



Prospect Park Association Community Meeting

March 28, 2016

6:30 pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC)

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Phil Anderson*
3. *Stu Anderson*
4. *Judy Britton*
5. *Dick Brownlee*
6. *David & Sigrid Coats*
7. *John Cushing*
8. *Kate Donabue*
9. *Diana Dukich*
10. *Tony Garmers*
11. *Dick Gilyard*
12. *Susan Gottlieb*
13. *Del Hampton*
14. *Ken Hampton*
15. *Tamara Johnson*
16. *Sally & Charles Jorgensen*
17. *Martha Joy*
18. *Dick Kain*
19. *John Kari*
20. *Christina Larson*
21. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
22. *Florence Littman*
23. *Eric Lueneburg*
24. *Karen Murdock*
25. *Vince Netz*
26. *John Orrison*
27. *Dick Poppele*
28. *Joe Ring*
29. *Robert Roscoe*
30. *John Wicks (Wendy absent)*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Richard Adams*
2. *Bridget Ferguson*
3. *Tom Kilton*
4. *Dorothy Marden*
5. *Andy Mickel*
6. *Peggy Rejto*
7. *Evan Roberts*
8. *Anelise Sawkins*
9. *Serafina Scheel*
10. *Ladan Yusuf*

Community Members Present:

1. *Lydia McAnerney, member*
2. *Julie Wallace, member*
3. *Leslie McKenzie, guest speaker, Transition Longfellow*
4. *Trina Porte, member*
5. *Steve Zimmer, Luxton Park*
6. *Anne Maurer, guest*
7. *Ann Harog, guest*
8. *Peter Wagenius, member*
9. *Cam Gordon, Ward 2 City Council member*
10. *Jessica Buchberger, PPA staff*
11. *Minneapolis Police Officer One [did not sign in]*
12. *Minneapolis Police Officer Two [did not sign in]*

1. **Welcome & sign-in.** *Christina Larson*, Chair and PPA President, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

2. Announcements.

- A. **Refreshments acknowledged.** Thank you to _____ for providing refreshments.
- B. **Upcoming events:**
1. **Community Cleanup.** *Lydia McAnerney* announced the event for April 23, 2016, 9 am – 11:30 am.
 2. **SE Seniors Fundraiser.** *Lydia McAnerney* announced the Taster of Southeast event for April 23, 2016, 12 pm - 3 pm at St. France Cabrini church.
 3. **SE Seniors Wilderness Inquiry.** *Lydia McAnerney* announced the event for June 11, 2016. Open to entire families: big canoes.
 4. **PP2020 Open House.** *Tamara Johnson* announced the event for April 22, 2016, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The open house features pizza and beer and updates on PP2020 and Prospect North activities.
- C. **PPA Board of Directors Elections.** *Christina Larson* requested attendees to proffer nominations for the PPA Board of Directors.
- D. **PPA New Website Launch.** *John Cushing*, Membership and Communications Committee Chair, announced, no joke, an April 1, 2016 launch of the website: Prospectparkmpls.org.
- E. **Door-to-Door Solicitation Caution.** *Florence Littman* gave notice that a group identified as American Dream Home Improvement is soliciting in the neighborhood.

3. Discussions/presentations.

- A. **Transition Twin Cities.** *Leslie McKenzie*, Longfellow Community Council board of directors' member, presented Transition Twin Cities [Transition Longfellow being a subset thereof]. *Ms. McKenzie* is here at several neighbors' suggestion. Transition Towns is a global, grassroots movement of neighbors taking action today to transition to a more resilient community tomorrow in the face of global warming, economic forces, etc. The group is concerned about energy, about transit, about food [food justice, permaculture, gardening and preservation skill-sharing] and supports people trying to make different decisions.

When asked about community solar initiatives, *Ms. McKenzie* suggests research before signing up. Some agencies are: Clean Energy Resource Team [CERT], with Great Plains Institute, and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light.

To take part in Transition Twin Cities see www.Transitiontwincities.org for more information or attend an information session at PPUMC March 31, 6:30 pm, April 28, 6:30 pm, or through Community Ed at Pratt School April 20, 6:30 pm.

4. **Other Business.** None was heard.
5. **Next Community Meeting.** The next meeting is Monday, April 25, 2016.
6. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.



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7:00 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 of Directors attended.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Christina Larson* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of:
 - Executive Committee minutes for January 11, 2016,
 - Executive Committee special meeting on January 18, 2016,
 - Executive Committee discussion [no quorum] on February 8, 2016,
 - Administrative Committee report for February 4, 2016,
 - Membership & Communications Committee reports for November 19, 2015 and February 18, 2016,
 - Zoning & Project Review Committee report for March 8, 2016,
 - Master Plan Committee summary of February 20, 2016 joint neighborhood meeting with PP2020 and Prospect Park North,
 - Historic District Committee report for February 29, 2016,
 - PPA Annual Report to CPP.

John Kari moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

3. **Regular Agenda.** *Christina Larson* introduced the proposed Regular Agenda, now split into organizational business first, and followed by PPA policy/position business split chronological into old and new business. *Ms. Larson* asked for amendments to the agenda. *Vince Netz* called for an item to adjust the fiscal year to be the calendar year. *John Cushing* moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second. Approved on a voice vote.

