



PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting (Virtual): September 26, 2022 6:30pm

Board Members Present: David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, Jeff Barnhart, Eric Amel, Britt Howell, Susan Larson-Fleming, Laura Preus

Board Members Absent: Jenna Hoge, Jerry Stein, Jane Stockman, Amy Kaminsky, Reed Coffin, Dan Cross, Ben Tuthill

Community Members Present: Qannani Omar, Lydia McAnerny, Evan Roberts, Vera Marshall

Staff Present: Liza Davitch

1. **Call to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. Seven board members are present. Eight board members are needed for quorum. The meeting proceeds as a community meeting without a quorum.

2. Announcements/Updates

Harvest Festival. *Britt Howell* invites everyone to the Fall Harvest Festival at the newly named Bridal Veil Park on September 29 from 5-8pm. There will be electric car representation, Nice Ride bikes, the City of Minneapolis recycling Organics, MPRB, and food and beverage offerings.

Ward 2 Update. *Qannani Omar*, assistant to *CM Wonsley*, presents updates on Ward 2. Budget season is coming up. They will be having a series of conversations to update constituents on their budget questions. The next date is Saturday, October 29th from 12-2pm. The zoom link will be available in the next Ward 2 newsletter.

Another big thing happening is government restructure to better support an executive legislative form of government. The first reading of that happened last week and is now available to the public. It's very dense and technical but they are hoping to provide a newsletter with more approachable language.

On public safety, MPD and The Office of Community Safety recently did their presentations to the Council on what their budget needs and priorities are. *CM Wonsley* has a meeting with *Commissioner Alexander* to get a better sense of Operation Endeavor, a new partnership with MPD and other jurisdictions in the state and counties.

There was a kickoff meeting on Rethinking I-94 today with the policy advisory committee on what the highway strip would look like. In the next few months there will be more clarity on the developments.

Eric stresses that we do not think the neighborhood is getting the amount of police presence that we are paying for. *Jeff Barnhart*, who has several properties and businesses in the neighborhood, updates on the high crime level and multiple incidents that occur on a weekly basis on his properties.

Qannani notes that this is one of the issues that *CM Wonsley* will speak with *Commissioner Alexander* about in their upcoming meeting. Other neighborhoods have also brought the issue to their council members and state that there is a disproportionate amount of resources that are being allocated to certain areas.

3. Organizational Business

NCR 2023-24 Grant Application & EE Plan. *Lynn Von Korff* confirms that we do not have a quorum at this time. As per PPA bylaws, we are not able to vote on the motions in the agenda. She reminds us that the EE plan needs to be submitted by October 15. It is not the final version. PPA must submit the plan and NCR reviews and gives feedback. They can request changes to the plan. Once the changes are made, we must submit the final version by November 30. The draft included in the September board packet has to be approved by the board. Eight board members can sign their vote as if there was an approved action as per our bylaws. *Lynn* will prepare a description and get it out to board members to make sure we have eight signers.

Lynn summarizes the two documents included in the board packet. The Equitable Engagement plan is a compilation from PPA committees about their projects that fit under NCR's definition of equitable engagement. The second document is the actual grant which is a summary of things PPA has done and continues to do. It also includes the budget. Each neighborhood organization gets a flat \$10,000 if they meet NCR's requirements. They are eligible for additional equitable engagement funds depending on their EE plan, neighborhood demographics and size.

Committee Reports

Environment Committee Report. *Lydia McAnerny*, Environment Committee member, highlights the "25 by 25" celebration with residents who have done something to lower their gas usage. She also highlights the trees the committee planted at the Prospect Park USPS. The committee bought the trees and members planted them.

The committee asked for volunteers to coordinate the Fall Neighborhood Cleanup. No volunteers came forth so the event will not be held this year. *Tom Hilton* coordinated it for twenty-five years. It doesn't appear that there are enough PPA staff hours to take it on at this time either so there are no current plants for the event.

Transportation and Safety Report. *Evan Roberts*, Transportation and Safety committee chair, highlights the letter that was included in the board packet to be sent to the City of Minneapolis Public Works, *Mayor Frey*, and *CM Wonsley*. Without a quorum, it was decided to hold the motion to approve the letter until the October Board/Community meeting.

Community Building Committee Report. *Susan Larson-Fleming*, Community Building co-chair, shares that a sub-group of the committee continues to work with PPA staff on the Electronic Welcome Packet and resource directory.

Lizya Davitch, PPA staff, explains that the Welcome Packet will be an introduction to the neighborhood with helpful resources for renters and a directory of neighborhood organizations, services, parks, activities, restaurants, and many other resources. The creation of the packet is part of PPA's equitable engagement plan. When the packet is completed it will be available on the PPA website and highlighted in PPA newsletters. A google form was created that allows others to submit entries to help build the directory. *Lizya* asks that Board members each submit an entry of their favorite resources. The form will then be published in the newsletter and pplist. Collecting resource submissions from the community will foster engagement and contribution to the packet. The form link is here: <https://forms.gle/4LGGuuTkTCfrXkBr8>.

Land Use Committee Report. *Eric Amel* gives an update on the last Land Use committee meeting. At the September meeting the committee talked about the UGarden project. It has been delayed due to the City's lack of support. *Dick Gilyard* has volunteered to discuss aspirations of the site which have been studied by Prospect Park 2020.

Finance and Admin Committee Report. *Lynn Von Korff* speaks on the 2023 Financial Plan included in the board packet. PPA's budget drops again next year by another \$10,000. We are already deficit spending \$6,000 for this year. The plan has been through the Finance committee twice and approved. The essential piece is that it reduces staff time from 20 hours a week to 15 hours a week. There are other cuts as well. We need to think about how we will navigate with less staff time and where we will go in the future. One thing Finance has talked about is not having board meetings in February and August or alternately, use those meetings to think through how we can redesign the organization to require less administrative support.

4. Other Business

A. Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

Eric Amel moves to approve the following meeting minutes: Board/Community: August, 22 2022, Transportation and Safety: July 13, 200, Land Use: August 11, 2022, Finance and Admin: August 11, 2022. All in favor. The minutes are approved as distributed.

5. Adjourn. *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. *Lynn Von Korff* seconds. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by *Lizya Davitch*, PPA Staff

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