



PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION



| MEETINGS | Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i> | Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i> |
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| <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><u>Donate to PPA</u> Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p> | <p>Community Building Committee Friday March 13, 4pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, February 25, 6:30pm @ Luxton Park Recreation Center</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>N’hood Relations & Outreach Committee TBA</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, February 13, 7pm @ PP United Methodist Church</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, February 19, 7 pm @ Pratt Elementary School</p> | <p>Community Meeting Monday February 24 PPUMC 6-6:30pm Social Time 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p> <p>PPA Board Meeting Monday February 24 PPUMC 7:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>(Next meeting on Mar. 23)</p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, February 10, 7pm</p> |

Proposed New PPA NRP Priority: Tenants' Rights Project

Please attend the PPA's community meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, February 24th, 2020, to learn more and vote on the proposal below.

Proposed Motion: Prospect Park Association approves a new NRP priority called 'Tenants' Rights Project' to educate renters in the wider Prospect Park community on their rights and to connect them with resources available should their rights be violated. This priority will include research and data collection, events, student and community meetings, focus-groups, and workshops, collaboration, and the creation of resource materials.

A description of the proposed Tenants' Right project is available [here](#).

If the motion, above, is approved by Association members, PPA's Board will vote on the following motion:

Proposed Motion: Prospect Park Association approves reallocating \$15,000 from the existing NRP phase 2 "housing" priority ("loans/grant, 1A-C.1A-C) to the new Tenants' Rights priority.

PPA Special Board Election

We did not have quorum at the last Community Meeting on January 27, so we could not hold the election.

We will hold a Special Election at the February 24 PPA Community Meeting, to fill the vacant board seat. The meeting will start at 6:30pm and will be held at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (22 Orlin Ave SE).

Join the board!

If you are interested in running, please [click here to fill out this Candidate Profile Form](#) by February 14 at 12pm.

Meet PPA's board candidate: Julie MacKenzie

What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?

Daily life in the Park.

Why are you interested in serving on the board of Prospect Park Association?

I'm interested in serving on PPA on a relatively short term due to the vacated Board seat. Still with busy home life, seems ideal re-entry.

What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?

My husband and I bought our home in Prospect Park late 1991 from neighborhood realtor, and raised both of our now college bound/age girls here. I have supported and been involved as a family and individually, in the activities, functions and amenities of the neighborhood stemming back to the co-op nursery school, Pratt Garden Angels, short stint on the Pratt Council, worked with CACA, early involvement in the ICS and current arbor structure standing today. Past MPRB JOY Club Director; partnering screenings with SE Seniors. Our eldest attended Pratt for a short term, children alum of PPCNS/UM Lab School. Connections all generations. I was involved extensively in NRP Phase 1; drafted/navigated City approved environmental plan. Served previously on PPERRIA Board.

What committees, task forces, projects, events, or initiatives do you commit to work on?

Being that this is a vacated seat, I am assuming that there are needs that have been left open.

Is there anything else you want to share with your neighbors?

Senior Legal Administrative Procedure, lead environmental, appointed State and Regional commissions, legislative, MHS SHPO. Education & arts supporter. Pro-horticulture gardener. Busy mom.

Fire and Ice Celebration

THIS SATURDAY, February 1 Luxton Park, 5:30pm to 8pm

Activities will include a recreational fire, horse-drawn hayrides, music, crafts, and concessions!

The Fire and Ice Festival celebrates the half-way point between the Winter Solstice and the Vernal Equinox. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and peace.

Join the Community Building Committee!

Our next meeting is **Friday, March 13, 2020** at Luxton Park (112 Williams Ave SE)

Bedford and Franklin Intersection

The PPA Transportation & Safety Committee has been working to lobby the city to improve the pedestrian crossing experience at Bedford and Franklin. PPA and our neighbors to the east in Saint Paul presented a plan to the Minneapolis and Saint Paul city councils that would remove the four-way stop at Emerald and Franklin, and create stop signs where Franklin intersects Bedford and Berry.

We have heard from many neighbors in conversation and at our meetings that crossing Franklin at Bedford is a stressful experience. We would like to include your testimony about the conditions at this intersection in our next correspondence with the city. Please share your thoughts with us at transportation@prospectparkmpls.org. We will include names in the letter. Please watch for further information in the next month about signing a petition in support of improved pedestrian safety at this intersection.

-Evan Roberts, Transportation and Safety Committee Chair

Update: Wallis Project (formerly Vermillion)

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 10th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., Room 317 City Hall. The purpose of the City Planning Commission hearing is to determine whether to amend previous approval in order to add additional residential units to the 14-story planned unit development. Comments can be submitted in writing to Peter Crandall, Senior City Planner, or made verbally at the hearing.

Read a summary of PPA's September 2019 Land Use committee meeting on the proposed project amendments [here](#) and read a full report, including resident comments, [here](#).

Update: Residence Inn Project

A five-story, extended-stay hotel at 3400 University Ave ("Schneider's Drug"), zoned C1, and 61 Bedford St ("Lights On"), zoned R4. Properties would require a zoning change to C3A. This project has not been submitted to the Planning Commission for approval yet.

Read PPA's letter to planning staff [here](#) and resident comments [here](#).

Read the initial City Planning staff report [here](#).

Prospect Park Garden Club Meeting

February 26, at 6:30 PM

Whether you have a full-fledged garden, or a window box of herbs, or just a couple houseplants, let's take a break and share our plant stories!

We will share a potluck dinner so bring a dish if you are able (this is not required). Just come hungry for food and conversation! Non-gardeners and new folks are always welcome; please tell your friends.

