



PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting (Virtual): March 28, 2022 6:30pm

Board Members Present: David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, John Wicks, Laura Preus, Jeff Barnhart, Eric Amel, Brit Howell, Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Reed Coffin, Amy Kaminsky

Board Members Absent: Jenna Hoge, Ben Tuthill, Joe Ring, Simone Hendrix, Mary Britton

Community Members Present: Evan Roberts, Lupe Castillo, Sydney Corbeil-Wild, Lydia McAnerny

Staff Present: Liza Davitch

1. **Call to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. *Susan Larson Fleming* moves to approve the agenda. *John Wicks* seconds. A quorum for the board meeting was established.

2. Announcements/Updates

Good Neighbor Fund Grant Requests. Board Member, *Lynn Von Korff*, summarized the SE Seniors GNF Proposal that was included in the board packet. It is a partnership with PPA, Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA) and Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association (MNHA) that serves older adults and caregivers in these neighborhoods. The project includes coordinating a CarFit Driver Safety event at Van Cleve Park, a fall yard clean-up event, a Share the Word outreach event with refreshments and a performance from a local drumming group in Prospect Park (location TBD), a Thanksgiving Meal delivery event and ongoing home grocery and supply delivery. The board was very supportive of the project. SE Seniors will have the full proposal ready for the April PPA board meeting.

Sidney Corbeil-Wild, the After School Program Manager at Ventura Academy summarized the GNF proposal that is a collaboration with Ventura and East Side Neighborhood Services (ESNS). It is for a 12-week student-led community art program that culminates with an art piece that will be painted on a big canvas in the art room at Ventura Academy, then installed outside on Ventura Academy's building. The project will serve as an opportunity for students to work with mentors from their own communities to engage in leadership development, creativity, and collaboration, while creating a mural that represents their identities, school, neighborhood and city.

Proposed Motion: PPA supports the Ventura Academy GNF Project. All in favor. Motion passes.

Eric Amel will write a letter of support on behalf of PPA to be included in the Ventura Academy GNF application.

3. Organizational Business

Environment Committee Report. *Lydia McAnerny*, Environment Committee member announces that the committee is sponsoring the Earth Day Cleanup event from April 9 - April 23, 2022. Supplies will be handed out at four locations on April 9. More details will be in the PPA April newsletter.

The Prospect Park Garden Club is not going to hold a Garden Walk or Plant Sale this year. The Environment Committee will organize a Rain Garden and Eco Tour in June.

The Fall cleanup event needs volunteers to organize the event as the previous organizer has stepped down. Anyone interested should contact the Environment Committee. *Lynn* suggests writing a brief job description to include in the PPA newsletter and PPelist. *Lydia* will write and submit it to *Liza* for publication.

Transportation and Safety Report. *Evan Roberts* introduces the letter included in the board packet to be voted on.

Proposed Motion: Approve letter to MPRB and Minneapolis City Council requesting the installation of marked crosswalks on East River Parkway at intersections. All in favor of supporting the letter. Motion passes.

Community Building Committee Report. *Susan Larson-Fleming*, Community Building co-chair, highlights the committee's work on the 70th anniversary of Glendale activities slated for September 12-18, 2022. They will be collaborating with Minnesota Transform, a multi-departmental program at the U of M for the events. The committee also continues to work with the architectural firm, 4RM+ULA on the Jackson Memorial Project. They have signed a contract with the firm.

Finance and Admin Committee Report. *Lynn Von Korff* presented the motion on the CPP Final Report. The report was included in the board packet.

Proposed Motion: Approve the 2020-2021 Community Participation Program (CPP) Annual Report to NCR. *Susan Larson Fleming* seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Lynn Von Korff reminds the committee chairs that Finance and Admin voted to delegate work on the PPA Equitable Engagement Plan so that each committee would have the opportunity to contribute to the report as it applies to the work their committee is doing. We will be giving them the materials to contribute to the process in the coming month ahead.

4. Other Business

- A. **May Election Nominating Committee.** Board Member, *David Frank*, updated the board on the work done in preparation for the May Board elections. *Liza*, PPA staff, has been publicizing candidate submission information in the PPA newsletters and PPelist. She will also contact current board members whose term is ending to confirm that they will be running again. She will send the bios on file to see if they want to update theirs for 2022.

B. Board discuss on possible task force: 2022 Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) Program and Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) <https://www2.minneapolis.gov/government/departments/cped/items-for-public-review/>

The comment period for the AHTF program is open until May 2. Council Member *Robin Wonsley Worlobah* was not able to attend the board meeting tonight. *Lynn Von Korff* has written to her to express PPA's interest in further discussing how we could strengthen and support this legislation in April. *Eric Amel*, *Britt Howell* and *Amy Kaminsky* volunteer to be looped into the conversation. If *Lynn* receives further information from the CM she will forward it to *Eric*, *Britt* and *Amy*.

C. Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

Eric Amel moves to approve the following minutes: Board/Community Meeting: February 28, 2022, Community Building: February 3, 2022, Transportation and Safety: March 9, 2022, Environment Committee: January 11, 2022. All in favor. The minutes are approved as distributed.

6. Adjourn. *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. *Lynn Von Korff* seconds. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by *Liza Davitch*, PPA Staff

Respectfully submitted by *David Frank*, PPA Board Member and Secretary