



## PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting (Virtual): September 27, 2021, 6:30pm

**Board Members Present:** David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, Susan Larson Fleming, John Wicks, Laura Preuss, Jeff Barnhart, Britt Howell, Eric Amel, Simone Hendrix, Jenna Hoge, Ben Tuthill, Rachel Coffin, Joe Ring, Amy Kaminsky

**Board Members Absent:** Becca Cowin, Bob Roscoe, Bob Wicks

**Community Members Present:** Ashley Zapata, Dan Cross, Vera Marshall, Donna Schneider, Jane Stockman, Ben Bildsten, Sam Courtright, Jerry Stein, Mary Britton, Aloida Zaragoza, Lupe Castillo, Jerry Stein, Richard Kain, Florence Littman, Evan Roberts, Susan Thrash, Cam Gordon

**Staff Present:** Liza Davitch

1. **Call to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the meeting to order at 6:38pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. A Quorum for the Regular Community Meeting was established.

*Eric Amel* proposes that we move the Community Building Committee's proposed motion up in the agenda and link it to guest speaker *Ashley Zapata's* presentation as it relates to the Jackson Project motion. With this modification *Amel* makes a motion to approve the Agenda. *Susan Larson Fleming* seconds. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 2. Announcements and Updates

- A. **Special Election: Candidate Introductions.** *Eric Amel* introduces the five candidates running for the PPA Board of Directors Special Election. Each candidate is invited to introduce themselves and share some highlights from their profile. A sixth candidate, *Dan Cross*, nominated himself from the floor.

Candidates' profiles were available in the PPA newsletter, on the PPA website and PPelist and are here:

[https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/bd853b5c-aa78-f0a2-32d2-aa2c08008b36/Copy\\_of\\_Copy\\_of\\_2021\\_Special\\_Board\\_Election\\_Candidate\\_Profiles\\_5\\_.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/bd853b5c-aa78-f0a2-32d2-aa2c08008b36/Copy_of_Copy_of_2021_Special_Board_Election_Candidate_Profiles_5_.pdf)

The online ballot was published in PPA's newsletter and the PPelist and has been open for voting since September 22. Community members can vote until the election closes on September 29, 2021.

*Eric Amel* adds that we will hold officer elections at PPA's next regular meeting in October. Those positions will be effective until June 2022 when we hold officer elections again after the Annual Board Election's new date in May 2022.

- B. Jackson Memorial Project.** *Ashley Zapata*, Pratt PTO President, presented a slideshow on the Jackson Memorial Project. Pratt PTO and PPA's Community Building Committee are collaborating on the project.

Excerpt from Ashley's presentation on the history of the Jackson family:

"In 1908, Madison and Amy Woods Jackson moved into the Prospect Park neighborhood with their three young daughters, Marvel, Helen, and Zelma. The Jacksons were the first African American Family to move into the all-White neighborhood. At this time, only 2,700 Black people lived in Minneapolis. Their daughters were the first African American children to attend Pratt Community School. Sometime after they moved in, the Jackson family was subject to discrimination, harassment, and daily threats trying to get them to leave the neighborhood. One such threat came during a demonstration in which Madison Jackson was told "Your children will not have anybody to play with." As a concerned father, he considered this and decided to build a playground in their backyard that was open to all of the children in the neighborhood. And the children did come and play, with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts. The Jackson Family lived in Prospect Park for 20 years, until the time of the father's death."

The Jackson Memorial Project is an opportunity to impact the community through engagement, education, connection and dialogue.

**Proposed Motion:** PPA board will partner with the Pratt PTO board in urging the Minneapolis Public Schools to rename the playground at Pratt School after the Jackson family, and to create a memorial of the Jackson family at the playground. Further, we recommend that PPA match the Pratt PTO contribution by allocating \$10,000 for project design work from PPA's "Prospect Park Forward" funds.

Motion seconded by *Joe Ring*.

A roll call vote was held: Aye—13 (*David Frank, Susan Larson-Fleming, Britt Howell, Eric Amel, Jenna Hoge, Ben Tutbill, Amy Kaminsky, Laura Preuss, Lynn Von Korff, Rachel Coffin, Simone Hendrix, Joe Ring, Jeff Barnhart*) Nay—0. Abstained—0. Motion carries.

- C. Ward 2 Candidate Forum Date & Flyer.** *Lynn Von Korff* updated the attendees on the forum date change to October 7, 2021, 7-8:30pm. The forum is co-sponsored by League of Women Voters MN (LWVMN), Cedar-Riverside Community Council, Longfellow Community Council, Prospect Park Association and SE Como Improvement Association. It will be streamed live on the LWVMN Facebook page and on Cable Channel 6 in the metro area.

### 3. Organizational Business.

- A. **Environment Committee Report.** *Mary Britton*, Environment Committee Chair, announced that the committee is canceling the Fall Clean Up event scheduled for October 9, 2021 due to concerns of the Covid/Delta variant. PPA will publish alternative resources in the next newsletter.

*Mary* brings forth the following motion in regard to the Environment Committee's budget.

**Proposed Motion:** On September 14th, the Environment Committee voted unanimously to allocate another \$500 for event help/flier distribution so that we can respond to opportunities if needed. We are asking the board to approve this budget change.

