



## Prospect Park Association 2019 Election Board Candidate Profiles: Preliminary List Posted August 23, 2019.

**Attention voters! An updated list of candidate profiles will be published again on September 12, and will include any additional candidates not listed here.**

**Board Nominees Encouraged. You can still get on the board!** Complete a candidate profile form by **12pm on September 10** to become a candidate and have your profile published. Email [jan@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:jan@prospectparkmpls.org) to request a candidate profile form. Link available on PPA website.

You can still get your name on the ballot (but will not have a profile published) if you submit your name to PPA staff by 12pm on September 16.

**Vote for candidates at Neighbor-Fest: September 23, 6-8pm**  
Profile Event Center (2630 University Ave. SE)

### 2019 PPA Board Election Candidates (listed randomly)

<u>2-year term (2019-2021): 7 seats open</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>1-year term (2019 to 2020): 2 seats open</u>	<u>Page</u>
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Absentee voting available. Link available on PPA website.  
Contact staff at **612-767-6531** or [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org) if you have any questions.



# Britt Howell

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Pratt Ice Cream Social

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

To bring Health Wellness & Cultural Arts Education, as it pertains to marginalized communities. I hope to bring awareness around equity, inclusion and diversity.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

I partner with nonprofit organizations to provide education around Sustainable Food & Sustainable Transportation. I'm a Health & Wellness Advocate in BIPOC Communities. I program Community Engagement Events in the Twin Cities to include Programming Open Streets Mpls, Lake, Franklin & West Broadway. I organize Community Bike Rides around Environmental Justice. My 2018 Bike Tour with Mayor Frey opened the door for me to create more Wellness Biking Tours in 2019.

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

Community Engagement, Organize Community Bike Rides, Urban Farming Education, Environmental Justice, Sustainable Food, Sustainable Transportation

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

I moved to a newly developed Apartment Home in Prospect Park. I was appointed by Mayor Jacob Frey to serve a 2-year term on the Upper Harbor Terminal-Collaborative Planning Committee. Prior to serving on the UHT-CPC, I served on the Board of Directors of Our Streets Mpls. I feel confident my experience in community building will offer PPA the opportunity to expand its current mission & values in BIPOC Communities.



# David Frank

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

The Pratt Ice Cream Social

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

I want to help set neighborhood priorities by: listening to the concerns of the wider Prospect Park community, including students, renters, homeowners, and local business people; developing partnerships; and facilitating communication between the PPA board, its committees, and our community.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

At the U of M, I achieved consensus on divisive issues. I know how to help make an organization responsive to the needs of its members. I reached out to undergraduate students, especially students of color, students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and single parents to ensure they had support and opportunities. For over 12 years, I taught a course for freshmen in the SEAM program (Student Excellence in Academics and Multiculturalism). There were many at-risk students in my classes, some the first in their family to attend college. I learned from these students and in turn helped foster opportunities for them to pursue careers in science, engineering, medicine, etc.

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

I will continue to attend and work on the Transportation and Land Use committees, and to volunteer at the Pratt Ice Cream Social.

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

I moved to Prospect Park in 1975. My children attended Pratt School and I worked to help keep Pratt open for future generations. Although not currently a member of the board, I attend all board meetings and am knowledgeable about neighborhood issues. I walk in the Park every day and care about its future.



# Eric Amel

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Halloween night. The Seymour Avenue Players welcome all kids young and old to participate in the annual trick or treat across from Tower Hill Park.

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

Interested in stewardship of both the legacy and the betterment of our unique neighborhood.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

(6) years as board secretary, (1) year as board president, design thinking

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

Management Council, Land Use Committee

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

We have so many amazing neighbors with expertise and opinion to share, and such an amazing neighborhood from Oak St. to Emerald St. to give our care. Please choose to participate in our neighborhood governance whether by attending community meetings, joining



# Susan Larson Fleming

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Pratt Ice Cream Social

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

Many issues facing the neighborhood. No time to be complacent. Time to get to work.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

Past president of PPERRIA, now PPA. One of several authors of the Neighborhood Revitalization (NRP) Plan, specifically Education and Human Services portion. Continued involvement in education issues: past president of Pratt Council; current member of Pratt School site council. Currently a member of the Community Engagement group. Past president of the board of the Weavers Guild of Minnesota. Historic preservation research support.

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

Community Engagement group

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

Once again, time to get to work.



# Bob Roscoe

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Board meetings and work on the proposed conservation district

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

I want to contribute to the neighborhood I live in.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

47 years of community activism: 21 years on the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, newsletter writer for the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, architectural work for the Seward West Project Area Committee in saving Milwaukee Avenue from public agency demolition, then leading creating a plan for converting the obsolete street into a pedestrian walkway, architectural work and consulting for Historic Saint Paul, current event planning for Preserve Minneapolis, and just finished advocacy for an unsuccessful attempt to save a historic church in Saint Paul from demolition which happened on August 6, 2019.

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

Land Use, Conservation District Planning (with Joe Ring)

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

I enjoy being a sort of caretaker for a short stretch of the Mississippi River bluff area across the street from me: mostly trash removal.



# Brendan Lafranchi

**What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Pratt Ice Cream Social

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

I am interested in serving on the board because of the potential it offers to improve the Prospect Park neighborhood. Through my time working with and chairing NROC, I see this as a natural progression to help my fellow neighbors further by taking on additional responsibilities that will challenge me and help me grow.

**What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

I have served on a non-profit board as a finance and budget chair, and with the incoming changes from the 2040 plan, I find they will be in high demand. I have held private sector positions in budgeting, forecasting, data analytics, marketing, and operations. I also participated with the United Way's Leaders United program where I was able to work with a local non-profit in a fundraising and awareness campaign.

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

I can commit to working on projects focused on helping alleviate PPA's budget constraints.

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

I hope you trust me to represent your interests as a PPA board member, and look forward to the opportunity.



# Daniel Bryant

Running for a 1-year term

## **What is your favorite event in Prospect Park?**

Harvest Festival

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

I moved to Prospect Park for graduate school 6 years ago and have been active in the PPA for the past 4 years on the Land Use Committee. I want to be on the board to further my involvement with the PPA and support making Prospect Park and Minneapolis a vibrant and affordable place for all.

## **What experience and skills do you bring to PPA?**

I have been involved with the PPA for the past 4 years and have attended close to 80 meetings in that time while working on numerous projects in the neighborhood. I also have experience both volunteering with and coordinating volunteer efforts at local nonprofits.

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

Land Use and Transportation Committees

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

Thank you for the opportunity to get involved!