



## PPA Community Meeting

Regular Meeting: June 26, 2017, 6:30-7:30pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

### Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Phil Anderson*
3. *Jeff Barnhart*
4. *John Cushing*
5. *Tony Garmers*
6. *Dick Gilyard*
7. *Del Hampton*
8. *Ken Hampton*
9. *Tamara Johnson*
10. *Martha Joy*
11. *Dick Kain*
12. *John Kari*
13. *Lydia McAnerney*
14. *Sarah Nassif*
15. *Vince Netz*
16. *John Orrison*
17. *Reed Polakowski*
18. *Dick Poppele*
19. *Peggy Rejto*
20. *Robert Roscoe*
21. *John Wicks*

### Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Phil Anderson*
2. *Judy Britton*
3. *Viswa Challa*
4. *Eric Lneuneburg*
5. *Serafina Scheel*
6. *Ladan Yusuf*

### Community Members Present:

1. *Cam Gordon, Council Member, Ward 2*
2. *Ilhan Omar, Minnesota State Representative, District 60B*
3. *Preston Mosser, PPA business member*
4. *David Coats, PPA member*
5. *Sigrid Coats, PPA member*
6. *Trina Porte, PPA member*
7. *Donna Schneider, PPA member*
8. *Julie Wallace, PPA member*
9. *Dan Bryant, PPA member*
10. *Jessica Buchberger, PPA Program Manager*

1. **Call to Order and Welcome.** *Vince Netz*, PPA President and Chair, convened the community meeting at 6:39 pm. and reviewed the agenda with the attendees.

## 2. Announcements:

### A. Upcoming Events. *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Manager, announced upcoming events:

#### 1. Summer Concert Series in Prospect Park.

The Prospect Park Summer Concert Series next concert features Firefly Forest on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at Pratt Elementary Amphitheater, 7pm. It was noted that attendance this year is a little low.

The Summer Celebration Concert at Luxton Park will take place Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 6:30pm – 8:30pm will feature music by *Siana Matuzungidi*.

#### 2. Pratt Ice Cream Social Fundraiser. The Ice Cream Social successful took place Friday, June 2, 2017, 5:30-8:30pm, at Pratt School and Tower Hill Park. Thank you. will be doing more in-depth cover but went spectacularly. 3,000 to 3,500 people attended. There was nice weather and no issues other than running out of ice cream given the number of participants.

#### 3. Prospect Park Garden Walk & Plant Sale 2017. The Garden Walk went well.

#### 4. Prospect Park Yard Sale Days. *Gib Ahlstrand* is organizer of the annual summer yard sale. We thank him.

### B. Thank You Volunteers. *Jessica Buchberger* extended thanks to all volunteers.

### C. Good Neighbor Funded Projects. *Vince Netz* reiterated the May 22, 2017 Community Meeting report on selected PPA projects in the University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund program:

1. **Marketing for Southeast Seniors.** Banners, runners, and lawn signs to help SE Seniors raise community awareness about their health services and provide a professional look at fundraising events.
2. **Hanging Gardens of Prospect Park.** 40-plus planters sprucing up the "Television Building" ramp facing Prospect Park LRT station. The green wall will serve as a teaching opportunity for students and a demonstration project for storm water reuse in the new 4th Street Towerside Innovation District system.
3. **University Avenue Bike Racks and Fix-it Stations.** Twelve Prospect Park themed bike racks at four business locations, including two fix-it stations on each neighborhood end of University Ave.

*Mr. Netz* mentioned the grant cycle for next year and that its timeline needs to be discovered.

### D. Home Tour Questionnaire. *Lydia McAnerney* announced that the Prospect Park Tour of Homes is being planned for Saturday, October 7, 2017, 10am – 3pm. A wish list of 24 houses for potential tour stop. A party with historical notes, wine and cheese is under consideration as a fundraiser. *Ms. McAnerney* has formed a survey with four questions toward

planning the event circulated to community members present. Filled surveys should be left at the back table.

