



Prospect Park Association Community Meeting

January 23, 2017
Prospect Park United Methodist Church

6:30 pm
22 Orlin Ave SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Richard Adams*
2. *Eric Amel*
3. *Jeff Barnhart*
4. *Viswa Challa*
5. *Dick Gilyard*
6. *Ken Hampton*
7. *Del Hampton*
8. *Tamara Johnson*
9. *Dick Kain*
10. *Eric Lueneburg*
11. *Lydia McAnerney*
12. *Vince Netz*
13. *John Orrison*
14. *Dick Poppele*
15. *Peggy Rejto*
16. *Robert Roscoe*
17. *Serafina Scheel*
18. *John Wicks*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Phil Anderson*
2. *Judy Britton*
3. *John Cushing*
4. *Tony Garmers*
5. *Martha Joy*
6. *John Kari*
7. *Sarah Nassif*
8. *Reed Polakowski*
9. *Ladan Yusuf*

Community Members Present:

1. *Grant Simmons, resident*
2. *Joy Fogg, MPRB, Luxton Park*
3. *Steve Zimmer, MPRB, Luxton Park*
4. *Sarah Becker, Assistant City Attorney*
5. *Todd Loining, MPD 2nd Precinct Inspector*
6. *Nick Juarez, MPD Crime Prevention Specialist*
7. *George Abdallah*
8. *Tom Kilton, PPA member*
9. *Cam Gordon, Ward 2 City Council Member*
10. *Jessica Buchberger, PPA Community Outreach Coordinator*
11. *Preston Mosser, Prospect Park Properties*

1. **Call to Order and Welcome.** *Vince Netz*, Chair and PPA President, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm.
2. **Announcements.**
3. **Minneapolis Police Department Introductions and Public Safety Update.**
 - A. **Precinct Inspector Introduction.** *Todd Loining*, 2nd Precinct Inspector, introduced himself and summarized his view on policing and working with the community on behalf of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD).
 - B. **Crime Prevention Update.** *Nick Juarez*, Crime Prevention Specialist for the MPD 2nd Precinct reported. The noisy and unruly assembly ordinance was highlighted.
 - C. **Community Attorney Introduction.** *Sarah Becker*, Assistant City Attorney, spoke on areas of her work and outreach. The role requires staying on top of issues to be a police resource and

community resource. *Ms. Becker's* work includes crime diversion programs to work with the police in lieu of having an offense on one's record. Contact the Community Attorney for legal questions relative to the City of Minneapolis and at the very least, proper referral can be offered.

Community questions were entertained: *Richard Adams* asked if the city is hiring additional officers to match areas of growth. *Juarez* responded a class of 25 officers was graduated, then a class of 31 officers graduated recently as well. The MPD is growing. *Tom Kilton* asked if that activity equated to a net increase. *Juarez* responded that the MPD goal is 860 sworn officers. The force values downtime to go into the neighborhoods. *Tamara Johnson* commented that the chief targets more officers, and more officers on the beat walking around, not in squads. A community member commented that they have never seen an officer walking the beat in the neighborhood. *Juarez* responded that foot beats are mostly place of business related. *John Orrison* asked what about bike patrols. *Juarez* said bike patrolling is well received and is enjoyed by both the public and the officers. Officer needs to be bike certified. There is a MPD Bicycle Rapid Response Unit.

4. Other Business.

A. **Luxton Teen Program.** *Steve Irwin*, Luxton Park director, and *Joy Fogg*, Luxton Park staff, introduced the teen program. Construction is planned for the upcoming seasons: a new roof using MPRB funding, and in 2018, a new playground is planned. The Fire and Ice Festival is scheduled for February 4, 2017.

B. **Snack.** Appreciation was given to *Eric Amel* and *Lydia McAnerney* for bringing refreshments.

5. **Next Community Meeting.** The next meeting is Monday, February 27, 2017.

6. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13 pm.



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1. **Call to Order and Regular Agenda.** Chair and PPA President *Vince Netz* called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. A quorum of the Board of Directors attended. *Mr. Netz* introduced the published Regular Agenda for approval. *Visva Challa* moved to approve. Seconded. Discussion: none. The Regular Agenda was approved by acclamation.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Vince Netz* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of:
 - PPA Membership & Communications Committee reports: December 15, 2016, and January 11, 2017.
 - PPA Zoning & Project Review Committee reports: December 6, 2016, January 3, 2017.

Richard Adams moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded. Discussion: none. The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. **Announcements.** None were heard.

