



## PPA May Virtual Board/Community Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021

**Board Members in Attendance:** David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, Rachel Coffin, Jeff Barnhart, Joe Ring, Laura Preuss, Britt Howell, Jenna Hoge, Ben Tuthill, Eric Amel

**Guests:** Lydia McAnerney, Chris Lautenschlager, Cam Gordon, Mary Britton, Vera Marshall, Lupe Castillo, Ann Sechter, Kristyle D'Alencar, Kathleen McCostco, Katie Houlihan, Aloida Zaragoza, Paul Madsen

**Staff:** Liza Davitch

**6:40 Meeting is called to order.** Quorum is confirmed.

Eric Amel makes a motion to approve the agenda. David Frank seconds. All in favor.

### 6:42 Announcements /Updates

“Healing the Earth” events which includes the garden walk, plant sale and alternative energy sites will be held Saturday, June 26 from 10-3pm. Yard sales will be on June 26 and 27. Tailgate sales in the Pratt parking lot will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> only. Maps will be available at Pratt and coming up on the website. Britt has organized a site at the new park on 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> street with Nice Ride electric bikes and more.

The Towerside Business Association met with Council Member Gordon, Erik Hansen, Enrique Velazquez, Zoe Thiel, Deb Bahr-Helgen, Robin & others to discuss ideas for hospitality business relief in Prospect Park. Business owners prepared letters which helped give the attendees a clearer picture of what businesses are experiencing. There was discussion about City rescue funding being used. Council member Gordon has asked the Mayor's office to support the hospitality issue more.

### 6: 56 Cam Gordon gives his April Ward 2 report to Prospect Park

[https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/4e8a787a-6539-c9e4-a60e-cc828276ec57/Council\\_Member\\_Cam\\_Gordon\\_s\\_Report\\_to\\_Prospect\\_Park\\_May\\_24\\_2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/4e8a787a-6539-c9e4-a60e-cc828276ec57/Council_Member_Cam_Gordon_s_Report_to_Prospect_Park_May_24_2021.pdf)

Cam has had conversations with residents of 4<sup>th</sup> Street where the Valhalla Clinic issues and it's effects on University Avenue and local businesses was discussed. Along with a task force from PPA's Transportation and Safety Committee, he has met with the Executive Director of Valhalla about better practices that can be done. It is an ongoing conversation that has been discussed at the last two PPA board meetings and we will continue to discuss. The PPA board will commit to send quarterly letters to Valhalla about their practices and follow ups.

The Renters' Subcommittee and Community Building discusses the Anti-Displacement Agenda, a 5-part policy agenda that defends the rights of renters as our city shifts out of pandemic eviction restrictions and into an exploding rental market. The agenda was put together by housing-justice advocates at Inquilinx Unidxs (IX). It includes some topics we have already talked about as a board (Tenant Opportunity to Purchase) as well as some newer issues (rent control, eviction protections). It also includes a call to increase public

housing in our city; this is a direct result of advocacy from our neighbors in Glendale and conversations with local housing non-profits that started right here in Prospect Park. Community Building voted last week to support all 5 points. The 5 points are:

1. Pass a Tenant Opportunity to Purchase (TOPA) ordinance that maximizes the rights of renters.
2. Put the Renter Stabilization Charter Amendments on the ballot so that Minneapolis voters can decide on Rent Control. 3. Pass a Just Cause Eviction Protection ordinance so that renters in Minneapolis aren't forced out of their homes without a reason.
4. Pass a Pre-Eviction Notification/Right to Cure ordinance that gives renters 60 days or more to respond before an eviction is filed against them.
5. Pass a resolution and MOU to rescind the privatization of public housing through RAD & Section 18 Demolition and to keep public housing public. Pass a resolution to build additional public housing buildings and homes for low- income families, elders, people with disabilities, and singles on city and county lots.

Here's a link to the full text of the agenda: <https://www.inquilinxsunidxs.org/en/home/>

There are concerns brought up that there hasn't yet been enough opportunities to discuss these policies with landlords and that more conversation is needed. In response, the renter's committee would be happy to organize some forums to talk more about this agenda.

Prospect Park is about 67% renters and 33% home owners. Some statistics can be found here:

<https://prospectparkmpls.org/neighborhood/residents/renter-resources.html>

## **7:20 Organizational Business**

There is an earmark available for funds through NCR's Equitable Engagement Plan that requires a grant proposal to receive the funds. NCR will be holding information sessions on the plan. It is encouraged that everyone interested in applying for the funds attend. One potential idea is to use these funds to support a postcard mailing to Prospect Park residents.

1. PPA has nearly \$4,000 in grant funds for the year beginning 7/1/21 (\$1,980 for 2021). (\$3,000 was projected but amount updated since).
2. These funds are reserved for PPA as part of NCR's equitable engagement funding program. It's not a competitive grant program, but we must apply to get the funds.
3. We can apply soon - NCR will start reviewing grants soon, but must apply no later than 9/1/21.
4. Those considering volunteering for this effort should attend one of the two info sessions. PPA will work with our assigned NCR staff person, Aryca Myers, to discuss eligible PPA activities.

Lydia, Mary, Britt and Lynn volunteer to work on the Equitable Engagement grant proposal opportunity.

## **7:45 Community Quick Reports**

### **Evan Roberts gives the Transportation and Safety Committee**

The planters on the Malcolm Avenue project are ready to go. The soil is in place. Pratt school classes will be participating in the planting.

Britt gives an update on Valhalla which was brought up earlier in the meeting.

### **Mary Britton gives the Environment Committee report.**

It is proposed to send out a neighborhood postcard to all Prospect Park residents as was done in 2020. The cost is estimated at \$2100. It could be proposed in the Equitable Engagement fund because it fits the requirements of reaching all residents. There is a discussion about what should be included in the postcard.

- **Britt Howell makes the motion** to repeat neighborhood mailing of postcards to all Prospect Park residents and add to PPA's budget. Laura Preuss seconds. David Fran -Yea, Rachel Coffin- Yea, Jeff Barnhart -Yea, Lynn Von Korff – Yea, Joe Wicks – Yea, Laura Preuss- Yea, Britt Howell -Yea, Jenna Hoge -Yea, Ben Tuthill- Yea, Eric Amel- Nay. Nine yeas, one nay, zero abstentions. Motion Passes.

### **8:15 Other Business**

Chris Lautenschlager, Executive Director of Marcy-Homes Neighborhood Association discusses potential ways neighborhood organizations could work together to share resources in light of the challenges that they are facing with the implementation of the Minneapolis 2040 plan and UDA transitions. Marcy- Holmes has hired a consultant, Amy Arcane, to do a preliminary investigation on what this collaboration would look like.

### **8:52 Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes**

- **David Frank makes a motion to approve meeting minutes. Ben Tuthill seconds. All in favor.**

**8:55 Meeting adjourned.**