



Prospect Park Association (PPA) Community Meeting

June 24, 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. *Noël Gordon, Jr. (via skype)*
5. *Joleen Emery*
6. *Claire Haskell*
7. *Dick Kain*
8. *Susan Larson Fleming*
9. *Lydia McAnerney*
10. *Laura Preus*
11. *Robert Roscoe*
12. *Joe Ring*
13. *Lynn Von Korff*
14. *Will Watkins*
15. *John Wicks*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Student Representative (TBD)*

Community Members Present:

1. *Julie Dibilzan*
2. *Sue Hackett*
3. *Tom Kilton*
4. *Preston Mosser*
5. *Christie Nelson*
6. *David Frank*
7. *Lois Willand*
8. *Josh Betts*
9. *Jerry Stein*
10. *Jeff Gottlieb*
11. *Council Member Cam Gordon*
12. *Senator Kari Dziedzic*

Staff Members Present:

1. *Jan Nelson*
2. *Nellie Jerome*

Draft Minutes

Welcome, agenda. Eric Amel, PPA President, gave a welcome and convened the meeting.

2019 Legislative Session Update and Q/A. Senator Kari Dziedzic provided an update on the 2019 Legislative Session, including the compromise state budget for the next two-year biennium. Senator Dziedzic shared perspectives and provided a written handout with descriptions of a renters protection bill, environmental funding, property tax relief, investments in education, and working to reduce the cost of attending college. The handout also provided her contact information: 651-296-7809 and sen.kari.dziedzic@senate.mn.

Aeon – Louis Building Update and Q/A. Aeon representatives shared an update. Aeon is a nonprofit organization that builds and maintains high quality affordable homes. The Louis will have 70 family-friendly units; most of the units qualify as affordable housing and those units filled immediately. Some market rate units are still available. The Louis is located at 3001 4th Street SE. and includes a variety of unit types and amenities. A handout was provided. Contact information is: 612-465-0854 or www.thelouis.aeon.org.

Community announcements.

Pratt Ice Cream Social Recap. The annual event was a success and provided ongoing opportunities for community interactions. PPA staff, Nellie Jerome and Jan Nelson, both did a great job helping the event go smoothly. Financial statements are available and resulted in a net gain.

6/22 Yard and Tailgate Sale, Home Tour and Garden Tour. These popular annual events were again a success this year. The Tour of Homes included houses and apartments in Prospect Park, and the garden walk took place at the same time. Thanks to Lydia McAnerney and the Prospect Park Garden Club for their preparations. This year the Yard Sale also included a Tailgate Sale at the Pratt Community School Parking Lot. This allowed people who rent apartments to also have an opportunity to hold sales. Thanks to Gib Ahlstrand for organizing the sale.

8/13 Luxton Summer Fun Event. This event at Luxton Park will include a festival, food and music, Somali dancers, exhibitors from MIA and the MPLS Park Board, a PPA table, and a backpack give-away for kids.

Good Neighbor Fund Update. The Good Neighbor Fund approved two PPA 2019 grants, one for the 2nd phase of the Hanging Gardens and another for a high jump at Luxton Park. This funding is an important source of funds for community building activities.

Notice of Reallocation of NRP Funds. This was a follow-up to previous discussions about the availability of remaining NRP funds for PPA. PPA Treasurer, Lynn Von Korff, has been working with Bob Cooper from the city to ensure appropriate use of these funds. PPA plans to re-allocate \$12,516.14 from these funds to provide staff time toward supporting the PPA's Community Building Project, which will reach out to the community to help determine the highest neighborhood priorities. This will help inform the best use of the remaining funds. Official notice of the proposed reallocation was provided verbally, as a handout available at the meeting, and in PPA's newsletter as follows:

"At its July 22nd, 2019 meeting, the Prospect Park Association (PPA) Board of Directors will vote whether to reallocate Phase 1 NRP funds of \$12,516.14 to "Implementation Staff" from the following strategies: (1) \$12,516.00 from "Neighborhood Learning Center," and (2) \$0.14 from "NET" Program. The reallocated funds will be used to support the Community Building Project.

The Community Building Project was approved May 20th, 2019 by the PPA Board of Directors. Those interested in participating or learning more about this project are encouraged to contact Nellie Jerome, PPA Communication and Outreach staff, at nellie@staffprospectmpls.org. Contact Lynn Von Korff, PPA Treasurer, at vonko002@umn.edu about the Phase 1 NRP fund reallocation."

The handout also described the Community Building Project.

Board Nominees Needed. There are ongoing preparations for PPA Board elections. The Board nominations will take place over the summer, with nominations due in August, and elections at the annual meeting and election on September 23rd. People were encouraged to run for the board and check the newsletter and PPA website for continued information.

Calendar Reminders - Committee meetings are ongoing and included on the PPA calendar and website. Upcoming meetings include the Environment Committee on June 25, NROC on July 11, Finance and Admin on July 14, Transportation and Safety on July 16, and Land Use on July 18. Thanks to everyone who participates!

Ward 2 Update. Council Member Cam Gordon provided an update on the collapsed access between Williams Avenue and Arthur Avenue. Attendees expressed concern that access be restored so children can get back and forth from Pratt School before it snows. Cam also provided an update on the Vermillion project.

Ward 2 Updates are always available here at:
<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/ward2/index.htm>

Adjourn. The community meeting was adjourned with the Board Meeting to follow shortly thereafter.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Preus, PPA Board Member and Secretary