



PPA Community Meeting

Regular Meeting: October 22, 2018, 6:30pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
3. *Devan Blanchard*
4. *Joleen Emery*
5. *Noël Gordon, Jr.*
6. *Dick Kain*
7. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
8. *Lydia McAnerney*
9. *Vince Netz*
10. *Laura Preus*
11. *Joe Ring*
12. *Lynn Von Korff*
13. *John Wicks*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Claire Haskell*
2. *Robert Roscoe*
3. *UofM Student Representative*

Community Members Present:

1. *Tamara Johnson*
2. *David Frank*
3. *George Bloom*
4. *Jeff Gottlieb*
5. *Susan Gottlieb*
6. *Peggy Rejto*
7. *Preston Mosser (Prospect Park Properties)*
8. *Ariah Fine (NCR)*
9. *Matti Lifson*
10. *Del Hampton*
11. *Dan Bryant*
12. *Evan Roberts*
13. *David Gundale*
14. *Koustantia Ivkin*
15. *Serafina Scheel*
16. *Cam Gordon, Ward 2 Councilperson*
17. *Dan Cross*

1. **Welcome, Review Agenda.** *Vince Netz*, Chair and PPA President, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees.

2. Announcements.

A. **Prospect Park *Where I Live and Play* Event.** *Lydia McAnerney*, PPA board member and Livability Committee member, announced a community storytelling and art-making event at PPA headquarters, 2828 University Ave SE, on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 4-6pm. is seeking with food and drink to round out the afternoon. All ages and backgrounds are welcome to create artwork and stories about the neighborhood in which we live. Live music will be provided by Peter Breen. Food by Naughty Greek. Flyers handed out.

B. **Thanks to Volunteers.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Director, gave thanks for the volunteer efforts of several individuals. PPA Environment Committee Chair *Del Hampton* was recognized with applause for the Harvest Festival. Volunteer PPA members *John Kari* and *Dick Gilyard* were also recognized.

- C. **Halloween 2018.** *Eric Amel*, PPA Secretary, gave a brief synopsis of the Halloween 2018 theme by the Seymour Avenue Players: The Perils of Prospect Park featuring *Dudley Do-Right*, Canadian Mounties, *Snideley Whiplash*, Yukon Territory saloons, hazardous sawmills, panning for gold, *Boris* and *Natasha*, trading posts, railroad tracks, *Rocky* and *Bullwinkle*. All are welcome Halloween night.
- D. **Minneapolis 2040 Planning.** *Vince Netz*, PPA President, made brief mention of continued PPA participation in Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan formation. The Association's position was presented to the city in Prospect Park Planning Framework for 2040: The Community's Vision for Change and Continuity Informing the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, approved by the PPA Board of Directors, December 11, 2017: <https://www.prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/committees/PDFs/ProspectParkPlanningFramework-for-2040-FINAL-2017-12-11.pdf>

The Association will be represented at the November 14, 2018 Minneapolis City Council meeting receiving public comment regarding the proposed comprehensive plan.

3. **East of the River Park Master Plan.** *Del Hampton*, PPA Environment Committee chair, introduced that the MPRB East of the River Park Master Plan Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has approved a set of concepts for Southeast and Northeast Minneapolis. Next is a public comment period on the recommended park concepts, then the plans are advanced to the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board for approval.
4. **Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan.** *Evan Roberts*, PPA Transportation and Safety Committee chair, pointed out that the current draft of the 2040 Plan Policy 6: Pedestrian-Oriented Building and Site Design, Item L suggests getting rid of all parking counts required by a development with this language: "*Eliminate off-street parking minimums throughout the city and re-evaluate establish parking maximums to better align with City goals.*" Mr. Roberts said this is the way of many cities and that the planning commission is broadly supportive of the policy.
5. **Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan.** *Dan Cross*, PPA member and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Community Advisory Committee (CAC) appointee representing the Greenway Extension Coalition, presented on behalf of *Tom Kilton*, PPA member and University/Prospect Park neighborhood appointee to the CAC. The master plan connects several planning efforts along the gorge extending from Bridge #9, past Soo Bridge to Meeker Dam Ruins. Within the Prospect Park neighborhood is the Franklin Flats segment. Its framework plan consists of several proposals with unanimous consent by the CAC membership:
- A pedestrian bridge at Bridal Veil Falls.
 - At the iron stairway, a plateau with picnic table.
 - ADA compliant ramp down to the flats. To improve equity is a big goal.
 - A statement: the PB with work with the greenway coalition to work together.
 - Legacy trail hiking trail at top of ramp. More access via another alternate route. The plan tries to strike a balance between access and preservation.
 - Natural surface trails in the flats above the beach.

