

PPA Community Building Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020
4:30pm at Luxton Park

In attendance: Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Flemming, Davin Frank, Lydia McAnerney, Nellie Jerome

Welcome, Minutes, Agenda

Lynn Von Korff sent out copies of previous meeting minutes, please send her any proposed changes.

Tenants Rights Project Presentation and Vote

Kaaha Kaahiye is working on this project. The Proposal is that the cost of Kaaha's time is covered by NRP Housing funds (See attached proposal). The timeline is February to July. The Student outreach projects overlaps with this so Becca Thomas (Bex) will use a portion of NRP Housing funds also, as she works on the student side and uses the map of student housing apartments that was recently made. It is possible to submit a second funding proposal this summer, to continue the work, if it is successful in its first stages.

The Community Building Committee voted unanimously to send this proposal to the PPA Board of Directors, then to NCR to request funding.

Updates

Walkway: Susan reported that it was open and being used - who is responsible for maintenance? Snow removal? Susan will inquire about maintenance at the next Pratt Site Council meeting, on January 21.

Fall Event: Lydia and Nellie reported that there would be an upcoming planning meeting with key stakeholders on January 23 at noon. Merrie Benasutti, at at Office for Public Engagement at the U, would also be a good person to loop into this project.

Student Outreach: Bex and Jerry have identified 3 student-centered apartments to connect with first: The Link, 44 North, and Dennaken. They have begun drafting focus group questions for this initial outreach initiative as well. PPA T-shirts and sweatshirts would be a good idea for doing outreach, selling/tabling at events, etc. Elpis is a potential local company to get shirts made. PPA needs some posters for events, and snacks/coffee/rewards for students too.

North of University Community Engagement: Nellie, Bex, and Britt are planning the 4th Street National Night Out event. The budget has been drafted, and we are looking for some participation and contributions from adjacent buildings as well.

Noël Gordon Jr. Project: East Side Neighborhood Services is thinking about a similar training/compensation project and could collaborate on teachers/instructors. This would match 2020 goals in funding.

Jackson Project: Jerry summarized the family history and reported that he visited one of Helen Jackson's daughters in Michigan. There are lots of photos and history that may still exist in the family house. The African American History Museum proposed that PPA get a few (2-3) solid proposals down for a history project on the family, and then bring it to them and talk about next steps.

Budget Process

Lynn joined the meeting via phone, and went over the 2020 budget proposal. PPA is community building - this should not be a separate line item but should be intrinsic in all work that PPA does. Reaching out to those who are underserved by our neighborhood organization is a priority. Jerry spoke about Glendale Learning Project, which is dependant on raising \$5,000. Other projects are dependant on raising funds, but are also important to community building efforts.

Other Business

August 11th Celebration at Luxton - we need a cultural mix of entertainment, and would like to incorporate voter registration. Pratt has a Cultural Night event, and could potentially be a resource for performers. Lissa Steenerson could have contacts for this.

Next meeting: March 14, 4pm, Luxton Park