



PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
<p><i>For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the PPA Calendar. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><u>Donate to PPA</u> Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Monday March 23, 4pm @ Luxton Park Recreation Center</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, March 24, 6:30pm @ Luxton Park Recreation Center</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>N'hood Relations & Outreach Committee TBA</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, March 12, 7pm @ PP United Methodist Church</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, March 17, 7 pm @ Pratt Elementary School</p>	<p>Community Meeting PPA Board Meeting Monday March 23 PPUMC 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>(Next meeting on Apr. 27)</p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, March 9, 7pm</p>

Monday, March 23, 2020

Board Meeting - Virtual

**All are welcome!
6:30 – 8:00pm**

Meeting access starts at 6:20pm.

This regular meeting will be virtual, in order to keep everyone safe by following the Coronavirus (COVID 19) health and safety guidelines.

Two ways to join the virtual meeting.

1. To Join by Phone:

Join by phone

Dial: +1 402-759-9228

PIN: 505 810 804#

2. For Video Participation:

Join Hangouts Meet

meet.google.com/ese-xnfn-edi

[Click here for full meeting agenda](#)

PPA Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Update and Resources

I wanted to reach out to you at this time when many of us are sad, frightened, and confused about the pandemic. Recommendations from official sources are rapidly changing and it's hard to keep up.

I hope everyone is doing whatever they can to stay safe and protect others.

Strategies for local neighborhood action and assistance are emerging. Please participate in the March 23 virtual board meeting to learn more.

Please look to the PPe-list, Next Door, and the PPA Newsletter for information. You'll find information about PPA meetings and cancellations on the PPA web-site [Event Calendar](#).

I will be working remotely. Email: jan@prospectparkmpls.org.

Stay well. Take care of yourselves, your families, and each other.

--Jan Nelson, PPA Office and Volunteer Coordinator

Please consult these resources for up-to-date information:

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

PPA Events Update

Postponed: PPA Climate Action Plan Kick-off

From Mary Britton, Environment Committee Chair

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, we are **postponing** the Climate Action Plan kickoff scheduled for **Saturday, March 28** until the crisis has passed. The PPA Environment Committee will continue to promote efficiency in residential energy use, but will do so through other means.

Thank you so much for everyone's help, support and encouragement. All the preparatory work done so far will be of use when we eventually do have our celebration kickoff!

Cancelled: Earth Day River Clean up

From Tom Kilton, Clean up Committee Chair

This event has been cancelled by the Watershed District and we have therefore cancelled our clean-up efforts for **Saturday, April 18**.

We look forward to the possibility of reorganizing our efforts and invite you to participate once we have solidified details. We will be monitoring the situation and we **will be sending an update** in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of Prospect Park!

PPA Job Announcement: Communications Coordinator

Applications due 11:55pm, March 22

Position Summary:

Prospect Park Association (PPA) seeks a **temporary, part-time** Communications Coordinator (10 hours per week) for three months--renewal possible. **Salary \$18 - \$20 per hour**, depending on qualifications and experience. Responsibilities include preparing written and electronic communications and assisting the Office and Volunteer Coordinator. The position requires excellent interpersonal and written communication skills. The Communications Coordinator reports to the Office and Volunteer Coordinator.

Work Schedule:

Flexible, **10 hours per week** between 10am-3pm Monday through Thursday. Occasional evening and weekend hours.

[Click here for the full description.](#)

Interviews planned for mid-April and start date planned for early May

Neighborhoods 2020, PPA Funding Update

Proposed NCR neighborhood organization funding guidelines have been published ([click here to read them](#)). The public comment period, to give feedback on these guidelines, runs through April 17th, 2020.

PPA's current NCR funding is \$64,000 total per year. If the guidelines are approved by the Minneapolis City Council, PPA would be eligible for \$20,000 per year in base funding

the first year, \$15,000 the 2nd, and \$10,000 per year thereafter. The first two years are considered transition years. The new funding structure will begin 1/1/21.

