



Prospect Park Association (PPA) Community Meeting

May 20, 2019, 6:30pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. Jeffrey Barnhart
2. Devan Blanchard
3. Noël Gordon, Jr. (via skype)
4. Claire Haskell
5. Dick Kain
6. Lydia McAnerney
7. Laura Preus
8. Joe Ring
9. Lynn Von Korff
10. Will Watkins
11. John Wicks

Board of Directors Absent:

1. Eric Amel
2. Joleen Emery
3. Robert Roscoe
4. Student Representative (TBD)

Community Members Present:

1. Angelo Carton
2. Gerry Carton
3. T. Kilton
4. Sigrid Coats
5. David Coats
6. John Cushing
7. Serafina Scheel
8. Phil Anderson
9. Jerry Stein
10. Preston Mosser
11. David Frank
12. Kathleen Macosler

Staff Members Present:

1. Jan Nelson
2. Nellie Jerome

Draft Minutes

Welcome, agenda. Laura Preus, PPA Secretary, opened the community meeting. Noel Gordon, Jr., was attending via a skype connection on a laptop computer, so Laura P. took a moment to explain the approach for remote participation. A round of introductions from meeting participants followed.

Two community members requested time on the agenda to discuss topics of interest: a new neighborhood food/cookie business, and the rollout of 5G wireless in the neighborhood. These were added as topics to the community announcements.

Community announcements.

Doors Open Recap. Joe Ring reported on the success of the Minneapolis Doors Open event, where the Prospect Park Witch's Hat Water Tower was open on Saturday-Sunday, May 18-19, 2019. Friends of Tower Hill Park submitted the application for Doors Open, and PPA also supported this event. There were about 30 neighborhood volunteers, and despite the cold and rainy weather, more than 4,000 people visited the tower over the weekend. Early

reports suggested these visitation numbers were dramatically higher than other Minneapolis Doors open venues. Future possible ideas for Doors Open were discussed, including the possibility of gathering oral histories at future events.

Pratt Ice Cream Social. Lydia McAnerney and Nellie Jerome reported on upcoming preparations for the Pratt Ice Cream Social. There are several working groups, and plans are ready for food preparation, the garden walk, games, opening of the Witch's Hat Water Tower, etc. Most volunteer slots were already filled, but a couple remained. People can sign up to volunteer on the website. Fliers have been distributed around the neighborhood.

6/22 Yard and Tailgate Sale, Home Tour and Garden Tour. Lydia M. updated community members about June neighborhood events. The Tour of Homes will include houses and apartments in Prospect Park, taking place from 11am - 3 pm on Saturday, June 22. Tickets may be purchased at the PPA Office and Pratt Ice Cream Social. The Garden Walk also takes place on Saturday. The Yard Sale, June 22-23, will use a similar approach to recent years, but this year we are also adding a Tailgate Sale at the Pratt Community School Parking Lot, on Saturday, June 22, from 9am – 3pm. This will allow people who rent apartments to also have an opportunity to hold sales.

Board Recruitment and Nomination Plan Overview. Claire Haskell and Noel Gordon Jr. described preparations for the upcoming Board nominations and elections. The Board nominations will take place over the summer, with nominations due in August, and elections in September. More detailed information will be available on the PPA website.

Terran Foods, a new food and cookie business is setting up shop in Prospect Park. They are made to order for kids' birthday parties, catering events, etc. They are marketed toward people with possible food sensitivities, and they list the food ingredients.

5G wireless. A Prospect Park resident also shared a document titled, "Informative Discussion on the roll out of 5th Generation (5G) Wireless Towers in the Neighborhood." The neighbor summarized and shared their health concerns related to wireless radiation from 5G towers. He asked community members to read the document and continue learning about the topic.

Ward 2 Update. Council Member (CM) Gordon summarized recent highlights for Ward 2 and provided a handout, which is available on the PPA website and CM Gordon's webpage. The Minneapolis City Council passed a shortened and amended Neighborhood 2020 framework. CM Gordon worked with Council Member Jenkins to develop an amended approach that would work for neighborhood organizations and achieve city goals. CM Gordon also briefly explained the framework for the community engagement funding, which will help neighborhoods and the city continue to make progress toward racial equity goals. CM Gordon noted that he received an update from the Vermilion project. There have been changes to the project, such as that it is now planned to have apartments instead of condominiums. PPA has also received a written update, which is being reviewed by the Land Use Committee.

The community meeting was adjourned, to be followed by the Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Preus, PPA Secretary.