader diaspora. Good attendance prompts the issue of whether to stay in this heritage site or move to accommodate growth.

- B. **Streetlight Update.** *Richard Adams* introduced *Bill Prince*, City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works to address concerns about maintenance replacement of several neighborhood streetlights. *Mr. Prince* said several year ago a new light fixture standard was adopted at 15 foot tall; higher than the 12 foot of past standards. Full cutoff to sky is required. *Mr. Prince* said as a concession to the neighborhood, Public works is willing to install the old type fixture as long as they last. Future fixture replacement will be the new type.

The floor opened for neighborhood comment. A neighbor asked about the lighting temperature [measured in Kelvins [K] wherein lower is warmer and higher is colder light]: the old warm friendly glow of existing fixtures as compared to the new light that in his view is extremely harsh and white. He said yellow LED is made. *Mr. Prince* admits error on the part of the Public Works crew. The intention is not to mix LED [4000K to 4300K] and with the extant high-pressure sodium [HPS] bulbs [2800K]. Yet he points out that LED will last 20 some years, at half the energy with more lumens per watt. *Steve Cross* asked if all the heads would be replace. The response was that generally only when a wreck required replacement. The bulb can be replaced in the housing. There are no plans for major change in neighborhood. *Robin Garwood* said the Clean Energy Partnership of City of Minneapolis, Xcel Energy, and CenterPoint Energy is looking at replacement strategies. Streetlight is currently the second greatest use of energy in the public way after the water utility. *Mr. Garwood* said the difference between each single fixture is the power for one average home annually. *Dick Kain* asked if LED can be warmer. *Dick Gilyard* commented that color is one thing, glare is the other, and asked if there a number for evaluating glare. *Mr. Prince* responded that for residential areas .5 FC average illuminance is the standard, which is 60 to 70 watts for LED compared to 120 watts for HPS. *Connie Balcolm* asked if Public Works could conceivably replace all the bulbs. The response was yes. There was a comment that the cone of light on the replacement fixture does not extend out. The contrast or cutoff is extreme. *Dan Cross* stated that with claims of efficiency and quality of light, LED has been pushed out to marketplace. Yet the health effect of white light at night on circadian rhythms as opposed to the narrower spectrum of orange-hued high-pressure sodium [HPS] lighting prevalent

in the neighborhood are not discussed. He said LED night lighting is disruptive as this cycle plays an important role in human health. In addition, little is said of negative effects on domestic and wild animals. *Mr. Cross* said the neighborhood should take a stand on LED.

Mr. Prince said Public Works is willing to accommodate the neighborhood but going forward there will be cost. *Mr. Adams* asked what is that best way forward. *Mr. Garwood* working with the Clean Energy Partnership [CEP] would be a constructive direction as there is no current plan. *Ms. Balcolm* asked for comment on Franklin redesign. *Mr. Garwood* said Franklin Ave. was not a Pedestrian Priority Corridor per the Minneapolis Street Lighting Policy. The project scope is limited to repaving. *Mr. Garwood* reiterated the best route is to engage the Energy Vision Advisory Committee [EVAC] part of CEP. *Dick Gilyard* asked about a mock up. The city's new light fixture standard is in place in several areas around town including the Hiawatha trail. *Mr. Cross* added the drivers are for efficiency and the human perception of better illumination. *Mr. Cross* also contends that new fixtures reflect a lot upward with a broader spectrum illuminance that is hard for astronomy. *Mr. Adams* closed the discussion.

- C. **Conservation Districts.** *Bob Roscoe*, Chair of the PPA Conservation District Task Force, introduced how the conservation district designation will affect the neighborhood. It is another form of zoning. Zoning establishes civil order with setbacks, heights and distances. A conservation district is similar to a historic district yet differs. Administration of the historic district is difficult to achieve given mechanics of ordinance. Conservation district administration has a good record of accomplishment nationally. A historic district reviews building permits for exteriors and evaluates impact on the building. A conservation district is broader in scope: it looks at how change to a house affects the overall character of neighborhood fabric and with the intent not to conflict with that character. A property modification routes thru the historic preservation commission [HPC] as a conservation district rather than a historic district. *Mr. Roscoe* said experience in other jurisdictions indicates that if 100 building permits are reviewed a year, then perhaps 95 are approved with one more step in the building permit process. The PPA Conservation District Task Force is going thru the process of establishing how the ordinance will work. CPED recommended picking a starter block. The task force selected the PPUMC block bounded by Malcolm, Orlin, Melbourne, and Barton Streets SE with the intent to test guidelines and test how to administer district review and requirements. Next steps are meeting with Cam and the CEPD planner to work on how to implement the district. The conservation district ordinance for Minneapolis was just implemented about six month ago. Prospect Park may be the first district to be established. *Mr. Roscoe* said he is working on the doorstep speech to describe the plan since there are many unknowns. He said neighbors are always concerned about the impact of the designation on property value.

