



2024 Annual Report

Annual Meeting
May 13, 2024

PPA Welcome

□ **Welcome neighbors!**

- ▣ Renters
- ▣ home-owners
- ▣ Students
- ▣ Business owners

□ **Welcome special guests**

- ▣ Ward 2 Prospect Park Update: Council Member Robin Wonsley
- ▣ Aryca Myers, Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) Staff



Prospect Park Ward 2 Updates

Council Member Robin Wonsley

May 13th 2024

Ward 2 Office partnership with PPA and Prospect Park residents



- Regularly attending PPA meetings to share updates
- Attending PPA committee meetings for specific issues (Rethinking I-94, biochar)
- Regular meetings at Pillars of Prospect Park
- Community meetings at Luxton Park
- Office hours
- Meetings with business owners
- Meetings with individual residents



Local wins: Witch's Hat!

- Partnership with PPA and Friends of Tower Hill Park
- Secured \$350,000 for renovations
- Construction this summer with a goal of fall opening
- Finalizing MOU with Parks for permanent clarity on maintenance, including annual community meeting

Politics and Government

Minneapolis moves toward reopening iconic Witch's Hat water tower to public

MPR News Staff December 6, 2023 8:25 AM



Local wins: Granary Crossing and Missing Link

- Supporting city, park, and state coalition efforts to secure funds to close the Grand Rounds Missing Link bike trail
- Worked with Towerside Innovation District, Minneapolis Watershed Management Organization, and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation to secure funds for pedestrian and bike bridge connecting Prospect Park and Como



Local wins: Connecting with neighbors



- Met with SBK Transfer Station leadership to discuss truck traffic management on Malcolm, established ongoing lines of communication
- Traffic improvements on Malcolm & University including STOP bar and slower crosswalk option
- Connected residents with leadership of Valhalla Place clinic to discuss health, safety, and livability impacts



Local wins: Renters' rights outreach

- Worked with PPA to organize mass flyering event to inform renters of their rights
- Reached thousands of local renters, activating dozens of volunteers
- Inspiring action in Como
- Setting foundations for citywide mandatory renters rights disclosure policy this year



Local priorities: ongoing and upcoming



Over a 100 bridge today that are not accessible pedestrian or cyclist. Despite a variety of ways and responses to the actual network.



Reimagining that a 100th Anniversary from bridge would mean a vibrant walk gathering space in the new design.

- Biochar facility
- Aquifer Thermal Energy System (ATES) aka District Energy System
- Glendale historic designation
- Traffic calming
- Sidewalk plowing
- Rethinking I-94



Here's to another great year!

- We are so excited to continue to partner on investing in Prospect Park!
- THANK YOU to all PPA leadership, members, businesses, and community!
- Email our office any time at Ward2@minneapolismn.gov





Neighborhood Community Relations

Aryca Myers, Staff

PPA Staying in Touch

Outreach & Community Events

- ▣ PPA Board and Community Meetings
- ▣ Annual Meeting & Board Elections each May
- ▣ PPA Committee Meetings
- ▣ Pratt Ice Cream Social returns: June 7th, 2024
- ▣ Witches Hat Water Tower
- ▣ Earth Day Cleanup
- ▣ Garden Walk & Prospect Park Annual Yard Sale
- ▣ Community Engagement on Financial Direction



PPA Annual Report

- **2023 PPA Committees**
 - Jackson Family Project
 - Environment
 - Transportation & Safety
 - Planning & Land Use
 - Renter's Rights
- **PPA's 2023 Financial Report**
- **Special Recognition**

Thank You!



PPA Jackson Family Project

Co-Chairs: Jerry Stein & Susan Larson-Fleming

Vision

- **LISTEN** to members and groups in our community from whom we are disconnected.
- **LEARN** what issues matter to them.
- **ASK** if our community organization can give them meaningful support.
- **ACT** when appropriate with residents.
- **TRANSFORM** how we do community work, so these new relationships endure.

Jackson Family Project

- **Jackson Family Playground**
- **Partnership with Pratt Community School, Pratt PTO, and Minneapolis School Board**



PPA Jackson Family Project

Pratt Community School Student Video

This video was created in 2023 by Ms. Kiah's 1st grade students at Pratt Community School.

It was shown at the Pratt Community School assembly the day the Jackson Project Playground was dedicated.