3. **Representative Ilhan Omar.** *Vince Netzi* welcomed *Ilhan Omar*, State House Representative for District 60B to Prospect Park. *Rep. Omar* began, “Hello everyone” and made light of her turbulent first six months as state representative saying the two neighborhoods of Prospect Park and Seward are overly represented as so many strong advocates reside here. Still *Rep. Omar* does rely on constituents to learn about the issues. As a frosh representative, *Omar* serves on the following committees:
- Civil Law and Data Practices Policy. A favorite committee.
  - Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance. The committee is so important to the constituents as 65% of District 60B is under age 24. *Omar* is glad to represent that.
  - State Government Finance. The committee oversees the budgets, is the source of the most government turmoil, and requires a lot of meetings and long hours.

As a district, got a lot of good legislative “nuggets”. The bonding bill earmarked \$31 million for 10th Street Bridge, \$2.65 million to expand the People's Center Health Services clinic: better sound isolation in walls, therapy in private; vaccine education; installing a wellness center that will offer exercise and wholistic care. Cedar Riverside is one of the densest areas of Minnesota, wellness is struggling. \$65 million in bonding for learning center for University of Minnesota Medical Center believes will expand University reach. One “cool” item accomplished late in session: *Rep. Omar* was approached by Prospect Park developers regarding the food hall with a challenge to change liquor laws in city, they needed a state law change. Was to be easy as an omnibus liquor bill, then tabled after bill amended. To make it happened, the legislation was inserted into the State government spending bill. Another bill on state liquor sale passed and goes into effect June 2, 2017.

Then the session got hard with hurtful bills such as restrictions on women’s reproduction rights and health care. Found ways to amplify voices in caucus and other. *Governor Dayton* did veto the bills. Some bills did not get to the floor after committee such as a gun bill. Opposed constituents and legislators made a big enough noise. Another issue was having surplus but not wanting to invest in programs as opposed to giving tax breaks to wealthiest 1% and tobacco companies. This angered *Gov. Dayton*. Republican legislators created a poison pill to defund the Department of Revenue to force the Governor to sign a tax bill. *Dayton* signed the bill, but line-item vetoed the Minnesota Legislature budgets. Rep Omar commented on some machinations of government that seemed bizarre: a republican sponsored war on the achievement gap, then legislation to create less restriction on teacher qualifications; a tuition freeze and cuts that were fake math as it is known the University of Minnesota is increasing tuition by 3%. The university asked for \$145 million, the spending bill gave \$50 million and student debt increases.

The floor was opened to helpful questions: *David Coats* asked on the registration of interpreters. Concerned some proposal do not require competence. *Rep. Omar* said that her sponsored bill: would like to know position; was thinking of a tiered system; bill not prepped; bill needs to pass through three committees; it is set up supposedly to increase the standards; wants to make sure folks relying on translators at critical times can trust—like a medical situation; complaints have been eliminating jobs.

*Sara Nassif* said former Representative *Phyllis Kahn* did some work on issues regarding Glendale Townhomes as has Ward 2 Council Member *Cam Gordon*, then inquired on *Rep. Omar's* perspective on the business. *John Kari* added that PPA had a resolution and there was some funding for fixing. *Rep. Omar* responded yes, she did some work. Some money was found but \$5 million for Glendale did not happen. At beginning of session there were issues with heating. *Rep. Omar* and *Rep. Karen Clark*, District 62A, wrote a joint letter to support a company that would do insulation for free. There are eight units being insulated without public dollars. Now there does not seem to be any movement. There was a meeting three days ago. They don't think anything will happen for five years. Folks asked what. Glendale cannot exist as is. No money. They envision coming together as owner, Glendale and neighborhood to see what is sustainable. Find some private money. If the residents don't want that, there is nowhere to go. "I don't know". There was a meeting a couple weeks ago: the result, nothing happened because there really was not a meeting. If don't develop a plan together, there will be degradation. *Bob Roscoe* commented on ways to improve via rehabilitation Then the meeting dissembled, and *Vince Netz* interjected to bring it back to order saying that Council Member *Gordon* is due to return to the Prospect Park community and respond as promised in February 2017. The board will call the question. *Rep. Omar* said there seems to be a conversation that starts and then it stops. *Omar* asked what is the biggest fears of the residents? *John Cushing* responded selling to a private developer. *Sarah Nassif* responded in support of the plight of Glendale. *Rep. Omar* takes this issue up routinely with her City of Minneapolis Council Member. *Ilhan* called it an honest restriction on money. Thinks funny the longer the wait the bigger. Does agree that it could be as David Coats called the situation demolition via neglect. "Then if they do that, then what will happen."

