



PPA July 26, 2021 Board/Community Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Lynn von Korff, Susan Larson-Fleming, David Frank, Eric Amel, Jerry Stein, Rach Coffin, Jeff Barnhart, Jenna Hoge, Ben Tuthill, Britt Howell

Board Members Absent: John Wicks, Laura Preuss, Amy Kaminsky, Evan Roberts

Guests: Lydia McAnerney, Krystle D'Alencar, Vera Marshall, Kari Simonson, Aloida Zaragoza, Lupe Castillo, Del Hampton, Mary Britton, Cam Gordon

Staff: Liza Davitch

6:35 Meeting is called to order. Quorum is confirmed

- Eric Amel makes a motion to approve the agenda. Susan Larson-Fleming seconds. All in favor.

Announcements/Updates

September Special Board Elections

PPA will hold a Board of Directors special election during the September Board/Community meeting to fill two board positions. This is not the regular annual election which is now moved to May to align with the citywide board elections. The special election will be PPA's first online election. PPA members can help spread the word and recruit board members to submit profiles. A candidate profile submission form will be available in the August 1 newsletter, on the PPA website, and announced in the PP-elist. The deadline to submit a candidate profile is September 10, 2021 but candidates can be nominated from the floor of the September Board meeting as well. Voting will be online during the September meeting via a google form and open for two days after the meeting until September 29, 2021. Staff and a board member have been testing the online voting ballot form.

Britt Howell welcome's everyone to the 4th Street Celebration during the August 3 National Night Out.

BrittFit Indigenous Health is hosting the event. Every property and business on 4th Street and beyond is involved. Mary Britton will be tabling on behalf of the Environment Committee. She is willing to share the table with PPA. Eric Amel offers to represent PPA and engage with the community about PPA activities and the opening board positions. Staff will make a flyer to help promote the election.

7:00 Cam Gordon gives his July 2021 Ward 2 report to Prospect Park

<https://bit.ly/3snLBAm>

7:05 Organizational Business: Community Quick Reports

Mary Britton gives the Environment Committee Report

The committee will be tabling at NNO and also on August 10th at Luxton Park's back-to-school event to promote the 25% by 2025 initiative.

Lydia McAnerny gives the Transportation and Safety Report

At the July 20 meeting the committee discussed proposals for traffic calming at the Orlin and Seymour intersection.

Residents from Glendale Townhomes have brought to the committee their safety concerns over activity around the Profile Center. Some of their events have attracted violence and by patrons leaving the center, some of the occurrences have been from people outside of the center. There has been a shooting. Eric has reached out to the owner of the center to meet. He has also expressed his concern also and is willing to meet with the committee and Cam Gordon.

Jeff Barnhart, PPA Board Member, notes that it is indicative of the uptick in crime in the entire commercial corridor of University Avenue. He suggests that the Transportation and Safety committee put together a task force or sub-committee to address the issue and agrees to take the lead on forming it.

Eric Amel makes a motion: PPA will establish a subcommittee of Transportation and Safety to focus on the urgent need of community safety and policing. Britt Howell seconds.

David Frank- yea, Jenna Hoge - yea, Ben Tuthill - yea, Britt Howell -yea, Lynn Von Korff - yea, Jeff Barnart - yea, Rachel Coffin - yea, Jerry Stein - yea, Eric Amel - yea, Susan Larson-Fleming - yea. Ten yeas. Zero nays. Zero Abstentions. **Motion Carries.**

Jeff Barnhart steps forward to lead the new Community Safety subcommittee.

Jerry Stein gives the Community Building Committee report.

The committee is moving ahead with the Jackson memorial with Pratt PPO on the architectural design.

Renter's Sub-committee motion:

- **Proposed Motion:** that the Prospect Park Association Board of Directors endorse and publicly sign the anti-displacement agenda promoted by United Renters for Justice (Ixi) which includes the following points:

1. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Ordinance
2. Renter stabilizations charter amendment on the 2021 ballot
3. Passage of Just Cause Eviction Protection Ordinance
4. Passage of Pre-Eviction Notification/Right to Cure Ordinance
5. Passage of resolution and MOU to rescind privatization of public housing through RAD and Section 18 Demolition and to keep public housing public.

<https://bit.ly/3rm1AhU>

Susan Larson-Fleming seconds the motion

Eric Amel - yea, Ben Tuthill - yea, David Frank- yea, Britt Howell -abstains, Lynn Von Korff - yea, Rachel Coffin - yea, Susan Larson-Fleming - yea, Jenna Hoge - yea, Jeff Barnhart - nay, Seven yeas. One nay. One abstention. Motion Carries.

Eric Amel gives the Land Use Committee report in John Wicks absence.

At the last meeting we had a presentation from the proposed developers at the site where the Profile Center is situated at 2630 University Ave. It's nearly a whole block development and is 18 stories tall. We let them know about the Design Standards process and they need community engagement.

Finance and Admin report

Lynn Von Korff, PPA Treasurer, presented the 2nd quarter financial statements.

The Treasurer gave a report on PPA's liability insurance coverage. The insurance agency handling PPA's liability insurance coverage changed hands recently. The new agency had all their client insurance coverage reviewed and in July raised PPA's premium to \$1,700, from about \$200 per year. The Treasurer is actively obtaining quotes for new liability coverage for PPA. The premium for the new liability coverage will be far lower than \$1,700 and should be in place within a week or two.

Finance and Admin report (continued)

Inquiry into new insurance for the full enterprise of PPA called into question how to proceed with liability coverage for the Prospect Park Community Garden (PPCG) sites at 146 Seymour, 221 and 228 Melbourne Ave that are leased from the City of Minneapolis and previously agreed to be insured via the agency of PPA. The Management Council consulted PPA's city-sponsored legal advisor Mission Guardian (the "mini-consult" document authored by Mission Guardian was provided in the Board packet and is attached to the record.)

Del Hampton, long-standing community organizer of PPCG, spoke in support of a continued relationship with PPA if insurance for the gardens was favorable to the gardeners and acceptable terms for the gardeners' continued self-governance could be achieved in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Association. Jeff Barnhart spoke in praise of the value of the community gardens in the neighborhood and Mr. Hampton's tireless and perennial leadership. Mr. Barnhart moved to pledge continued PPA support of the PPCG-leased sites liability insurance cost in full going forward, and to form a task force to finalize the insurance and draft a MOU around garden operation agreeable to both PPCG and PPA. Seconded. Discussion: Eric Amel, Del Hampton and at least one other PPCG member will form the task force and report back to the Board at a later date. Motion carries by acclaim.

8:38 Other Business

Opportunity for PPA to co-sponsor a Ward 2 League of Women Voters (LWV) campaign forum.

LWV would organize a combined in-person and virtual event and it will also be recorded. Our role as a co-sponsor would be to share expenses and encourage people in our neighborhood to attend or watch. Three orgs have already agreed, LWV, SECIA, and Longfellow, so if PPA is the only additional co-sponsor, our share would be \$150 plus \$33 for LWV's honorarium. If CRCC and Seward also agree to co-sponsor, our share will be \$100 to cover expenses plus \$25 for LWV's honorarium."

Lynn von Korff makes a motion for PPA to co-sponsor a Ward 2 League of Women Voters (LWV) campaign forum. Susan Larson- Fleming seconds the motion. All in favor.

8:40 Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

All in favor of passing minutes.

8:42 Eric Amel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Britt Howell seconds. Meeting adjourned.