4. Organizational Business

- A. **Annual Meeting Amendment to the PPA Bylaws.** *Vince Netz*, PPA Bylaws Task Force member, introduced the motion put forth by the Executive Committee:

***Resolved,** that the Prospect Park Association Annual Meeting be moved from April 2016 to September 2016 for the purpose of allowing adequate time to review the draft bylaws; and that the current Officers and Directors who are up for re-election will continue their service until September 2016.*

Discussion. The move from April to September will align better with City of Minneapolis-provided funding. Discussion closed. A roll call vote was taken: Yea: 29; Nay: 0; Abstain: 1 [*Larson*].

- B. Move of PPA Fiscal Year.** *Christina Larson* introduced the business of moving the PPA fiscal year from a May 1 start to a January 1 start to match the calendar year. Moved by *John Cushing*:

Resolved, *the Prospect Park Association fiscal year will be January 1 to December 31—a calendar-based fiscal year—in lieu of May 1 to April 30.*

Seconded. Discussion: The move is not a change in the bylaws. *Dick Kain* asked if transition steps are needed. *Tamara Johnson* said there is a road map. Discussion closed and a vote called. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- C. Release of Unspent Contracted Funds into General Budget.** *Christina Larson* introduced the motion put forth by the Executive Committee:

Resolved, *that unspent contracted funds with the City of Minneapolis be released into the Prospect Park Association general budget as follows:*

- 1. \$4,720 of unspent, contracted NPP dollars back into CPP.*
- 2. \$11,807.91 of uncontracted NPP dollars back into CPP.*
- 3. \$17,000 from various unspent NRP Phase II strategies into a new contract for Phase II Implementation.*

Discussion. These funds are not needed in the original contracts for specific projects and will lessen a large budget shortfall later this year. Discussion closed and a vote called. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- D. Joint PPA/PP2020/PNP Meeting Expense.** *Tamara Johnson* introduced the motion put forth by the Executive Committee:

Resolved, *to accept a plan for specific fundraising to pay for one-third of the cost of the joint event between PPA, PP2020, and Prospect North Partnership hosted at Surly Destination Brewery of approximately \$700 wherein Tamara Johnson will donate \$250 to PPA to be matched 200% by her employer, Ameriprise, to total \$750.*

Discussion. Per the PPA Financial Policy, dedication of funds to pay for the event must be approved by the Board of Directors. Discussion closed and a vote called. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

- E. PPA 2016-2017 Proposed Budget.** *Tamara Johnson* introduced the motion put forth by the Executive Committee:

Resolved, *that the Prospect Park Board of Directors approve the proposed 2016-2017 Association budget as constructed for the pre-existing fiscal year. To match the new fiscal year (which will be shortened to May 2016-December 2016 as we adjust to the calendar year start date), the approved 2016-17 budget will be amended to eight months to become a 2016 budget and will be presented to the Board for approval.*

Joe Ring seconded. Discussion. *Ms. Johnson* walked the Board through proposed budget layout and its response to the current budget pinch. The budget is presented as if fiscal year will end in April 2017 and will need to be revised/amended to fit

eight months. The budget presentation gave context for the transfers of funds just approved. A quick review of expenses was given. The proposed budget outlines a big change in expectation for fundraising under category 100 Donations from \$2,500 to \$29,684. Several board members had ideas about annual fundraising. Discussion closed and a vote called. Unanimously approved on a voice vote.

5. PPA Policy/Position Business.

- A. Utility Box Project Letter of Credit.** *Tamara Johnson* introduced the motion put forth by the Executive Committee:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association will execute a letter of credit required by the City of Minneapolis to guarantee that PPA will pay the City for graffiti removal should PPA not perform on its agreement to clean markings made on any of the three art wrapped utility boxes in the Good Neighbor Fund project.*

Discussion. *Stu Anderson* asked how long a response time given. *Ms. Johnson* said due warning is given and the boxes have a graffiti coating. *Dick Kain* concerned about approving a blank form. *Ms. Johnson* has filled out form. Current project schedule is June completion. Discussion closed. Approved by a voice vote with one abstention [*Larson*].

- B. Melbourne Avenue SE One-side Winter Parking.** *Christina Larson* introduced the motion via petition brought forwarded by the Executive Committee:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association rescinds its support for a one-side [north] winter parking restriction on Melbourne Avenue SE and previously enacted by the City of Minneapolis Public Work at PPA's request.*

Seconded. Discussion. The petition was submitted in the board packet. *Peter Waganus*, member, spoke in support of the motion. Ward 2 Councilperson *Cam Gordon* requests a letter from PPA as a next step. Discussion closed and a vote was taken by a show of hands. Yeas: 22; nays: 4; abstained: 3.

- C. Joining Prospect North Partnership.** *Christina Larson* introduced the business to join Prospect North Partnership [PNP]. Moved by *Tony Garmers*:


***Resolved,** that the Prospect Park Association will join the Prospect North Partnership by signing the Partnership's non-binding Memorandum of Understanding, and selects John Wicks, Zoning & Project Review Committee chair, as PPA's delegate, and Jessica Buchberger, PPA staff, as PPA's alternate delegate.*

Seconded by *Joe Ring*. Discussion: PNP waives the membership fee for community groups such as the St. Anthony Park Community Council. *Mr. Ring* reminds the membership that because PPA was not a member, Glendale Townhouse was included into area map for the proposed University Avenue Innovation District, to stay in the loop. Approved by a voice vote with two abstentions [*Larson, Wicks*].

6. Other Business. No other business brought to the floor.

7. **Adjourn.** *Christina Larson* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting answered by many simultaneously. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Amel', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric Amel
Prospect Park Association Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, April 25, 2016.