



## Prospect Park Association (PPA) Community Meeting

December 9, 2019

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

### Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
3. *Devan Blanchard*
4. *David Frank*
5. *Britt Howell*
6. *Amy Kaminsky*
7. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
8. *Laura Preus*
9. *Lynn Von Korff*
10. *John Wicks*

### Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Will Watkins*
2. *Robert Roscoe*
3. *Becca Cowin*
4. *U of M Student Representative (TBD)*

### Community Members Present:

1. Brendan LaFranchi
2. Lupe Castillo
3. Ari Parritz
4. Deirdre Kellogg
5. Vera Marshall
6. Evan Roberts (presenter)
7. Larry Matsumoto (presenter)

Draft Minutes. Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm

There was no Prospect Park Association meeting quorum, possibly due to challenging weather. Voting in the special election was postponed.

### 1. Community Announcements.

Jan Nelson gave an update on the office move; there is no big conference room so committees are meeting in various locations around the community. Check the PPA Event Calendar on the website for details on meetings. Thanks to everyone for your patience in our office move. Jan also noted that there would be a meeting on Critical (Permit) Parking in early 2020, so stay tuned.

## **2. 4th Street SE Asphalt Overlay Project Information - City of Minneapolis - Public Works.**

Larry Matsumoto, with the City of Minneapolis Dept. of Public Works, described the planned 4<sup>th</sup> St mill and overlay resurfacing in summer 2020. This street is about 40 years old now. The City will do an assessment tied to this project, for property owners along the street. There is a meeting on Feb 4 at 10am at the Council Chambers; there is also a community meeting Wednesday January 29 at Luxton Rec Center in the evening. Assessment notices will be mailed out to property owners along the route with further details. All residential homes are assessed at \$0.22 per square foot of each lot, over a 5-year time frame. Properties in St Paul will still be assessed, if their frontage lies along the route.

## **3. Transportation Action Plan - Discussion and Q/A.**

Evan Roberts, Transportation Committee Chair, gave a report on the Transportation Action Plan, hoping to submit it to the City in the next few weeks. The process took about six months and about 20 people have given input. The committee used consensus decision making to guide development of the report. Some parts have more specificity, which reflects more committee consensus on those subjects. Concern in the project was not for nitty-gritty design elements, but about engaging with high-level policy questions that can guide neighborhood transportation projects over the next 20 years. They also highlighted a few recommendations, specifically on getting a bike network completed in the neighborhood. This included extending the Greenway across the river, bringing the Greenway into the heart of the neighborhood and connecting to trails around the University (lots of work and players in this future project, but great potential for the neighborhood). They also worked on planning for improvements along Washington Ave and University, making better spaces for pedestrians and non-motorized travelers. They looked at areas north of the U of M Transitway, to complete the street grid, improving residential and commercial elements as well. If the board passes this, it will be sent to the City staff who coordinate the City's Transportation Action Plan, but it will also remain a guiding document for the PPA going forward.

## **4. Vermilion Update.**

Eric Amel and Joe Ring updated the community on the motions at the last Land Use meeting, which were ratified at the last PPA Board meeting. These motions focused on community member responses to the proposed changes to the

Vermilion Art and Architecture project, and consistency in rules and ordinances. Additional details are available in the September 10 Land Use Committee meeting notes and the October 28 PPA Board Meeting notes. Joe Ring also described efforts to better understand historic implications for the project, given new information. City council member Cam Gordon asked the State Preservation Office to look at the New History Memorandum document and at the U of M Professor's historic narrative (Declaration of Greg Donofrio, PH.D.). It is hoped that this review will provide additional information to inform next steps.

**5. Towerside Water Retention System Update.**

Jeff Barnhart gave an update on the MWMO project water retention improvements.

- 6. No Ward 2 Update as Councilmember Gordon was not present. Written updates are available on Councilmember Gordon's website at <http://www.minneapolis.gov/ward2/index.htm>**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm**

Notes prepared and respectfully submitted by Nellie Jerome, PPA Volunteer Coordinator, and Laura Preus, PPA Secretary