



## PPA Community Meeting

Regular Meeting: March 26, 2018, 6:30-7:30pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

### Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Phil Anderson*
3. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
4. *Del Hampton*
5. *Claire Haskell*
6. *Dick Kain*
7. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
8. *Lydia McAnerney*
9. *Vince Netz*
10. *Robert Roscoe*
11. *Isabelle Wattenberg*
12. *John Wicks*

### Board of Directors Absent:

1. *John Cushing*
2. *John Kari*
3. *Serafina Scheel*
4. *Jonathan Schuster*

### Community Members Present:

1. *Richard Adams, PPA member*
2. *David Coats, PPA member*
3. *Allison Bell, PPA member*
4. *John Orrison, PPA member*
5. *Julie Wallace, PPA member*
6. *Tom Kilton, PPA member*
7. *Dan Marshall, PPA member*
8. *Dick Poppele, PPA member*
9. *Meredith Poppele, PPA member*
10. *Erick Garcia-Luna, University of Minnesota*
11. *Stephen Klimek, Towerside Innovation District*
12. *J.D. Duggan, Minnesota Daily*
13. *Tiffany Bui, Minnesota Daily*
14. *Cam Gordon, Councilmember, Ward 2*
15. *Jessica Buchberger, PPA Program Manager*

1. **Welcome, Review Agenda.** *Vince Netz*, Chair and PPA President, convened the meeting at 6:30 pm. and reviewed the agenda with the attendees.
2. **University of Minnesota, Community and Local Government Relations.** *Vince Netz* introduced *Erick Garcia-Luna*, Director of Community and Local Government Relations, University of Minnesota.
3. **Committee Update: Transportation & Safety.** *Allison Bell*, PPA member, presented recent activity with City of Minneapolis Public Works regarding improvements to the intersection of Bedford Street SE & Franklin Avenue SE. The city presented proposed intersection to the Transportation

& Safety Committee on November 14, 2017. The committee responded to the proposed designs in a November 29, 2017 letter to the city. In the letter, the committee resolved:

- Improvements should incorporate a signed and marked pedestrian crossing.
- Proposed Bedford St. realignment should allow north-south vehicle movement to continue through the intersection.
- A marked crosswalk should be as easterly as possible as eastbound traffic has shorter sightlines following the crest of the hill on Franklin Ave.
- Improvements should include bollards to delineate the bike lanes of Franklin Ave.
- Long term consideration should be given to relocating the Emerald St. SE & Franklin Ave. four-way stop to Bedford St. & Franklin.

4. **Announcements:**

A. **2040 Comprehensive Plan Engagement:** *Vince Netz* announced that a draft of the new City of Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan is released to the public on March 22, 2018. The Land Use committee and the Livability Committee will schedule a joint meeting/hearing sometime in April, with city staff if possible, to discuss this element of the draft plan.

Committee discussion cited some of the issues that will be of concern in Prospect Park:

- The role the Historic District/Conservation District work that has been done for part of the neighborhood, and how that might affect this proposal.
- Lot size, setbacks, heights, design, compatibility.
- Parking

It was pointed out that this will affect all city neighborhoods, so neighborhood groups will want to work together as they see the details of the proposal.

B. **Fresh Thyme Grocery Store.** *Vince Netz* announced the Fresh Thyme Farmers Market grocery store soft opening “Friends and Family” event will take place April 10, 2018, 4-7 pm, prior to the grand opening on the following day, April 11.

C. **Art & Architecture Building Development Task Force.** (3326, 3338, and 3350 University Avenue SE). A task force is established by the Land Use Committee to agree to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Vermilion Development regarding the above-named property. Vermilion Development intends to pursue a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to preserve and remodel the existing Art & Architecture Building as a component of the development.

5. **Adjourn.** The community meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 pm.



## PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting: March 26, 2018, 7:30-8:30pm

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1. **Call to Order.** *Vince Netz*, Chair and PPA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A quorum of the Board of Directors attended.
2. **Consent Agenda.** *Vince Netz* presented the Consent Agenda for approval consisting of:
  - Committee Reports/Minutes
    - PPA Land Use Committee, January 9, 2018
    - PPA Livability Committee, February 7, 2018
    - PPA Land Use Committee, February 13, 2018
    - PPA Neighborhood Relations & Outreach Committee (NROC), Feb 15, 2018
    - PPA Management Council, February 19, 2018
  - PPA 2017 Community Participation Program (CPP) Annual Report
  - Pratt Ice Cream Social Joint Committee MOU

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by *Phil Anderson* and seconded by *Lydia McAnerney*. No discussion. The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. **Regular Agenda.** *Vince Netz* presented revisions to the Regular Agenda to remove the Voter Outreach Grant item and the Neighborhood 2020 Roadmap item because of the absence of the scheduled presenter *Serafina Scheel*, PPA Treasurer. Approval of the modified Regular Agenda was moved by *Dick Kain* and seconded by *Claire Haskell*. No further discussion. The Regular Agenda as modified was approved by acclamation.
4. **Environment Committee Actions.** *Del Hampton*, Environment Committee Chair, took the floor to refer two committee actions to the board:
  - A. **Community Advisory Committee Appointment.** *Mr. Hampton* introduced the business of appointing a PPA representative to the Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan Community Advisory Committee. Motion by *Susan Larson-Fleming*, a PPA Director:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association appoints Tom Kilton, a PPA member and perennial champion of Prospect Park's environment along the Mississippi River, as PPA representative to the Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan Community Advisory Committee to help plan the future of parks and trails along the Mississippi River.*

Seconded by *Phil Anderson*. Discussion: *Mr. Anderson* stated that *Mr. Kilton* has been critical to environmental conservation in the neighborhood for many years. *Mr. Hampton* said the

Minneapolis Park Board seeks diversity. Discussion closed, and a vote was taken. Motion passed by acclamation.

- B. **Climate Resolution Endorsement.** *Mr. Hampton* introduced the business of endorsing a Minneapolis Youth Climate Inheritance Resolution brought to the Environment Committee by the iMatter Youth Movement (attached to the board packet). Motion by *Susan Larson-Fleming*, a PPA Director:

***Moved,** the Prospect Park Association endorses a Minneapolis Youth Climate Inheritance Resolution expressing the commitment of the Minneapolis City Council to protect the children and grandchildren of this community from the risks of climate destruction by taking a leadership role in renewable electricity.*

Seconded by *Dick Kain*. Discussion: *John Wicks* said it is completely irresponsible to support something so un-realistic. *Jeff Barnhart* supported the optimism of these high school students. Several directors invite sponsor iMatter representatives to appear before the board to discuss the resolution prior to PPA endorsement. Motion withdrawn by *Susan Larson-Fleming*.

- 5. **Board Work Plan Update.** *Vince Netz*, PPA President, introduced several topics regarding board of director goals and organization:

- A. **PPA Annual Work Plan.** *Mr. Netz* presented a slide deck outlining the PPA Annual Work Plan with three overarching goals, each with several subtopics and color-coded rating as to progress on each goal:

- i. **Expand our community engagement**

- 1. Enlarge our membership through outreach to: Green
      - a. Resident (homeowners, renters, students)
      - b. Nonprofits (educational and religious institutions)
      - c. Businesses (commercial and home-office)
    - 2. Increase volunteer participation Green
    - 3. Better engagement with government agencies Green
    - 4. Better engagement with community partners Green

- ii. **Enhance our financial health**

- 1. Improve financial systems and reporting Green
    - 2. Improve fiscal oversight and control Green
    - 3. Right-size the organization’s staff and expenses Yellow
    - 4. Engage in community-wide fundraising Green
    - 5. Pursue project-based grants Green
    - 6. Set a fundraising goal of \$30K Yellow