*Julie Wallace* made a plug for *Rep Omar's* email calling it brief and informative. *Rep. Omar* says she writes it the way she would want to read it. Subscription to the periodic email is available through the House site at <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/join.asp?id=15470>. Representative *Ilhan Omar* can also be emailed directly at: [rep.ilhan.omar@house.mn](mailto:rep.ilhan.omar@house.mn). Additionally, *Rep. Omar* hosts "Coffee with *Ilhan*." The forum is an exchange of ideas, and conversations on different topics. *Rep. Omar* said she firmly believes that we have the best district for knowledge, so she is trying to harness it.

To conclude, *Ilhan* said she is honored to serve and says thank you. Looking forward, *Rep. Omar* said now the big task is to extend good governance via other candidates.

4. **Adjourn.** *Tamara Johnson* showed the treat list. *Vince Netz* said thank for all coming. *Vince Netz* made a last call for any other announcements. Hearing none, the community meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.



## PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting: June 26, 2017, 7:30-8:30pm

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1. **Call to Order.** *Vince Netz*, a PPA Director and Meeting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm. A quorum of the Board of Directors was in attendance.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Mr. Netz* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of:
  - Committee Reports/Minutes
    - PPA Management Council, June 19, 2017
    - PPA Land Use Committee—May 2, 2017; June 11, 2017.

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by *Lydia McAnerney* and seconded. No discussion. The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. **Regular Agenda.** *Vince Netz* presented the Regular Agenda for approval as published. Approval of the Regular Agenda was moved by *John Wicks* and seconded. No discussion. The Regular Agenda was approved by acclamation.

### 4. Organizational Business.

- A. **Ice Cream Social Recap.** *Jessica Buchberger* recapped Ice Cream Social financials and issued an event balance sheet for review (*Secretary's note: please refer to the record balance sheet, as the recorded numbers below do balance.*)
  - Expenses: PPA total expenses: \$3,949.48. Other expense listed. Total project expense: \$5,713.97
  - Gains. Agreed two-thirds PPA to one-third PTO. PPA two-thirds is: \$2,135.46.
  - Total earned PPA \$4,535.46. A round of applause was offered. *Lydia McAnerney* asked about concert sponsorship with some of the proceeds.
  - Plant sale: \$332. The PPA Garden Club always give half the cut to the organizers.

*John Orrison* asked how the food truck went. Conclusion is that the food truck was successful, yet more food options are needed. *Martha Joy* asked for the comparison with last year. The response was income was substantially better than the rainy day, near breakeven performance last year. *Del Hampton* commented that the numbers build confidence that PPA involvement in the event is warranted. *Mr. Hampton* thanked *Ms. Buchberger* and *Vince Netz* for the “huge business-like effort.” *Tony Garmers*, the Ice Cream Social Tower Wizard, implored the board to think about the tower. So many visitors want to get up the tower, yet *Mr. Garmers* hesitates to ask city about other days. *John Cushing* suggested an autumnal event with the fall colors on display. *Buchberger* said that students would like to see the view, yet the June event is after

school adjourns. Also, possible connections to Halloween, or a student welcome event could be developed. *Mr. Netz* said the Witches Hat Tower is our greatest asset. *Mr. Garmers* to retire soon. *Buchberger* recommends that PPA should go beyond just a neighborhood event, and when opened to beyond the neighborhood, planning requires becomes a different approach to the event. *Netz* said the board should form a task force to change and make these events better. With Surly Destination Brewery in the neighborhood, a beer garden idea was raised. *Dick Gilyard* emphasized connectivity and messaging in event planning as visitors come to Prospect Park neighborhood from well beyond the city. No action taken.