4. **Organizational Business.**

A. **2017 Finances.**

1. **Review and Approve Office Space Rental Agreement.** *Vince Netz* showed a graph of operational expenses titled Annual Operating Expenses v. 2017 CPP Grant: staff, space, and administrative expenses were detailed. The CPP grant is shown at \$65,000. *Mr. Netz* indicated that when looking for outside grantors, they look at expenses and are dissuaded by high operating costs out of line with funding level. We have a good office space. *Richard Adams* has been tasked with space negotiations. *Mr. Adams* rose to speak to the agreement. Regarding item #3, *Jeff Barnhart's* generosity is cited amounting to about \$1,000 per month leaving a \$2,000 per month obligation. It is PPA's goal to stay at or under \$1,000. PPA, Southeast Seniors, Prospect Park 2020, and Towerside Partnership are named as entities that will split rent equally four ways. Item #1 is the term extension until April 30, 2017. Item #2 terminates a supplemental agreement for payment of subleases to *Mr. Barnhart*, based on a gracious allowance to change the agreement earlier. *Barnhart* commented that he does not want to put an unlawful detainer on the neighborhood association. *Dick Gilyard* commented that we need to work on fundraising. Motion by *Mr. Gilyard*, a PPA Director:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association approves the Amendment to Lease Agreement dated December 1, 2014 for PPA office space at 2828 University Avenue SE, Suite 200 as drafted between the parties of landlord Prospect Park Properties, LLC, Prospect Park Association, Southeast Seniors, Prospect Park 2020, and Towerside Partnership.*

Seconded by *Tamara Johnson*. No further discussion took place. The resolution was approved by acclamation with several abstentions—3 (*Netz, Rejto, Barnhart*).

2. **Review and Approve FY2017 Budget.** *Serafina Scheel*, PPA Treasurer, spoke to the budget worksheet. Increased responsibilities are cited for *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Coordinator. *Jeff Barnhart* commended *Ms. Buchberger* on good work done.

Dick Poppele asked if there is going to be a fiscal statement. What is the financial status of the organization? Total equity is about \$42,000, mostly restricted funds. About \$8,000 is left in legal fund. *Visma Challa* asked about the \$10,000 item for fundraising in comparison to actual. Are they high? The budget is an income goal that *Ms. Scheel* elaborated on saying it does not seem unreasonable to double the fundraising over the year last. *Scheel* thinks the goals are perfectly doable. *Tamara Johnson* agreed adding that the accounting is very familiar with other neighborhoods and their targets. Motion by *Richard Adams*, a PPA Director:

Resolved, the Prospect Park Association approves the proposed PPA budget for fiscal year 2017.

Seconded by *Dick Poppele*. Discussion: none further. A vote was taken: the resolution passed by acclamation with several abstentions—4 (*Netz*, *Barnhart*, other abstentions unrecorded)

3. **Review and Approve 2017 Good Neighbor Fund Grant Requests.** *Vince Netz* announced this year is proceeding upside down given the soccer deal. Agreements that dictate the funding are still not signed. Part of the deal is match tickets worth \$60,000 in kind. There is a proviso that recipients cannot sell tickets. The granting deadline is extended to mid-February.

Jessica Buchberger spoke to two proposals:

- A. **U Students, Our Neighbors.** A student communications intern to update communication plan citing a whole world of social media. Including an exclusive Prospect Park tour event while students are in town. \$2,500.
- B. **Rack 'Em Up in Prospect Park.** Bike racks tied into the Prospect Park neighborhood visual identity in conjunction with partner organizations T-Rex Cookies, Signature Café, Metro Petro, Prospect Park Properties, Dero, and the City of Minneapolis. The ask is proposed for \$5,000.

Del Hampton spoke to two proposals:

- C. **The Hanging Gardens of Towerside.** Vinca and sweet potato in planter boxes to be installed on the parking garage at 2829 University Ave SE. *Sam Johnson* is credited with the idea to green up the open concrete structure. Prospect Park Community Garden will build and manage, NJK the property owner will contribute resources, *Dick Gilyard*, *FALA* will assist design, *Willy Willette* studio will assist construction, Venture Academy students will intern to develop skills and responsibility. The ask is proposed at about \$9,000 for partial implementation.
- D. **Towerside Media Center.** An installation at the corner of the Towerside Community Garden site designed to provide information about what is happening in the area, as well as highlighting opportunities for community members to get involved in shaping and telling the story of the neighborhood.

Mr. Netz spoke to tempering the project costs and working to obtain seed money too. Looking to approve the concept only, not approval of full documents. Motion by Tamara Johnson motion, a PPA Director:

Resolved, the Prospect Park Association approves in concept the following grant proposals to develop for submission to the 2017 University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund program: a proposal to fund a PPA student communications intern; a proposal for identity-branded bike racks in the streetscape of several Prospect Park locations; a proposal called the Hanging Gardens of Towerside for greening of the parking garage at 2829 University Ave SE; a proposal for a Towerside Media Center at the corner of 2905 4th St SE.