Discussion: *Serafina Scheel* asked how the character of a neighborhood is determined when it is so diverse. *Mr. Roscoe* said the current analysis method employs photos of each block face and evaluates a comparative feeling on how houses relate to each other. What was confirmed is that architectural character in the neighborhood is good and consistent...as we have known. Yet contrary to a historic district, a general quality to the neighborhood is not dependent on style. *Bill Seely* cited a modern house on the study block and another case where a house is next to a taller house and asked if these types of juxtapositions cause a problem. *Mr. Roscoe* responded that this was not a problem but

rather an opportunity to define unique character: various architectural styles demonstrate range of texture and expression; response to site topography demonstrates adaption.

- D. **Funding for Community Oven “Plan B”.** *Richard Adams* provided context for discussion of “Plan B” funding for the Community Oven. A Good Neighbor Grant proposal was turned down. PPA has granted permission for the Oven previously. *Steve Cross* explained the alternate plan proposal further. It is the same plan with a modified funding structure such that PPA provides \$2000, Cabrini Catholic Church provides \$2000 and \$2000 is provided from other sources to be determined. The PPA contribution potentially would be reallocated from an existing parking study fund. Rules require the Board to ratify the seeking of grants for the needed \$2000. Operation cost is by users. *Tamara Johnson* added that funds solicited from user are for improvements.

The floor opened for neighborhood comment. *Mr. Adams* asked Board members to listen during the community comment period. *Bob Sykora* requests that the Board of Directors reverse the PPA agreement with Cabrini. *Mr. Sykora* looked at another community oven and believes the Prospect Park proposal is not well considered: it is a large, fire-burning appliance. *Mr. Adams* will entertain a motion For the Board to consider a motion to rescind.. Seconded. Discussion: A neighbor said he can tell who is home with a fireplace as he can smell it for a long way. Another neighbor observed that wood burning seems to be the issue and offered a friend amendment to rescind a WOOD BURNING oven agreement with Cabrini. The amendment was accepted by *Mr. Sykora*. *Dan Cross* said the oven is high temperature as opposed to a fireplace. Another neighbor asked about restrictions on wood burning on pollution restriction days, and also asked about wet wood, clean wood, treated wood. She also said she is concerned about MPCA data, being close to highway, and the cancer risk close to highway. *Steve Cross* responded that dry wood would be burned, restrictions on wood quality would be in place, that the oven burns at temperatures that incinerates particles, and that there is no smoke. *Paul Kellogs* said he is one of closest owners and is concerned for his renters. He said he has looked at another oven and it smoked. He said he was not consulted as a near neighbor. He is concerned that correct info is not be provided. Another neighbor stated that she is concerned about health. Another neighbor said the word “community” does not seem to be part of community oven issue, that the initiative for the over does not seem to be supported consistently by the community, and that there does not seem to be a need. *Connie Balcolm* spoke in support of the oven stating that she thinks it is a great idea, can get a pizza done, and is a great sharing thing.

A vote of the community exclusive of the present board members was called. Neighbors in favor of the Board considering rescinding the agreement: 14. Neighbors opposed to Board considering rescinding: 3. Abstained: 3. The Board of Director will take up the matter.

2. **Next Community Meeting.** The next community meeting will be July 27, 2015.
3. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Prospect Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

June 22, 2015

8:03 pm

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1. **Call to Order.** Chair and PPA President *Christina Larson* called the meeting to order. A quorum of the Board was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of the Board of Directors meeting minutes for June 1, 2015; Executive Committee minutes for May 11, 2015; Administrative Committee report (including Treasurer's reports) for June 4, 2015; Master Plan Committee report for May 21, 2015; Membership & Communications Committee report for May 14, 2015;; Letter of support for extending Bus Route 6.