JACKSON FAMILY PLAYGROUND



The Jackson Family Playground at Pratt school is designed to honor the first African American family in the Prospect Park neighborhood. At this time, around 2,500 Black people lived in Minneapolis. The Jackson family built their home in Prospect Park in 1908. In 1909 large crowds appeared at their house on Franklin (formerly Hamline) Avenue telling them to leave because they were Black. The father, Madison Jackson, was told that no one would play with his children. In response Madison built a playground in their yard. This was before the neighborhood had park or school playgrounds. As he suspected, many neighborhood children wanted to play with his children on the new playground. The Jacksons lived in the neighborhood for 20 years and became important members of the community. Their daughters were the first African American students to attend Pratt school.

Resilience marked the Jackson family, not only in their Prospect Park years but for generations. Marvel, the oldest daughter moved to New York. She was in a writing group with Langston Hughes and worked for W.E.B. Du Bois. She became a well known journalist and wrote extensively on the condition of African American women. Helen, the middle daughter became the first African American President of the national YWCA, and led the YWCA out of its period of segregation. Zelma, the youngest daughter became a clothing designer in New York City.



To find out more about all the members of the family and their story throughout the generations, please scan the QR code.

Jackson Family Playground Sign proposed for Pratt Community School



PPA Jackson Family Project

You're Invited

Please welcome Jackson family members!

Open House

Thursday, May 16th

5-7pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

22 Orlin Ave SE

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

**The Jackson Family Project is a collaboration of Prospect Park Association (PPA),
Pratt Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and Pratt School**



PPA Jackson Family Project



Above: Amy and Madison Jackson with their daughters, Marvel, Helen, and Zelma in front of their original home in Prospect Park in 1909.

Picture on left: Judith Claytor and Sharon Peters, daughters of Helen Jackson (sitting next to her father in the 1909 photo above) in front of the original Jackson home in Prospect Park, June 2023. Photo by Jerry Stein

The Jackson Family Project is funded in part by PPA, Pratt PTO, the U of MN Good Neighbor Fund, PPCLF, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations, and individual gifts.





PPA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Rick McCormick & Lydia McAnerney
2023 Accomplishments

PPA Environment Committee

Partnership with Surly Gives a Damn for Earth Day clean up along East River Parkway



PPA Environment Committee



Worked with students and faculty at Venture Academy to plant trees and a rain garden at the school



PPA Environment Committee

25% x '25 Project

- Presence at several neighborhood National Night celebrations to share information
- 5 workshops or presentations to neighborhood committees about reducing energy use, energy audits, or the 25% x 25 project
- Natural gas use down 7.2% resulting in reduction of greenhouse gas by over 416 tons
- (data from 2022 as 2023 data not available)



PPA Environment Committee



25% X '25 Project Celebration

Thank you!





PPA TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Current Chair: Eric Lind (Evan Roberts, Past Chair)

2023 Accomplishments

Transportation and Safety Committee

Vision: Walkability, bikeability, multi-modal transit, traffic & parking, crime & public safety

2023-24 highlights: Worked with neighborhood on maintaining traffic calming at Pratt School. **NEW:** Partnership with Garden Club for Summer 2024.

Responded to concerns about criminal activity in Williams Ave cul-de-sac (ongoing!)

Transition: Eric Lind is new committee chair. Same email: transportation@prospectparkmpls.org

Challenges: City government less responsive to neighborhood requests with new government structure



PPA PLANNING AND LAND USE

Chair: Eric Amel

2023 Accomplishments

PPA Planning & Land Use

- PPA Land Use Committee purpose:
 - Neighborhood forum for land use issues & advocacy.
- Witch's Hat Tower Repair + Access / Public Opening
- City of Minneapolis Biochar Facility
- Minnesota Innovation Exchange (the MIX)
- Grand Rounds Missing Link Activities
- United Crushers Projection Project
- May Joint Meeting with Transportation Committee
 - Metro Transit BRT E line
 - Rethinking I-94
- ...AND
- Glendale Townhouse Historic Designation by Ward 2



PPA Planning & Land Use



PPA Renters' Rights

- Outreach to renters: distributed flyers door-to-door
- PPA Board & NCR approved NRP allocation to fund Renters' Rights - Community Organizer
- Prospect Park "Welcome Packet" Resource Guide:

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PPA FINANCIAL REPORT

Lynn Von Korff

Chair: Finance & Admin Committee

PPA's Financial Position

Strengths

- ❑ **Current financial position sound**
- ❑ **Balanced budget**
- ❑ **Sustainable financial plan thru 2038**
- ❑ **PPA's budget supports our approved Equitable Engagement Plan**

