



**Annual Meeting & Board Meeting Minutes, Document 1 of 2 (Hybrid): May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:30pm**

**Board Members Present:** Eric Amel, Jeff Barnhart, David Frank, Ian Gorodisher, Britt Howell, Susan Larson-Fleming, Gabrielle Metzger, Jerry Stein, and Lynn Von Korff

**Community Members Present:** Steve Brackett, Lupe Castillo, Shannon Fitzgerald, Gar Kellom, Vera Marshall, Andy Mickle, Joe Ring, Anni Simons, Kari Simonson, Niko Vasilopoulos and two unidentified participants.

**Guests:** Robin Wonsley, Ward 2 Councilmember and Aryca Myers, Neighbor Community Relations

**Staff:** Liza Davitch

**Call Annual Meeting to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the Annual Meeting and PPA election to order at 6:33 pm and reviewed the annual meeting agenda with attendees.

**PPA Board of Director Elections:** PPA members can vote online for PPA board candidates now through 4pm May 20 at <https://forms.gle/j2eNVGBrpyh2o1Mq7>

**Board Candidates:** Candidates for open PPA Board seats two-year terms include Eric Amel, Steve Brackett, David Frank, Britt Howell, Jerry Stein, and Niko Vasilopoulos (U of MN student representative seat). Candidates introduced themselves to PPA members.

**Nominations from the Floor:** Eric Amel requested nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

**Annual Meeting Report:** see PPA's 2024 Annual Meeting minutes, document 2 of 2, 5/13/24 for a record of the annual meeting presentation, including a report on PPA's activities, accomplishments and financial condition. .

**Call Board Meeting to Order** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the Board Meeting to order at 8:30 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. The agenda was amended to add a proposed motion to approve a videographer contract for the Jackson project and a proposed motion to approve two PPA Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund (PPCLF) grant applications. The proposed motions were distributed to board members in advance of the meeting. The agenda was approved with revisions. All in favor.

**Jackson Family Project Videographer Contract:** Lynn Von Korff presented a motion to approve the Jackson Family Project Videography contract. The Board had already approved this expense as part of our 2024 annual budget. Jackson Family Project grant funds to cover this expense have already been raised, but the Board must approve contracts. This contract is for an estimated \$3,750 in pre-production and production work to film interviews with Jackson Family members and two Jackson Family Project events taking place this week, May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. This independent contractor template was created by the legal firm, Birken Law (i.e. Mission Guardian). Ian Gorodisher seconds. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund (PPCLF) grant applications:** Lynn Von Korff presented a motion to approve two grant applications to PPCLF, one from PPA's Environment

Committee and another from PPA's Jackson Family Project Committee. The applications are due Friday, May 17th. The Environment Committee plans to submit a \$650 request to purchase and plant bushes and perennials along the front of the Post Office on University Avenue in Prospect Park. Environment committee volunteers planted trees on the Post Office boulevard last year and are working with the manager of the Post Office on this project. The Jackson Family Project Committee plans to submit a \$1,400 request to place a brass plaque, properly set, in the yard at 17th Melbourne Ave. Jerry Stein, Co-chair of the Jackson Family Project Committee, explained that the plaque will honor the Simpsons, another Pullman porter family who were protested against in 1909. Jackson Family Project volunteers have been researching the Simpson Family. Their history has been much harder to uncover as they had no children. Jackson Family Project Committee volunteers are working with the homeowners at 17 Melbourne Ave They have given permission to place the plaque. Gabby Metzger seconds. ***The motion passed unanimously***

**PPA's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial statements:** PPA's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Statement of Financial Position and Income Statement, including a comparison of budget to actual, were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting. As PPA is on track financially there is little of note and no questions.

### **Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes**

*Eric Amel* moves to approve the following minutes:

- Board and Community meeting minutes March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Board electronic vote minutes to approve PPA's Surly Gives a Damn Community Garden application to the U of M Good Neighbor Fund, April 16th, 2024.
- Jackson Committee Minutes, March 7, 2024.
- Jackson Committee Minutes, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Transportation and Safety Committee Minutes, April 10, 2024
- Land Use Minutes, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Land Use Minutes, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The board unanimously approved the minutes as distributed.

**Adjourn.** *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Board/Community meeting will be held June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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