Seconded by a PPA Director. Discussion: none. The resolution was approved by acclaim with abstentions—2 (Hampton, Netz).

B. Review and Approve New Committee Structure. Vince Netz presented the PPA Committee Inventory and Plan. To begin, Mr. Netz cited the Bylaws and the annual process of reevaluating committees. This led to the discontinuation of some previous committees, and the need to restructure committees to focus the work of the Association. The following committee with their specific charges and assigned connectors are proposed in the plan:

- Community Relations Committee
- Environment & Sustainability Committee
- Housing & Livability Committee
- Land Use and Planning Committee
- Transit and Public Safety Committee

Viswa Challa commented on community relations wondering how much the roles with the intern will overlap. Jessica Buchberger responded that the intern is short term. Interns serve on the committee. Lydia McAnerney added that there are ways to engage the University and its wealth of students. Grant Simmons is neighborhood liaison for University of Minnesota students to the community. Del Hampton asked if committee chairs need to be board members. Mr. Netz said no and reminded the board that they are required to sit on one committee or task force. Richard Adams suggested it would be good to sponsor an aggressive information campaign and present this structure to the whole neighborhood to build participation, especially community members challenged to have access. Motion by Richard Adams, a PPA Director:

Resolved, the Prospect Park Association adopts the proposed committee structure of Community Relations, Environment & Sustainability, Housing & Livability, Land Use & Planning, Transit & Safety, their respective charges and assigned connectors as defined in the PPA Committee Inventory & Plan dated January 23, 2017.

Seconded by Serafina Scheel, PPA Treasurer. Discussion: Viswa Challa asked about breadth of authority. The committees can work internally to define themselves any way they see fit, have autonomy, and can set their budgets—all subject to annual review by the board of directors. PPA Bylaws set forth this structure. We will find out if this structure can work. The proposed Community Relations Committee has a budget established already. Del Hampton asked about

implementation strategy. *Netz* thought the first step may be a meeting of the chairs to coordinate schedules, then advertise the new committees with their charges to get the community aware of the structure and interested to sign on to committees. *Dick Gilyard* endorses the change and asked for consideration of the committees doing brief reports, probably as part of community meeting to liven up the meeting. Discussion closed, and a vote taken. The resolution passed by acclamation.

C. Committee Updates. *Vince Netz* introduced a PPA committee update:

1. **Zoning & Project Review.** *John Wicks* report. Zoning & Project Review meeting January 3, 2017. *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Community Outreach Coordinator, has done a superb summary of topics discussed considering the complexity of topics. Of note: update on five current projects.
 - Dominium. *Dick Gilyard* has connected with the developer regarding the Weyerhaeuser site. On hold while in negotiation with St. Paul on park land.
 - EXPO 2023 passed first hurdle, next hurdle in February 2017.
 - Brickhouse Lofts project on hold while under construction. Looking for answers.
 - Oppidan on Malcolm Avenue SE. Task Force working on MOU with the developer to be drafted by mid-February 2017.

Adam Avidson, Director of Strategic Planning, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, spoke to the committee regarding determination of Park Land Dedication Fees use. Due to upward growth about \$1,000,000 in dedication fees are targeted to the Prospect Park neighborhood. Will involve public engagement. *Ms. Buchberger* is working with *Mr. Avidson* is to establish a meeting date for the second week of February 2017.

117 27th Avenue SE student project land donation. The committee is critical of the lack of collaboration with Prospect Park. There is issue with a public toilets proposal. *Avidson* believed the land deal to be related to the missing link of the Grand Round. Some folks thought it was elsewhere. To the city, this location is still policy as the Grand Round corridor, but with neighborhood involvement, that could be modified. The land owner never formed a legal entity prior to contracts. Legal entity for the above-standard elements on Fourth Street SE. Close to coming together. Land owners in the assessment pool will form a board to maintain the amenities.

The Green on Fourth Apartments development package was submitted by Prospect Park Properties to the city for final review. A public hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2017. A resolution to support the development was passed by the committee by acclaim.

A modification of MOU for the Harris site—now titled Malcolm Yard was reviewed. Originally a 17-acre parcel, a 9.15-acre parcel will be removed from the SEMI area legal boundary for the benefit of networking the yard to the north side of the University of Minnesota Transitway. It was a recommended approach to achieve the mixed-use plan. Not so much a change as a specific detail. And the motion was passed.

5. **Other Business.** No other business was brought to the floor.
6. **Adjourn.** *Vince Netz* requested a motion to adjourn the meeting answered by many simultaneously. Seconded. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Amel', with a vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Eric Amel
Prospect Park Association Secretary

APPROVED by the Board of Directors, September 10, 2018.