Comment may be made online at:

https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/mississippi_gorge_regional_park_master_plan/

Mr. Cross said part of the Franklin Flats was allegedly a sand dump, which changed its nature. The floor was opened to discussion: *John Wicks* asked about the edge. It is a wall of wild of trees. It may be better with a thinning of trees, breaks and views. *Cross* responded: the Park Board is not currently talking about it. Regarding Buckthorn removal: it is not affordable to Park Board. *Laura Preus* asked about a larger framework. *Del Hampton* responded that there is such an effort. *Evan Roberts* added another planning component: consideration by the Army Corps of Engineers to demolish the locks and dams, and thereby wilding the river. This study is not on the table yet. The discussion closed with applause for *Mr. Cross*.

- 6. Caleb Dorr Circle.** *Evan Roberts*, PPA Transportation and Safety Committee chair, introduced that a resolution will go to the Board regarding design of the Caleb Dorr Circle at the intersections of East River Parkway, Franklin Avenue SE, 27th Avenue SE, and the Franklin Avenue Bridge. The intersection at an important juncture and a part of the Grand Rounds. Signals don't change length, don't account for traffic direction. Adaptive Signal Control can address these problems. The Park Board, Hennepin County, and the City of Minneapolis all have jurisdiction. The committee resolved a single lane round about capable of 15,000 vehicles daily—which is more than the demand. Single lane is slower: 20-25 MPH in lieu of 30 MPH plus for a double lane, and it frees up turf from pavement for more contiguous, usable green space. Less waiting space for idling vehicle is required. Similar geometry to roundabout structure at Minnehaha Falls Park. The board resolution will first ask city and county for the adaptive signal control, and second, come on board with the Park Board approved plan for the roundabout.

The floor was opened for community comment. *David Frank* said to be clear: if the city does not go for the intelligent signals, then the recommendation is the roundabout. Also, a lot of concern at the committee meeting about safety, and two dissenting voices had businesses at the corner and they should be at the table. *Dan Cross* responded that some correction to the plan to address including keeping the “slip lane”. *Mr. Cross* contests the recollection of the record stating voting was by pieces and that the signals should be tried first. Second, if it goes to roundabout, it should follow the criteria established in the proposal graphic. (Many years ago, a roundabout was proposed at the corner. Cars were king then, said *Cross*. Now the effort is to make peds and other modes equal.) *Evan Roberts* believes there is tax money from Prospect Park development as well as desire to complete the Grand Rounds, and there seems to be some alignment between jurisdictions. *John Wicks* hopes transportation planning does good on the signals and dislikes the circle. Bikes and pedestrians are at peril in his experience and thinks bikes will go the way they wish. *Mr. Wicks* doesn't think folks will cooperate. *Noël Gordon, Jr.* would love to see the roundabout and notes cooperation at similar conditions in Washington, DC every day. *Mr. Gordon* thinks it would be good cultural change for people to work together at intersections. *George Bloom* wants to track waiting time at roundabout. *Cross* responded with studies of single lane roundabouts: 85 seconds of delay or queuing as opposed to waiting 5 to 10 minutes. *Dick Kain* expressed concern on big trucks. *Cross* said the design is accommodating a WB56 with surmountable curb. *David Frank* also said he does not take a big exception and likes much of what *Mr. Cross* says. *Mr. Frank* just wants the process

to be just. *Lynn Von Korff* said the issue was at a committee level. First, lights, then second circle shown as a demand. *Serafina Scheel* offered thanks for the presentation.

7. Further Announcements.

- A. **Snack.** *Tamara Johnson*, PPA member and past board member, has served as the refreshment coordinator for many years and wishes to step aside. A call was made for a replacement, which remains open. Thanks, coupled with applause, was offered to *Ms. Johnson* for her service.

- B. **Program Director Resignation Tendered.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Director, submitted her resignation on Friday, October 19, 2018. *Ms. Buchberger's* last day will be November 3, 2018 – after six-years of service to the neighborhood. Applause from the community marked the occasion.

- 8. **Adjourn.** The community meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.