- B. Office Space Renovation Update.** *Vince Netz* updated the board on the PPA office space refresh/renovation. New carpet, and hard flooring materials are donated by *Steve Banks*, a PPA member and Founder & CEO of Division21, a construction company. *Jeff Barnhart*, a PPA director and President of Prospect Park Properties donated installation and finishing labor. Applause was offered by the board. A conference room upgrade is the next target. The improvements have not cost the association any funds to date, but project leadership will be coming back to the board with a wish list. *Mr. Netz* said the room can host board, and other meetings. Completion is anticipated in August 2017.
- C. August: Propose Community and Board Meeting adjournment.** *Vince Netz* introduced the proposition of cancelling the August PPA Community and the Board of Directors meetings. Motion by a PPA member:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association approves cancellation of the August 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.*

Seconded. Discussion: None. Motion passed by acclamation.

- D. Prospect Park Signature Green Space Letter to MPRB.** *John Kari* introduced the draft letter regarding the Prospect Park Signature Green Space. The PPA Land Use Committee has discussed the capital improve of the designated park land the committee is proposing and asks the board for this resolution of advocacy to get the Phase 1 proposal in sight of the MPRB. Per the map provided in the board packet, Phase 1 is east of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE between 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE/Green Fourth and the University of Minnesota Transitway, adjacent to the Green Fourth development at the current site of the Towerside Community Garden plots. Development units pay a +/- \$1500 park fee which must be used within the neighborhood. This is the place that the Land Use Committee designates. The key is the dedication to public use, the design will come later. The next step is to get in the MPRB capital budget and to establish permanently as public space. Money exists in a fund for new acquisitions for new parkland for new residence. The site plan exhibit shows over a 1,000 unit being developed in this area. It is important to get the MPRB to get this land. The program uses are to be determined; there is a process to determine these and PPA will want to have a say. The landowner Prospect Park Properties has agreed to sell to MPRB at a reduced value. Motion by *John Kari*, a PPA member:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association approves a letter to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) requesting that Phase 1 of the new Prospect Park Signature Greenspace be included in the current MPRB Capital Improvement Program (CIP).*

Seconded by *Dick Gilyard* and *Dick Popppele*. Discussion: *Mr. Kari* said the *Liz Wielinski*, District 1 Commission, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, and staff are aware of this action. *Sara Nassif* asked about the Textile Center dye garden. *Kari* said they are discussing but not at that location. *Del Hampton* added that remaining is not expected by the Textile Center. *Kari* pointed to the new Hanging Gardens of Prospect Park project: there is going to be more green space in this vicinity per this plan. *Dick Gilyard* echoes value of the master planning that had been done. Phase 2 of the Signature Green Space is immediately adjacent (south) to the Delmar #4 terminal elevator group, and creates a causeway connection east to Malcolm Avenue SE. *Sara Nassif* asked if the elevators are going to be maintained. *Kari* said a MOU would be drawn up should that be the case. *Jeff Barnhart* said he sees the elevators as landmarks. The question is how to turn from a liability into an asset. Discussion closed, and a vote taken. Aye—19, nay—0, Abstained—2 (*Barnhart, Netz*). Resolution passed.

