



Community Building Minutes
April 6th, 2023

Present: Jerry Stein (Co-chair) David Frank, Joe Ring, and Lynn Von Korff

Agenda

Renters' Rights

Lynn will email draft March Board/Community meeting minutes, as soon as they are available, to NCR so they can amend PPA's NRP contract, adding \$25,000 for the Renters' project. She will be preparing PPA's first quarter financial statements this month so the additional steps will not take place until after our May meeting.

Welcome Packet

Everyone is encouraged to submit updates for the Welcome Packet. We recently submitted three updates for Liza to add. Liza's time updating the Welcome Packet is supported by PPA's equitable engagement funds.

Jackson Project

Per PPA's approved 2023 budget, Jerry reserved plane tickets and hotel rooms at the Graduate Hotel for Sharon and Judith, Helen Jackson's children. (A mural that includes their mom, Helen Jackson, is directly across the street from Graduate Hotel.) They arrive Thursday, June 1st and depart Saturday afternoon, June 3rd. The main program will be held at Pratt on June 2nd. Program planning is underway: tentative plans on Friday include one event inside Pratt for the schoolchildren and another outside the school that afternoon. The President of the Minneapolis School Board was very enthusiastic about the project so might be involved in Friday events. On Saturday, we hope to arrange a tour of the Jackson family home on Franklin Ave.

Events might also involve Pratt school teacher, Kiah Young-Burns, who initiated a school curriculum based on Jackson Family history. Jerry described tentative long-term plans regarding the educational curriculum. Melvin Peters, Helen Jackson's son-in-law, retired Professor of African American studies literature at Eastern Michigan University, has agreed to serve in an advisory capacity (title to be determined) on the educational and historical aspects of this project. Nathan of 4RM-ULA will design a sign for the playground. He will also link us up with a company to produce the sign. TPT might attend to videotape the event.

Plans include enlarging the 1909 family photo—photo of the Jackson family sitting on their front steps on Franklin Avenue, framing it and placing it in the school along with an informational panel.

We plan to submit a grant to the Historical Society. They have offered to help identify someone to curate the extensive collection of Jackson Family historical materials.

The autobiography of Roger Wilkins, son of Helen Jackson and Earl Wilkins (Roy's brother) is one of many outstanding sources of information about the Jackson family. Roger was the assistant Attorney General under LBJ. Roger's work in the administration was integral to advances in civil rights—though this is only one of his many major accomplishments. Roger's father died when he was a child and he was raised by the Jackson Women, his mom, Helen, his grandmother, Amy Jackson, and his two aunts, Marvel and Zelma. Helen often traveled the country in her work to convince the national YWCA to integrate. Roger describes how the Jackson women played a significant role in his upbringing. Helen eventually became the National YWCA President.

During 2023, PPA's equitable engagement funds will support about \$3,400 of Jackson project activities. PPA submitted a 2023 Good Neighbor Fund grant and plans to submit a PPCLF grant, due May 1st. Susan is working with a Pratt Site Council parent. Her company might be interested in funding the Jackson Project too.

The next meeting will be 4:30pm on Thursday, May 4th.