2023 Accomplishments

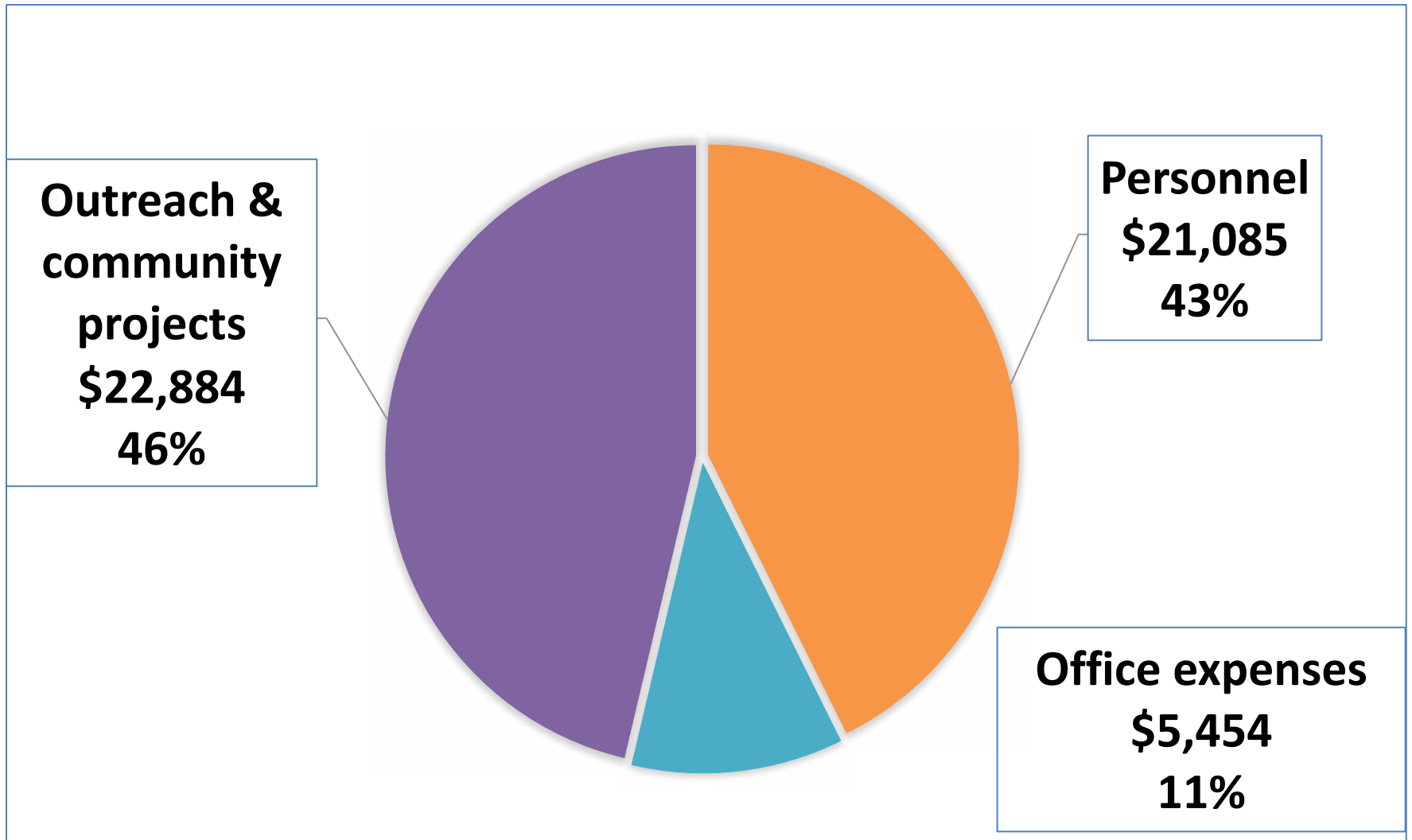
- ❑ **Created long-term financial plan to address reduced city funding**
- ❑ **Increased & preserved resources for neighborhood projects**
- ❑ **Community engagement: explored merger/shared resources with U area neighborhood orgs**