*Jeff Barnhart* offered an EXPO2023 update. He did recently go to Paris as part of the site selection process. A brief history of World Expos: The United States disenrolled under the Bush Administration. Houston and San Francisco want the big World Expo 2025, so supports re-enroll. The 2022/2023 expo cycle is a small year, feasible in smaller cities, with a specialized theme, no country pavilions, limited to three-month duration, and a 60-acre site. Minnesota's theme is Healthy People, Healthy Living in competition against Buenos Aires, Argentina and Lodz, Poland. US President Obama's endorsement is needed to rejoin the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) BIE. *Barnhart* did not think Minnesota is in a strong position. The University of Minnesota signed a letter of support submitted in the Minnesota proposal, then *Eric Kaler*, President, University of Minnesota pulled support during a site visit by the selectors. Other sites in Minnesota are considered but Minneapolis is a recognized name. The United States did not get the BIE vote outright and is currently without a designated site. The final BIE vote is Nov 15, 2017. *Jeff Barnhart* and *John Wall* visualize that the elevators can be an icon and are working on the best way to make an asset. Now working on water feature, and light show. *Vince Netz* asked the board if PPA should offer a letter of support. There was general uncertainty about what would be the resolution. No action was taken.

- E. **Trademark of PPA Identity.** *Vince Netz* recapped the 2015 PPA identity redesign by Cue Labs, a design, visual and branding company. The PPA identity brand is not currently protected by trademark, and the association does not want to lose control. *John Cushing* said *Seth \_\_\_\_\_* looked at options. The cost is \$800 to \$1,000 to get the logo trademarked. Motion to approve up to 1000. Motion by *Sarah Nassif*, a PPA Director:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association approves the engagement of a professional trademark attorney to trademark the PPA logo and identity assets as soon as possible with an approved expenditure of up to \$1,000.*

Seconded by *Martha Joy*, a PPA Director. Discussion: *Jeff Barnhart* endorse the idea stating that *Surly* wanted to use the name United Crushers for a brew but found it had been trademarked. There was favor for doing the legal work professionally and within a national context. Discussion closed, and a vote taken. Motion passed by acclamation.

- F. **Presentation: Neighborhood Relations and Outreach Committee (NROC).** *John Cushing* introduced the work of the Neighborhood Relations and Outreach Committee (NROC). The

committee's role is to build relationships. Its mission states: to inform and encourage involvement by residents of Prospect Park in the enhancement and maintenance of the community's quality of life through:

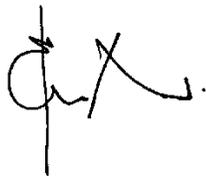
1. **NROC goals:**
  - **Branding:** logo, name, LRT poster
  - **Engagement:** Identify existing connections and growth areas.
  - **Outreach:** provide opportunities for neighborhood involvement.
  - **Events:** provide a diverse range of event and opportunities throughout the year.
  - **Volunteers:** Promote and support volunteering for PPA.
  
2. **NROC action:** (*Mr. Cushing* gave many good ideas to demonstrate these goals)
  - **Welcome Campaign:** pass out fliers, invite new neighbors in person to get involved
  - **New Member Events:** host or attend a welcome garden party.
  - **Update Database:** get the information that matter from new members, so we can connect.
  - **Connection with Business Alliance:** partner with businesses to help fund events, work on areas of common interest, create a tightly woven community.

*Cushing* close his remarks by encouraging directors to join the committee: "You make this happen." Connecting and informing Prospect Park neighbors is the core point of all this.

Discussion: *Sara Nassif* advocated to broaden the opportunities. A first step is to standardize committees. *John Orrison* suggested visiting the new big buildings directly to engage university students; and best with student representative of the neighborhood. *Lydia McAnarney* thinks we must go to them with a welcoming package. *Dick Gilyard* added that PPA should be connecting better to the River Mews area. No action was taken.

2. **Adjourn.** *Sarah Nassif* moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by numerous concurrent voices. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



*Eric Amel*  
Prospect Park Association Secretary

**APPROVED** by the Board of Directors, September 10, 2018.