

**Prospect Park Association
Community Building Committee Minutes January 6, 2022**

Attending: Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Ben Tuthill, David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, Joe Ring, Kyra Nygaard, Kaaha Kaahiye, Amy Kaminsky, Kyrstle D'Alencar

America's Most Endangered Historic Places: The National Trust for Historic Preservation has invited a full nomination for Glendale Townhomes to the 2022 list of America's Most Endangered Historic Places. It's a competitive program and only a select number of sites have been invited to submit full nominations. Susan and Joe updated the committee on the submission Charlene Roise is preparing for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For the submission, Kyra provided her own photographs and those from the students who participated in her workshops at Luxton. The submission is due January 10th.

Action: Joe Ring will contact Charlene to find out which of the student photographs she will use so that Kyra can get permission from the parents. Permissions are already in place for Kyra's photographs.

Glendale 70th anniversary event: Susan contacted Andy Mickle who has Glendale materials that might be useful historically for the event. He informed Susan that he could establish a blog as part of the Community Building page site on PPA's website to record stories from current or past Glendale residents. Kaaha could submit a request to see if MPHA has housing archives that might be useful for the 70th anniversary event, but their records might be primarily administrative.

Jackson Family Playground and Memorial Project: The preliminary design contract between PPA and 4RM+ULA is almost ready to sign. Pratt PTO and PPA's Board each approved contributing \$10,000 for the Jackson Family Playground and Memorial Project preliminary design. PPA agreed to act as the project's fiscal agent. Since the Jackson committee is not a corporation, in the legal sense, the project will be a PPA program that is a joint effort with Pratt PTO and the school. This means the contract will be between PPA and 4RM+ULA.

Learning Dreams: Jerry will start Learning Dreams rolling in March or April assuming the COVID situation improves. He is in contact with MPHA to arrange community space in the Head Start Building in Glendale.

Dangerous low hanging wire near #60 St Mary's: There is an electrical wire or other type of wire that's low and looks dangerous. Someone will walk by and report it to authorities, if it's still there.

Kyra's winter break scanography class at Luxton: Kyra reported on the workshop she led at Glendale/Luxton Recreation Center over winter break ("scanography"). She showed example of the beautiful student artwork. About eight students participated. The work will provide documentation to support funding for redevelopment at Luxton

to add a media studio with 3d printers, monitors, sound equipment, etc, for young people. There was also a discussion about finding a place to display student works.

Renters' rights update: The tenants' rights educational website that Kaaha developed will go public soon. Jenna and Ben have been extremely busy with graduate school and public-school teaching, respectively, but will meet over break to discuss 2022 project plans. (They needed to let up on leadership of the renter's group this fall while working such long hours.) In discussion are several possibilities, consistent with the Equitable Engagement Plan approved by the PPA Board of Directors. One is to get feedback from lots of people on the many renters' right efforts that took place over the last year or two and out of that to develop steps to move ahead. We could either hire someone to do that evaluation or pull together an ad hoc committee. Ben and Jenna will talk about this to see what direction works best for renters. Meanwhile, the Committee approved including renter's rights activities described in the Equitable Engagement plan, particularly staff support, in the proposed 2022 PPA annual budget to be presented for approval to the board on January 24th, 2022. It was made clear that the budget will be modified if renters decide to engage in different activities than those budgeted. Renters' Rights is an approved PPA NRP strategy. More NRP housing dollars can be allocated into Renters' Rights through board action, but funds that were previously allocated by the board still remain.

Zero Waste Community Grant Opportunity: Kystle has begun working as an organizer with the Environmental Justice Table. She learned that Hennepin County has developed a zero-waste initiative. Communities in Minneapolis are encouraged to apply for this grant. Kystle thinks this might be a good opportunity for Glendale. The applications are due January 16th, 2022. Kystle will forward the information to Kaaha and other members of the Committee. She thinks Mary Britton might also be aware of this opportunity in her capacity with PPA's Environment Committee. There is a need to involve marginalized communities - many showing up are the same players. Also, there is a need for those working on this to better understand community engagement. For example, an experienced community engagement advocate challenged them on their wanting her to bring their agenda to communities and she explained "I build my agenda *with* communities - I don't prepare an agenda and expect them to adopt it.'

December 2021 minutes were approved.

The next meeting will be 4:30pm Thursday February 3rd, 2022