Joe Ring and asked to clarify strike Zoning and Project Review Committee report. *Eric Amel* asked to add Historic District Committee report for June, 2015 as it is included in the packet yet did not appear on the Regular Agenda. *Vince Netz* requested a correction to the June 1, 2015 meeting minute to read that \$35,000 is provided by the typical annual Good Neighbor fund and that \$90,000 is from Vikings. *Richard Adams* moved to approve the motion as amended. *Tom Kilton* Second. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

3. **Regular Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the revised Regular Agenda for approval. *David Coats* motioned to approve. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.
4. **Reports / Discussions.**
 - A. **Board of Directors Training.** *Christina Larson* announced Board of Directors Training coming up on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm. This is not a required meeting. There is a cool binder.
 - B. **Association Identity Rollout.** *Diana Dukich*, Chair of the Identity Task Force reported on PPA identity rollout and website redevelopment. *Ms. Dukich* said paperwork has been submitted for PPERRIA using an assumed name doing business as Prospect Park Association [PPA]. The task force met with Cue Labs to wrap up phase I and discuss recommendations for implementation and prioritize next steps. Imagined is a specific launch date with an event. *Vince Netz* inquired on status with trademark on logo of official business and emphasized this step needs to happen before someone else uses. *Ms. Dukich* said the website is a top priority with a vision that it is the central hub for communication. Task force member *Andy Michel* is finalizing a Request for Proposal to solicit for a web designer. Domain name: Prospectparkassociation.org.

5. **Action Items.**

- A. **Nomination of Julie Wallace as PPA representative to the DCC.** PPA Executive Committee moved and seconded:

Resolved, that the PPA Board of Directors nominates Julie Wallace as PPA representative to the District Council Collaborative [DCC].

Discussion: Noted was that the District Council Collaborative was responsible for early planning of Green Line; for Saint Paul and the Prospect Park neighborhood as clarified

by *Evan Roberts* who supports *Ms. Wallace*. *Del Hampton* supports *Ms. Wallace* as a connector. *Christina Larson* called the vote. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- B. **Motion to Rescind PPA-Cabrini Community Oven Operating Agreement.** *Christina Larson* introduced the community's request for the Board of Directors to take up the issue to rescind the PPA-Cabrini Community Oven Operating Agreement. *Richard Adams* moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Seconded. No discussion. Vote: aye, 30; nay, 1: *Bob Roscoe*; abstained, 1: *Eric Amel*.
- C. **Position on Glendale Redevelopment.** PPA Executive Committee moved and seconded:

Resolved, Prospect Park Association Position on Glendale Redevelopment.

In light to the Prospect community concerns over the redevelopment plan proposed by MPHA, PPA asks that these concerns, particularly those focusing on disruption of the Glendale community residents and the plans to privatize any proposed redevelopment in the neighborhood, be given a full opportunity for public input and that concerns cited are addressed.

The Glendale Townhomes Committee will serve as the sounding board to help represent the view and questions of all Prospect Park residents in this important process, and will report to the Board as per any other PPA Committee.

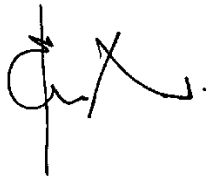
Discussion: *David Coats* moved to amend the end of the first paragraph thus: ..., *prior to any final decisions regarding such plans*. *Dick Kain* seconded. Task Force member *Bill Seely* said he has looked into the MPHA planning and sees the need for an independent review of the property with architectural and engineering disciplines, and cost estimating by sampling a unit block to cross check the cost to renovate. Mr. Seely also pointed out that the developer can go bankrupt and have a negative impact on the neighborhood. He also pointed out that proceeds can go to any MPHA property and not necessarily be reinvested in Glendale. *Ms. Larson* encouraged members to attend meetings of the Glendale Committee. Committee Chair *Ladan Yusaf* introduced the committee. A vote on the resolution took place. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

6. **Other Business.**

A. No other business presented.

7. **Adjourn.** Chair *Christina Larson* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting answered by many concurrently. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Eric Amel
Prospect Park Association Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, 27 July 2015.