PPA would also be eligible for:

- \$3,100 in “equitable engagement” funding per year.
- \$5,000- \$150,000 over 18 months. if awarded, in competitive “Partnership” grant. These funds are available to “community and neighborhood organizations who partner to engage historically underrepresented residents on policies, programs or projects that impact them and in decision-making with a focus on furthering equity.” This is a long-term grant program
- \$15,000-\$20,000 in grant funds over three years to fund proposals to share expenses/resources among 2-3 groups. This is a short-term grant program.

- Report by Lynn Von Korff, PPA Treasurer

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From the City of Minneapolis, Neighborhood and Community Relations: The draft Neighborhoods 2020 Program Guidelines are centered on building equity in our community. The City has worked closely with neighborhoods, community members and the University of Minnesota’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) on the development of the guidelines. The guidelines align with the City’s adopted Strategic Racial Equity Plan and the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which states that “Minneapolis will have an equitable civic participation system that enfranchises everyone, recognizes the core and vital service neighborhood organizations provide to the City of Minneapolis, and builds people’s long-term capacity to organize and improve their lives and neighborhoods.”

NCR will be holding community informational meetings. All meetings will have interpreters available. These meetings provide a space where residents can submit public comments.

Current meeting dates include:

April 2: 6:00-8:00pm. Northeast Park and Recreation Center, 530 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Please send any feedback or comments on the guidelines to staff@prospectparkmpls.org by April 15.

City of Minneapolis' Draft Transportation Action Plan

The City just released the Draft Transportation Action Plan and will be accepting public comments for the next 45 days, through **April 22nd**. The Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan is a 10-year action plan to guide future planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects for all people in all the ways they move around.

We want to let you know about upcoming in-person and online events. You can read, download, and comment on the plan at our website anytime at go.minneapolis.mn.gov. The City will also be hosting the three in-person open houses and one online open house.

Open house dates:

- Tuesday, March 24th - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave S, Multipurpose Room, 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 8th - [City of Minneapolis Facebook page](#) (online open house), 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Monday, April 13th - UMN Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Room 105, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Help us gather feedback on the Draft Plan. For neighborhood associations and community organizations interested and available to help us gather feedback, we have an [engagement toolbox available on our website](#).

Other ways to provide feedback on the draft plan. Can't attend one of the in-person events? Head to the [Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan website](#) to read the draft plan and provide feedback. Starting March 9th, the interactive website will include opportunities to provide your input on the plan and our draft strategies and actions.

You can also follow the City of Minneapolis on social media to stay updated. Use #gompls to share your feedback with us and follow the City on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

GET COUNTED!

March 12 - 20: Look for the 2020 US Census letter that will be mailed to your residence!

Between March 12 and 20, the majority of households will receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau. Some households will receive a census questionnaire in the mail but most will receive just a notification with directions for completing the form online or by phone. Census takers will go door-to-door to complete forms for those who do not respond. [Click here to see the sample Census questionnaire.](#)

Responses to the 2020 Census will influence funding and government representation in our community, for services that help every generation. [Click here to learn more \(video\).](#)

IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET A COMPLETE COUNT! Missing just one person in the census will result in a loss of over \$27,000 of federal funding to the State of Minnesota over the 10 years, until the next census in 2030.

Postponed: EARTH DAY RIVER CLEAN UP

From Tom Kilton, Clean up Committee Chair:

We look forward to reorganizing our efforts and invite you to participate once we have solidified details. We will be monitoring the situation and we will be sending an update in the coming weeks.

In order to ensure the safety of neighbors and volunteers, we will be postponing the Earth Day Clean Up in Prospect Park that is currently scheduled for April 18th, 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of Prospect Park!

Save the Date: 2020 Pratt Ice Cream Social

The 2020 Pratt ICS event will be held on **Saturday, May 30, 2020, from 12-3pm.**

The Witch's Hat Water Tower is expected to be open, we will have food and family-friendly games and events, and the Pratt School will hold their silent auction fundraiser, as always.

The decision to hold the event on a Saturday afternoon was made by stakeholders from the Pratt School and the ICS Planning Committee. The main factors in deciding to move to a Saturday are school day schedule, safety, and event set-up constraints. If a Saturday event is successful this year, the community may decide to repeat it in future years.

Stay tuned for more ICS news this spring!

Any questions, please contact PPA Staff:

612-767-6531 or email staff@prospectparkmpls.org

Stay Informed!

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PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

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