



Prospect Park Association (PPA) Community Meeting

April 22, 2019, 6:30pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
3. *Devan Blanchard*
4. *Joleen Emery*
5. *Noël Gordon, Jr.*
6. *Claire Haskell*
7. *Dick Kain*
8. *Lydia McAnerney*
9. *Laura Preus*
10. *Joe Ring*
11. *Lynn Von Korff*
12. *Will Watkins*
13. *John Wicks*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
2. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
3. *Robert Roscoe*
4. *Student Representative (TBD)*

Community Members Present:

1. *Pat Mascia*

2. *Susan Gottlieb*
3. *John Orrison*
4. *David Coats*
5. *Dan Bryant*
6. *Tom Kilton*
7. *Sigrid Coats*
8. *Del Hampton*
9. *Ruth W.*
10. *Ben Ihde*
11. *Gayla Lindt*
12. *Dick Gilyard*
13. *Phil Anderson*
14. *Patrick and Katy O'Shaughnessy*
15. *Tia Bell*
16. *Josh Betts*
17. *Jeff Ellerd*
18. *Rachel Holzenecht*
19. *Carrie Christensen*

Draft Minutes [minor insertions to be completed]

Community Meeting on the O'Shaughnessy Distillery

PPA held a community meeting about a new project for a family-owned Irish-inspired distillery, which will be located on Malcom Avenue, just north of Surly Brewing Co. The PPA Land Use Committee formed a task force to work with the developer, the Wall Companies, and the O'Shaughnessy family on this project. This meeting was intended as an early public scoping opportunity for the neighborhood to provide input. This will inform the work of the task force and developer as they work to create an MOU agreement that will be brought before an upcoming Land Use Committee meeting.

The meeting had an informal, “open house” opportunity to move around and review poster boards displaying the project designs. This provided an opportunity for meeting participants to talk with the developer, family owners, and architects. The meeting continued with an informal presentation, Q&A and discussion about the project. Much of the discussion focused on the synergy among existing and new developments including the Distillery, Surly, and the upcoming Food Court. The meeting closed with an invitation for meeting participants to provide any additional written feedback. About 30 people attended the meeting. More detailed notes are available and are being shared with the task force, developer and family.

Community Announcements

Earth Day Clean Up

Tom [last name] reported on the successful neighborhood clean up for Earth Day. This annual event has been taking place for 25 years. About 200 people showed up, which is a big turnout compared to recent years. Surly brought about 100 people, the University brought large numbers, and Luxton and Glendale also got involved. There were enough people to extend cleaning beyond the river to include many small parks, Luxton park, etc. Local sponsors got involved and were recognized. Spire, Fresh Thyme, others. [Others were named; is there a list of sponsors to insert?]

Saturday, October 12th will be fall clean up.

Doors Open Minneapolis is coming up on May 18-19, from 10 am – 5 pm. PPA and Friends of Tower Hill Park have coordinated with the City of Minneapolis on this event. The PPA website has a link for volunteer sign ups. 8 of 28 needed volunteers have signed up so far. Phil is also looking for volunteers for one-hour time slots for the Ice Cream Social.

[Post-meeting note: all volunteer slots for Doors Open have been filled].

There was some discussion about the frequency of opening the Witch’s Hat Tower, and if it can be opened more frequently. In the past it only opened publicly once a year, but Friends of Tower Hill Park and others would like to have it open more frequently to be able to have everyone enjoy the experience and views. Many people are excited about going up in the Tower, as evidenced by the long lines at the Ice Cream Social in recent years.

Ice Cream Social on May 31st. The organizing committee is looking for volunteers for food, games, the tower, music, etc. There will be a link on the website to sign up. Nellie, PPA Outreach Coordinator, is a good person to contact if you have questions.

Yard sale, garden walk, plant sale, and home tour will take place on the weekend of June 22-23. The home tour also acts as a fund raiser through the sale of tickets.

Next month’s community meeting is May 20 instead of May 27th to avoid Memorial Day.

PPA election will be happening in its regular cycle next fall, 2019. PPA will be seeking candidates.

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Community Engagement. Del Hampton introduced Carrie Christensen, MPRB, to present on the new Park at Towerside. They are moving from a broad concept to a detailed design, and invited feedback. Del noted that the Environment Committee will be discussing this at their next meeting.

Carrie explained that the MPRB has identified that the area north of University is a prime place for a new park, especially given the many new developments and residents. There is a synergy of activity that is allowing the park development to happen quickly in 2019.

This park is part of East of the River Park Master Plan. It is located adjacent to the Green line, the regional stormwater facility, and UMN Transitway. It is planned to include a community garden and more. A future vision is to have it connected to a regional trail.

They are asking for community feedback in April and May, by May 13th. What proportion of the park space should include certain elements? What should be the general character of the park? What materials should be used? What name should it be given? How will the park be programmed and used? Carrie passed out a feedback sheet for people to fill out and return to her.

Once they have feedback they will work on the park over the summer of 2019. There are contingencies; for example, they do not yet own the land, so until the purchase is made, it cannot begin. They are working closely with the U of MN as well.

There were questions about the site design and construction. The purchase agreement will go to the Board later this spring. Contact Del Hampton or Carrie Christensen with questions.

Glendale Townhomes Historic District Nomination Update. Joe Ring announced that the application for Glendale to be in historic status went before the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). They unanimously moved to approve the application and have a study take place in the next 6-18 months. They also wanted to better understand the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's perspective that they would not have dollars to maintain Glendale into the future.

Ward 2 Update. Council Member Gordon handed out an update and gave additional details about the Glendale application and study process. CM Gordon described how the study will be very important to understand next steps. He discussed the unique features of Glendale; for example, the individual units have features that were not common in the era they were built and included a front and back lawn. However, in the future there are significant considerations for how to make units accessible. There have been suggestions that Glendale could address various density within the overall area. He also described how the connection and retaining wall between Glendale and Pratt will be fixed.

The community meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Preus, PPA Secretary