



PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meetings <i>1500 E Franklin Ave, SFCC</i>
<p><i>For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the PPA Calendar. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p>Donate to PPA Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Environment Committee Tuesday Dec 12, 7pm</p> <p>Planning and Land Use Committee Tuesday, Dec 5, 7pm Draft Agenda</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, Dec 19, 6pm Draft Agenda</p>	<p>Community Meeting Monday Dec 11 6:30pm - 7:30pm Agenda (page 1) St Frances Cabrini Church</p> <p>PPA Board Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Agenda (page 2) St Frances Cabrini Church</p> <p><u>Monday, Dec 18th, 5:30pm</u> Management Council Set Board Mtg Agenda</p>

End the year well

Hi Neighbors,

What a year it has been! We have achieved so much together to make Prospect Park the best place to live for all residents, from aesthetic updates on the streets to increasing involvement in all committees and getting to know new people! We could not do it without individual time and donations given.

I hope the end of this year is a peaceful one for you and all your loved ones.

Jessica

PPA Program Manager

Prospect Park 2040

This summer and fall, a work group of the Land Use and Planning committee is spearheading the effort to formulate a planning framework to guide development and improvement of the neighborhood. This effort will be used to inform the overall [Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan](#) update for 2040.

A team of volunteers held several listening sessions, walking tours, surveys in person and online, and feedback meetings to ensure as many Prospect Park residents could give their opinions for the future of the neighborhood. The resulting document can be read and reviewed, and any questions can be sent to John Kari, the task force leader.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these efforts. We are proud of this document, and proud to carry out the vision of this unique area of the Twin Cities.

[Read the document here.](#) [Accompanying maps here.](#)

Give to PPA

Prospect Park Association (PPA) has been hard at work making positive and tangible impacts in your community. As the city's officially recognized citizen participation organization for the neighborhood, PPA brings people together and serves you in many ways by:

- Organizing spring/fall district cleanups with over 150 volunteers.
- Sponsoring community-building events such as the Pratt Ice Cream Social, Fall Home Tour, Annual Neighbor-fest, and Luxton Park Concerts.
- Advocating for tenant rights in a landmark case before the city.
- Leading beautification projects from banners and bike racks to the Textile Center dye garden.
- Influencing urban development through active resident engagement. This year over 300 community members have participated in PPA-led sessions to help guide the area's future.
- Advancing sustainability by supporting parks, community gardens and ancillary green spaces.
- Leading the way on historic preservation in the state.

We're also pleased to report that during 2017 PPA reduced overhead expenses by 24%, passed an external financial systems audit, and earned a [Guidestar Silver](#) rank placing us in the top 1% of nonprofits for transparency and accountability.

While PPA receives some city funding, the above efforts depend on generous contributions of time, expertise, and especially financial support from important neighbors like you. This year the Board of Directors set an ambitious goal to raise \$30,000 and so far PPA is two-thirds of the way there. We now need your help to close the gap to continue serving your community well.

To keep PPA's future bright, please give today. You can donate by mail, online at [Facebook](#), [AmazonSmile](#), [PayPal](#), [our website](#) or feel free to stop by the PPA office in person. Contact Jessica at jessica@prospectparkmpls.org or (612) 767-6531 for more information on how you can help make your neighborhood a better place.

Best Regards,

Vince Netz, President

Serafina Scheel, Treasurer

Eric Amel, Secretary

Prime Place Problems

At this month's community meeting, set for December 11th at Saint Frances Cabrini, PPA is hosting a discussion on the issues that the new student housing building, Prime Place, is facing. The Minnesota Daily has outlined many of the issues that this development project is facing ([article here](#)), and how many students were not only inconvenienced, but possibly the victims of illegal practices. PPA has invited Council Member Gordon; Bill Dane, who is legal council for the students impacted by Prime Place's issues; City of Minneapolis building inspectors; and all of the students who were impacted. We hope to have a discussion on what has happened, how to help the students, and how to prevent a situation like this from happening again. We hope you'll join in the conversation.

Prospect Park Merchandise

Prospect Park t-shirts, posters commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Witch's Hat Water Tower, and the history book Under the Witch's Hat, are all for sale at the PPA office! To schedule a pick up time or for more information on pricing and availability, please call Jessica at 612-767-6531.

PPA Documents

The PPA Board of Directors did not achieve quorum at the November 27, 2017 meeting and was unable to approve any documents.

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