



Prospect Park Association (PPA) Board Meeting

January 27, 2020

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
3. *Devan Blanchard*
4. *Becca Cowin*
5. *David Frank*
6. *Britt Howell*
7. *Amy Kaminsky*
8. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
9. *Laura Preus*
10. *Joe Ring*
11. *Robert Roscoe*
12. *Lynn Von Korff*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Will Watkins*
2. *John Wicks*
3. *U of M Student Representative (TBD)*

Community Members Present for Community Meeting (and possibly part of Board Meeting):

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| 1. <i>Julie Cross</i> | 10. <i>Heather Vietz</i> |
| 2. <i>Mary Britton</i> | 11. <i>Peggy Rejito</i> |
| 3. <i>Jay Benedict</i> | 12. <i>R. Rain</i> |
| 4. <i>Jerry Stein</i> | 13. <i>Jasmin Kemp</i> |
| 5. <i>David Rubedor</i> | 14. <i>Josh Beits ??</i> |
| 6. <i>Anne Sechter</i> | 15. <i>Cam Gordon</i> |
| 7. <i>Ryan Linne</i> | 16. <i>Bex Thomas</i> |
| 8. <i>Lydia McAnerney</i> | 17. <i>Kaaha Kahiye</i> |
| 9. <i>John Orrison</i> | 18. <i>Lupe Castillo</i> |

Draft Minutes. Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm

There was quorum.

Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes.

PPA Board Meeting: December 9, 2019

PPA Community Meeting: December 9, 2019

PPA Community Building Committee: December 6, 2019

PPA Environment Committee: November 26, 2019

PPA Land Use Committee: September 10, 2019 (Executive

Summary and Meeting Notes); October 8, 2019, November 12, 2019, December 12,

2019; January 15, 2019 Letter to Hilary Dvorak re: Residence Inn and Notes from 11/12

Community Meeting re: Residence Inn

PPA Transportation and Safety Committee: Transportation Action Plan

Lynn Von Korff requested that the PPA Transportation and Safety Committee: Transportation Action Plan be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Susan Larson-Fleming made a motion to remove the Transportation Action Plan and to approve the remaining agenda items. Amy Kaminsky seconded. Motion approved.

Motion: Amy moved to add the Transportation Action Plan review to the end of the agenda. Susan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Organizational Business

- 1. Pratt/ICS Social.** Jan Nelson reported that a few key stakeholders met to talk about the event. Pratt PTO and Pratt School Principal recommended moving the Ice Cream Social to a Saturday to allow more time for set-up and to avoid disruptions to the school day. Saturday, May 30, will be the new date.

Eric Amel opened the floor for feedback and discussion. Susan reinforced support for the date change and confidence that Pratt PTO and President were involved. Amy also voiced support and wondered about the time-frame. There was board consensus for the support.

- 2. Climate Action Plan.** The Climate Action Plan had been presented and discussed in detail during the Community Meeting.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to adopt the Climate Action Plan and Joe Ring seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Finance:**

2019 Year-end: Lynn introduced the 2019 Year end financial report. PPA had a \$2,634 gain in 2019.

2020 Annual Proposed Budget: The numbers in the proposed budget reflect what we committed to, specifically the Neighborhood 2020 themes. The Community Building Project was part of that and is encompassed in the budget. NRP Phase II Housing funds will be used for a new program for renters. Grant contributions are organized into expected and new proposals, for multiple new outreach events that target PPA's underrepresented groups. Community Building used to be a place-holder program, but it is no longer a line item on the budget because Community Building is the essence of PPA - it is reflected in all future budget items.

Community Building Plans: Proposed Tenants' Rights Pilot Project. Jerry Stein

introduced recent Community Building Committee projects. Connecting PPA with the wider community has been a goal. Student outreach project is an upcoming strategy to reach the approximately 6,000 students (over 50% of the population in Prospect Park) in our neighborhood. Bex (Becca) Thomas talked about her work with student groups and planning student focus groups. Britt Howell introduced the 4th Street National Night Out event, partnering with local organizations and resources to build intentional community engagement with residents in Prospect Park with the help of PPA staff and community leaders. Green on 4th management is already excited about it. This Fall will also see the premier PPA student festival, which will involve voter registration and U of M student groups.

Kaaha Kahiye will also be working on a PPA project that focuses on tenants' rights and potential eviction issues in Prospect Park. This will include individual workshops for renters in various buildings, and the development of a pamphlet and an information binder to hand out at events.

Jerry also introduced the research project on the Jackson family, one of the first African American families to live in Prospect Park and who faced a racist mob in 1909. Roy Wilkins Center and the MN African American History Museum are looped into the project and we will be working with them on a 2020 project.

Jerry is also looking into a Glendale Learning Dreams project, and possibilities of sharing some meeting spaces. This project could be dependent on matching funds from outside of PPA or funded through the University of MN completely.

Lynn discussed a proposed motion for the new Tenants' Rights Project. She explained that the tenants' rights project funding, which will come from the NRP Housing fund, needs to be pre-approved by the PPA Board in order to allocate that money. We will request \$15,000 and use that money over a projected timeframe.

Motion: Lynn made a motion that the PPA Board approves a new NRP strategy "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 strategy will include research and data collection, events, student and community meetings, focus groups, workshops, collaboration, and the creation of resource materials. Susan Larson-Fleming seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. Joe Ring seconded. Discussion around allocation for committees, prioritizing community building initiatives, and approved unanimously.

- 4. Discussion and motion to approve by-law revisions (2):** Remove board member eligibility requirement to attend at least three Association meetings during the previous year; Extend special election deadline to fill board member vacancies.

Motion: Lynn moved to approve the bylaw revisions. Susan Seconded. Discussion included a note from Eric about how this would be part of future efforts to reduce barriers to participation.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to have Mission Guardian do a general review of the by-laws, using our legal funds. Laura Preus seconded. Discussion: Eric clarified that any modifications to the bylaws would go through the normal and transparent review process which is supposed to be done every three years anyway. Amy Kaminski inquired if the bylaws that were just amended would be in place when the review happens, and they will. Eric pointed out an amendment to use approximately \$1,000 from the Legal Fund for this Bylaw review.

- 5. Transportation Action Plan edit request by Evan Roberts and Lynn Von Korff.** Lynn and Evan proposed to strike “with more projected by 2020” and to add “between 2018 and Spring 2020 the neighborhood will have seen more than 1,200 new housing units become available, suggesting that population growth of around 2,500 residents is likely.” This is an attempt to be more accurate and descriptive.

Motion: Jeff Barnhart made a motion to approve the Transportation Action Plan amendment. Susan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Other Business/Announcements.**

Next Board meeting: February 24, 2020 - focus on Neighborhoods 2020 guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Written by Nellie Jerome and reviewed by Laura Preus.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Preus, PPA Secretary.