The mission of the Prospect Park Garden Club is to:

- Inspire a love of gardening among members and the community at large
- Provide opportunities for gardening enthusiasts to come together
- Beautify and maintain community spaces in Prospect Park
- Encourage civic, environmental stewardship
- Offer educational opportunities for the community

Our monthly meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from January through October. Mark your calendars!

For meeting location or questions, please contact:

Judy Berven, Garden Club Coordinator: jkb0548@msn.com

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Updates from Southeast Seniors:

Welcome to New Executive Director, Betsy Snyder

Southeast Seniors welcomed Betsy Snyder as the new Executive Director in December 2019. Marji Miller recently retired after 16 years with Southeast Seniors.

Betsy has many years of experience working in Aging Services including Jewish Family and Children's Service, North East Seniors for Better Living and Allina. Betsy has recently received her Master's in Aging Services Management. Betsy lives in South Minneapolis with her husband. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, seeing live music, volunteering in the community, and running.

Funding Update

Southeast Seniors thanks you for your advocacy and financial support in 2019. Your letters and calls made all the difference in obtaining city and county funding for 2020. Your policymakers listened to you and responded. Please thank them when you see them in the community!

The final 2020 City of Minneapolis budget INCREASED city funding for Aging Support Services from \$80,000 to \$140,000! This increase is vital to continuing our mission in 2020. Council Member Schroeder championed this increase with Council Members Johnson, Reich, and Jenkins as co-sponsors.

The Hennepin County budget restored \$55,000 of block nurse funding thanks to an amendment by Commissioners Greene and Conley. An additional \$20,000 incentive funding was also approved.

Events Co-Sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Pratt Community Education

Estate Planning.

February 12 1:30-2:30 pm, Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE Minneapolis 55414. Liz Pierce, a local attorney with 35 years experience, will walk you through the process and explain the merits of having a will, power of attorney and a health care directive. This is a great way to start planning for your financial future, at any age! Come with your questions for this experienced attorney.

Register online at mplscommunityed.com or call 612-668-1100, \$2 at the door

Caucuses, Primaries, and Elections 2020.

February 19 12-1:30 pm, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave SE Minneapolis 55414. What's the difference between a caucus and a primary? Learn about the new Presidential Primary, why the 2020 Census is so important to Minneapolis voters and opportunities to serve as an election judge. Presentation by Tim Schwarz, City of Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services.

12:00-12:30 pm Luncheon and dessert provided

12:30-1:15 pm Guest presentation

Please RSVP at 612-668-1100 2 days prior, but walk-ins are always welcome. Cost is \$4 at the door.

Upcoming PPA Community & Board Meetings

Monday, February 24, 2020

at [Prospect United Methodist Church, 22 SE Orlin Ave](#)

6-6:30 pm: Social time

6:30-7:30 pm: Community Meeting and Election

7:30-8:30 pm PPA Board Meeting

PPA Community and Board Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the January 27th Board meeting:

Environment Committee - [November 2019](#)

Land Use Committee - [October](#), [November](#), and [December](#) 2019

Community Meeting - [December 2019](#)

Board Meeting - [December 2019](#)

Community Building Committee - [December 2019](#)

[Senator Kari Dziedzic \(60, DFL\)](#)

[See her MN State Senate Webpage, and to join her mailing list!](#)

Join the 2020 Census Team and connect with neighbors in Prospect Park

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count.

[APPLY ONLINE NOW!](#)

Earn Extra Money! Could you use a little extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.

Support Your Community! Decennial census data are used to determine your representation in Congress, as well as how funds are spent for roads, schools, hospitals, and more. Help ensure that everyone in your community is counted in the next decennial census.

Fit Your Schedule! Temporary positions for the 2020 Census feature flexible hours—a perfect fit if you are looking to earn a little extra money, even if you already have other commitments.

Be a Part of History! Every 10 years since 1790, the United States has undertaken the momentous task of counting all of its residents. This is your chance to play a role.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Twin Cities News and Events

Cam Gordon Ward 2 Update:

The e-update ([click here](#)) can be found online.

Connecting Past and Present: Indigenous Storytelling: Middle School Workshop at Weisman Art Museum. Saturday, February 8, 9 am - 4:30 pm. Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students are invited to explore contemporary Native arts, create their own artwork, develop storytelling skills and perform for their friends and family in this hands-on workshop. Graduate students in the Arts in Education master's program from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction have developed this workshop to help students experience the vibrancy of Native art in Minnesota and connect their own lives to the creative process. Sessions take place from 9 am to 12:30 pm or 1 to 4:30 pm. For information and to register, [click here](#).

Relief Exhibit, Open house: Saturday, February 1, 10 am – 12 noon at Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, 2522 Marshall St. NE. *Relief* explores how technological experiences influence the way we understand the outdoors. Artist Alyssa Baguss creates tactile cartographic experiences of Minnesota's natural water features through experimental processes and materials. (Guests are encouraged to touch the artwork!) At the open house, you can socialize over coffee, stream tables and art-making. Alyssa Baguss will host a morning of water-related activities paired with beverages and fantastic views of the Mississippi River. For more information, [click here](#).

Minneapolis Vision Zero Action Plan: The City Council has approved the Minneapolis Vision Zero Action Plan, which outlines key steps for the next three years to advance the City's goal of ending traffic deaths and injuries on City streets by 2027. The Vision Zero

Action Plan includes 16 strategies and 72 actions to be implemented between 2020 and 2022. [Click here](#) for more info.

ART SHANTY PROJECTS 2020: Saturdays and Sundays, 10am-4pm, January 18 – February 9, at Bde Unma (Lake Harriet). Suggested donation \$10-20. No one turned away! more info, [click here](#).

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PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

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