



July 2020 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Donate to PPA</u></p> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Friday July 17, 4pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, July 28, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee July meeting cancelled</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, July 21, 7 pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday July 27th (note: May meeting cancelled) 6:30pm - 8:00pm <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, July 13, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

Join PPA's Board of Directors

Consider applying to fill one of the seven available seats on Prospect Park Association's Board of Directors. Terms are two years in duration and begin in October 2020.

PPA especially encourages BIPOC*, renters, and students to bring their voices to the board.

For more information, contact staff@prospectparkmpls.org

JOIN THE BOARD
YOUR VOICE IS VALUABLE

Join Prospect Park Association's Board of Directors

PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION (PPA) IS THE CITY-RECOGNIZED
VOICE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

GET ENGAGED IN THE CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSIONS
ABOUT COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY,
ENVIRONMENTALISM, EQUITY, LAND USE, AND MORE!

TERMS ON THE BOARD ARE TWO YEAR POSITIONS BEGINNING
OCTOBER 2020

Candidate Information

Candidate Profile due:
Wednesday, August 12, 12PM
Link in button below

Candidate Profiles published on
PPA newsletter and website, and
on pp-elist:
Wednesday, August 19

Community Board training and
orientation provided: ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Black or indigenous folks, people of
color, students, and renters are
urged to apply to bring diverse
perspectives to the PPA board.

For any questions, please contact
staff@prospectparkmpls.org

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ASSOCIATION**

*BIPOC = Black, indigenous, people of color

[Click HERE to complete your candidate profile](#)

PPA Meeting and Elections Changes

Due to the current pandemic, certain changes must be made to the normal operations of Prospect Park Association. A resolution has been voted on and approved by the board on June 22, 2020.

1. Prospect Park Association Meetings will be held virtually to meet safety guidelines. This will be in effect indefinitely.
2. 2020 Board of Director Elections will be held via Mail-In Voting. Details and sign-up for voting will be provided in August.
3. PPA's 2020 Annual Neighborhood Meeting will take place virtually. Annual Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2020.

[Click here](#) to view the full drafted resolution, now approved.

Prospect Park Removes Eight 30-year-old Neighborhood Watch Signs

About 50 PPA community and board members met to discuss the motion: “PPA supports neighbors removing the eight neighborhood watch signs that read: *If I don’t call the police my neighbor will.*” In light of the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) by police, most members agreed the signs should go. Our thanks to Prospect Park residents for raising awareness of the unwelcoming message and removing the signs. The motion to remove the signs was approved unanimously on June 22nd by PPA’s Board of Directors. It had previously been approved by the Transportation and Safety Committee. The motion addressed the eight signs and not neighborhood watch as a whole. The signs were located near Franklin Avenue on Bedford, Emerald, Sharon, Seymour, and East River Terrace.



Picture credit: Kyra Nygard

Photo description: Neighbors removing signs include: Kyra Nygard, Ben Tuthill, Allison Bell, Mike Bell, Sam Smith, Jenna Hoge, and Madeleine Wagner Sherer.

PPA's Community Building Committee First Year Report

The PPA Board established the Community Building Committee on May 20, 2019. Its purpose was to provide leadership to PPA as it sought to improve its connections with individuals and groups of people with whom PPA had not been connecting well over the past few years. Community Building's initial focus was listening and connecting, ultimately meeting with well over 100 groups and individuals. The purpose was to find out what was on the mind of key people and organizations in our community from their point of view. We learned many things and discovered situations where we could be of help, especially in two key areas: residents of Glendale Townhomes Public Housing Community; and the large groups of renters living in Prospect Park including University of Minnesota students, and people living in the new developments north of University Avenue.

To learn about Community Building's accomplishments, read the Executive Summary and a Draft of the full First Year Report.

[Click Here for the Community Building Progress Report](#)

Council Member Cam Gordon Invites You to a Community Gathering on Proposed Reframing of Public Safety in The Minneapolis Charter

The killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police set off a worldwide wave of protests, including an uprising here in our city that left hundreds of businesses and homes damaged or destroyed. It is clear that the status quo is broken, and that it is time to make a transformative change to the way that we approach community safety. I believe that we have a unique opportunity and an obligation to transform the way we provide for each other's safety this year in our City. The Council unanimously passed a resolution committing to do just that on June 12, stating that **“the City Council will commence a year long process of community engagement, research, and structural change to create a transformative new model for cultivating safety in our city.”**

[Click here to view the resolution](#)

As a next step, on June 26 the Council voted unanimously to put forward a Charter amendment, which I hope will be on this year's ballot.

[Click here to view the Charter amendment.](#)

This amendment, if placed on the ballot, will do a few major things. It will remove the Police Department as a Charter department, and replace it with a new Community Safety and Violence Prevention department, which will “have responsibility for public safety services, prioritizing a holistic, public health-oriented approach.” It will not preclude the City from continuing to employ licensed police officers, but will also not require us to do so. The law enforcement division, if we choose to have one, will report to the Community Safety department, and the director of Community Safety will appoint the head of law enforcement, with the Council's approval.

I strongly favor this change, which in my view is a necessary first step that will give us the flexibility we need to make the deep community engagement we will be doing on the future of community safety meaningful. Whatever the results of that engagement, and the path forward we all choose together, this Charter amendment will give us the ability to move forward.