Motion seconded by *Lynn Von Korff*. A voice vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

- B. **Transportation and Safety Report.** *Evan Roberts*, Transportation and Safety Committee Chair, introduces the letter to MNDot regarding the I-94 redesign. The letter asks for the rethinking of how the highway functions. To date, the following organizations have endorsed the I-94 letter: Cedar Riverside Community Council, Union Park District Council, ISAI AH, The Alliance, Sierra Club North Star Chapter, MN350, TakeAction MN, Seward Neighborhood Group, Seward Redesign, Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition, St. Anthony Park Community Council, Our Streets Minneapolis, Neighborhoods First!, Move Minnesota, Midtown Greenway Coalition, Cedar Riverside Community Council and Union Park District Council.

**Proposed Motion:** PPA supports the ideas expressed in the attached letter and authorizes PPA to become a signatory.

Motion seconded by *Amy Kaminsky*. A roll call vote was held: Aye —13 (*David Frank, Susan Larson-Fleming, Britt Howell, Eric Amel, Jenna Hoge, Ben Tutbill, Amy Kaminsky, Laura Preuss, Lynn Von Korff, Rachel Coffin, Simone Hendrix, Joe Ring, Jeff Barnhart*) Nay—0. Abstained—0. Motion carries.

*Jeff Barnhart*, Prospect Park Business Association Representative and Board member, has been spearheading a Neighborhood Crime and Safety task force to address the increase in crime in the neighborhood. Multiple business owners in the community have reached out to him with their concerns. He has distributed cards in the neighborhood with the task force contact info that encourage community members to submit crime incident data.

*Britt Howell*, Board member, gives the contact information for the new 2nd Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist, Rashid Ali, telephone: 612-673-2874, and Crime Prevention Manager, Jose Velez email: [Jose.velez@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Jose.velez@minneapolismn.gov).

- C. **Ward 2 Update.** Councilmember, *Cam Gordon*, joins the meeting and presents the Ward 2 September Report. The full report can be read here:

[https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/926a5361-020e-54bf-732a-dd35935c2e4a/Report to Prospect Park 9 27 21.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/926a5361-020e-54bf-732a-dd35935c2e4a/Report%20to%20Prospect%20Park%209%2027%2021.pdf)

**D. Land Use Report.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, presents the motion on behalf of the Land Use Committee regarding the proposed purchase of land and transload operation in the vicinity of Surly, Malcolm Yards and O'Shaughnessy Brewing.

**Proposed Motion:** Approve "Ag Commodities" letter to Council Member Cam Gordon.

Motion seconded by *Susan Larson-Fleming*. A roll call vote was held: Aye—12 (*David Frank, Susan Larson-Fleming, Britt Howell, Eric Amel, Jenna Hoge, Amy Kaminsky, Laura Preuss, Lynn Von Korff, Rachel Coffin, Simone Hendrix, Joe Ring, Jeff Barnhart*). Nay—0. Abstained—1 (*Ben Tutbill*). Motion carries.

**E. Finance and Admin Report.** *Lynn Von Korff*, PPA's Treasurer, brings the following motions to the board members.

**Proposed Motion:** To approve the 2021 PPA Conflict of Interest and Ethics policy and annual certification form.

The motion is seconded by *Amy Kaminsky*. A voice vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

*Lynn Von Korff* explains the context of the next motion. A draft Equitable Engagement Plan was due September 1, 2021. NCR is reviewing the plan and will give their feedback. It was a required document. If PPA had not turned it in, PPA would not be able to request or receive the Neighborhood Network Funds or Equitable Engagement funds. We are eligible for \$15,000 of Neighborhood Network funds, which is the base funding that all the neighborhood organizations receive, and PPA is eligible for up to \$3,100 Equitable Engagement funds. This is a dramatic decrease in available funding from the City. We used to get \$64,000 annually of the CPP funds. The Neighborhood Network grant application is due October 15, 2021

**Proposed Motion:** PPA Board approves the PPA's Neighborhood Network grant application.

The motion is seconded by *Susan Larson-Fleming*. A voice vote was taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

*Susan Larson-Fleming*, Board member, presents the third Finance and Admin motion. *Lynn Von Korff* has been serving as Treasurer and Accountant. She is stepping back as Treasurer but has volunteered to continue with accountant duties and responsibilities. The document presented is a template to what those duties are.

**Proposed Motion:** The PPA Board approves the "PPA Volunteer Accountant Agreement" dated 9-27-21.

The motion is seconded by *Amy Kaminsky*. A voice vote was taken. Ayes—12, Abstain—1 (*Lynn Von Korff*). Motion carries.

#### 4. Other Business

- **Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes**

*Eric Amel* moved to approve the following minutes: Board/Community Meeting: July 26, 2021, Community Building: July 14, 2021, Community Building: August 18, 2021, Land Use: July 8, 2021, Land Use: September 9, 2021, Environment Committee: June 8, 2021, July 7, 2021 and August 9, 2021.

All in favor. The minutes are approved as distributed.

**5. Adjourn.** It was moved and seconded by many to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by *Liza Davitch*, PPA Staff

Respectfully submitted by *Amy Kaminsky*, PPA Board Member and Secretary