- iii. **Modernize our organization**

- 1. Fill new student and business seats Green
    - 2. Adopt new articles of incorporation Yellow
    - 3. Restructure committees to meet community needs Green
    - 4. Refresh our value proposition to the community Green

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| 5. Train directors, staff in nonprofit best practices | Yellow |
| 6. Refresh policies & procedures                      | Yellow |
| 7. Conduct year-end review of effectiveness           | Yellow |

B. **Updated Articles of Incorporation.** *Mr. Netz*, stated that at the next board meeting there will be a document outlining the text proposal for each of the following:

1. Update our name
2. Update our address
3. Update our mission/purpose
4. Update IRS regulatory language
5. Align section with our Bylaws
6. New signatories, contract information
7. Process going forward

C. **Adjustment to Quorum in Bylaws.** *Mr. Netz* introduced the business of adjustment of quorum to the Bylaws. Motion by *Jeff Barnhart*, a PPA Director:

***Moved,** the Prospect Park Association amends the Bylaws of the Prospect Park Association (adopted June 27, 2016) Article VIII, Section 3. Quorum to reduce quorum at Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors to ten (10) seated Directors present to conduct business, in lieu of two-thirds of seated Directors.*

Seconded. Discussion: The motion is out of order per Bylaws, Article XIII Amendment, Section 2. Process wherein, “Persons eligible to propose an amendment do so by signing a resolution that states the text of the amendment. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent to all Association members at least 30 calendar days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered. The Board will then consider the amendment at its next regular meeting. The proposed amendment is adopted by an affirmative two-thirds vote of seated Directors in a roll-call vote.” *Del Hampton* suggested 50% of seated Directors could represent quorum. *John Wicks* expressed unhappiness that the matter has come to this and proposed not meeting in March, since vacations apparently happen then. The Bylaws Article VIII: Meetings, Section 2. Board Meetings states regular meetings shall be held once each month. *Mr. Barnhart* withdrew the motion. New motion by *Jeff Barnhart*, a PPA Director:

***Resolved,** the Prospect Park Association ignites the due process to amend the Bylaws of the Prospect Park Association (adopted June 27, 2016) Article VIII, Section 3. Quorum to reduce quorum at Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors to fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) seated Directors present to conduct business, in lieu of two-thirds of seated Directors.*

Seconded. Discussion: The proposal by Management Council would be 50%. A straw poll of Director indicated favor for 50% plus 1. Discussion closed, and a vote was taken. Motion passed by acclamation.

D. **Board Retreat & Training.** *Mr. Netz* remarked that it has been a while since there has been a board retreat and training. The facilitator proposed is *Roger Meyer*. *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Manager, proposed a retreat in lieu of the June regular meeting. An August meeting is needed to plan the annual meeting. *John Wicks* asked if it could move up to May. *Ms.*

*Buchberger* wants others to plan if proposed for May because of Ice Cream Social planning. Management Council will come back to the board with more information. Topics were discussed. *Lydia McAnarney* volunteered to work on a survey.

6. **Staff Report.** *Jessica Buchberger*, PPA Program Manager, presented the following items:
  - A. **PPA 2017 Annual Report.** The draft annual report in the board packet documents the work and results of the Prospect Park Association's volunteers in the year 2017 and is a requirement of the City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) Community Participation Program (CPP) grant. *Del Hampton* commented that well drafted report is representative of the progress that the association is making. *Vince Netz* said this type of work is required to be a credible non-profit capable of spending granted funds in a appropriate and effective manner. *Clair Haskell* spoke to this norm in the industry.
7. **Voter Outreach Grant.** This business item scheduled in the Regular Agenda was tabled with the absence of the presenter, *Serafina Scheel*, PPA Treasurer.
8. **Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap.** This business item scheduled in the Regular Agenda was tabled with the absence of the presenter, *Serafina Scheel*, PPA Treasurer.
9. **Adjourn.** *John Wicks* moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by numerous concurrent voices. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



*Eric Amel*  
Prospect Park Association Secretary

**APPROVED**, by the Board of Directors, July 16, 2018.