Challenge: limited staff hours



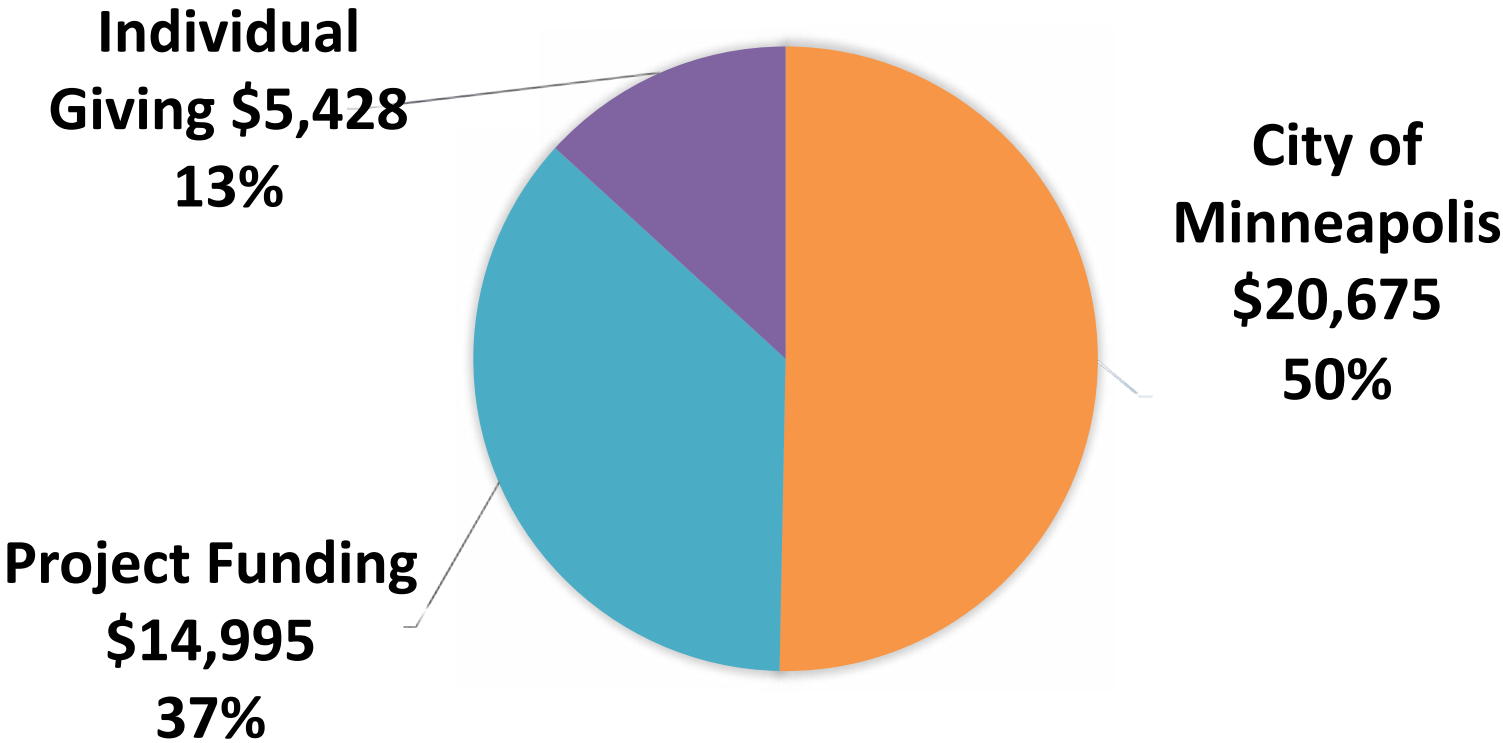
Prospect Park Association 2023

Total Expenses \$49,423



Prospect Park Association 2023

Total Income \$41,098



PPA Board Service

Members rotating off board as of June 24th, 2024 - thank you!

□ **Susan Larson-Fleming**

- PPA Jackson Family Project (formerly Community Building Committee)
- PPA Finance & Admin Committee

□ **Dan Cross**

- PPA Transportation Committee

□ **Jane Stockman**

- PPA Land Use Committee
- PPA Finance & Admin Committee



PPA Special Recognition

- **Joe Ring**
 - ▣ Witches Hat Water Tower MOU and Preservation
- **Evan Roberts**
 - ▣ PPA Transportation Committee Chair
- **PPA Exploratory Merger Task Force Volunteers:**
 - ▣ Britt Howell, David Frank and Lynn Von Korff





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THANK YOU!