I believe that it's time for that engagement to start now, so I am hosting a number of community gatherings to discuss the Charter amendment, answer any questions people may have, and discuss further how this might move forward this year. Keeping in mind that we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I will be hosting these meetings in neighborhood parks. Please feel free to join the meeting in your neighborhood, or that is most convenient for you. **Please remember to bring your mask, and expect to remain physically distant from other attendees.**

Brackett Park, Saturday, July 4, 11:00 am

Murphy Park, Sunday, July 5, 1:00 pm

Luxton Park, Monday, July 6, 6:30 pm

Matthews Park, Saturday, July 11, 1:00 pm

Van Cleve Park, Sunday, July 12, 2:00 pm

I also understand that some of these times may not be ideal for everyone. I want to assure everyone that this will definitely not be the last opportunity to get engaged on this important topic.

Please don't hesitate to reach out, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns. You can email me at cam.gordon@minneapolismn.gov, and my Policy Aide Robin Garwood at robin.garwood@minneapolismn.gov.

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Are You Registered To Vote?

[Click here to check your registration status.](#)

Minnesota Primaries: August 11, 2020

Minnesota General Election: November 3, 2020

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. Don't wait until November to make your voice heard!

2020 Primary dates

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 11.

[Vote by mail or in person](#) June 26 through August 10.

[Register in advance](#) by July 21 to save time on Election Day.



Library Curbside Pickups

The Arvonne Fraser Library is pleased to announce that curbside pickup service and returns. [Visit our Curbside pickup service page](#) for details on locations, hours, and how to place holds on materials for pickup.



Did You Know?

Remember: Counting Every Person Truly Matters

Missing just one person in the census will result in a loss of over \$27,000 of federal funding to the State of Minnesota over the 10 years, until the next census in 2030. Get counted! Prospect Park has an expected undercount of 2,500 people, **which**

could lead to the loss of \$67,500,000 that could be put directly into community funding.

Fill out the 2020 Census today at my2020census.gov

2020 Prospect Park Response Rate by census tract and number of households

Tract 1256 - **54% response**; total households 1424, not responded 655
Tract 1049.02 - **54.7% response**; total households 995, not responded 451
Source: [City of Minneapolis Response Rates](#)

Data as of 6/25/2020

Total population 8400, expected undercount of 2500.

[Click here for neighborhood undercounted rates.](#)

Prospect Park Association received a \$1500 grant from the U of MN Good Neighbor fund to help reach under-counted populations in our community. We're focusing our efforts on the apartment/student population as well as the Glendale townhomes. Watch for updates in the newsletter. If you're interested in helping, contact jan@prospectparkmpls.org

Responses to the 2020 Census will influence funding and government representation in our community, for services that help every generation. Visit the [Minnesota Census Website](#) for more information.

[**Click Here for City Council Member Cam Gordon's Report to Prospect Park**](#)

Resources for Racial Equity

PPA encourages residents of the neighborhood to engage in content created by, or to support, BIPOC in order to amplify voices that are historically marginalized.

Please view the list of resources dedicated to anti-racism and reducing economic and health disparities. Feel free to share with friends and family.

[Listen to more Black and Brown voices, starting with these podcasts, films, and more.](#) Uplift this content on a regular basis by sharing it with your friends and family too.

[Click Here](#) for MPR Interview with the author of "So You Want to Talk About Race"

[Click here to visit the MPD150 website's FAQs](#)

[Join Prospect Park Anti-Racist Solidarity Group](#)

[Click here to view an anti-racism reading list](#)

[Alternatives to Calling 911 Resource List](#)

Upcoming PPA Board Meeting

Next meeting: Monday, July 27, 2020

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

6:30-8:00 pm: PPA Board Meeting, all community members welcome!

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 June 22 Board meeting:

April 27, 2020 [Board Meeting Minutes \(Approved\)](#)

June 5, 2020 [Community Building Committee Minutes \(Approved\)](#)

April 28, 2020 [Environment Committee Meeting Minutes \(Approved\)](#)



Dinky2Go

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Support businesses in Dinkytown and order to-go! Check out the list of businesses put together by the Dinkytown Business Alliance.

[Click here for more information!](#)

The **Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund** Board of Directors is pleased to announce the grants awarded at the 2020 annual membership meeting in May. We granted more money than usual this year because of the greater need during the pandemic. If you would like to become involved in this neighborhood organization or would like more information, please contact one of the board members listed below.

Here are list of organizations and projects along with the amount granted:

Southeast Seniors \$3000

Pandemic-related supplies

Aeon, The Louis \$2000

Pandemic-related supplies and staff time

Community Driven Foodshare Program \$1000

Food and supplies for at-risk and in-need TC residents including Glendale

Defend Glendale/Public Housing Coalition \$3000

Pandemic-related cleaning supplies for each household

Luxton Learners \$1500

Summer program supplies for neighborhood kids (program modified for pandemic)

Pratt Community School PTO \$2360

Music and performance artist-in-residence (Katy Hays) culminating in a performance

Prospect Park Association Tower Hill \$350

Outreach event for engagement of U or M students in neighborhood

Pratt Community Education/SE Lunch Bunch \$640

Supplies, refreshments and presenters for programing aimed toward 55+ residents

Mississippi Park Connection \$1500

Creation of crowd-sourced nature field guide in Prospect Park and to foster a connection between residents and river area

Love in Isolation \$500

Photo documentation of PP residents sheltering in place during pandemic (large scale prints to display)

Prospect Park Association \$1000

Pratt PTO support due to losses from pandemic-related Ice Cream Social cancelation

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Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

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Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff - Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

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Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

Free Covid-19 Testing Registration

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms.

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OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[Follow the Off-Campus Living Facebook Page](#) and [sign up here](#) for their newsletter to receive updates on safety, business, and more in the University of Minnesota Campus area. Non-students are also encouraged to participate!

[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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