



PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting (Virtual): December 6, 2021 6:30pm

Board Members Present: David Frank, Lynn Von Korff, Susan Larson Fleming, John Wicks, Laura Preus, Jeff Barnhart, Eric Amel, Simone Hendrix, Mary Britton, Amy Kaminsky

Board Members Absent: Jenna Hoge, Ben Tuthill, Reed Coffin, Joe Ring, Jerry Stein

Community Members Present: Cam Gordon, Lupe Castillo, Florence Littman, Kathleen Davis, Lydia McAnerney, Jane Stockman, Aloida Zaragoza

Staff Present: Liza Davitch

1. **Call to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. A quorum for the Regular Community Meeting was established.

The Equitable Engagement Plan discussion was mistakenly put under Finance and Admin in the Agenda. *Eric Amel* proposes that we move the Equitable Engagement plan discussion to the first order of business. With this modification *Eric* makes a motion to approve the Agenda. *Amy Kaminsky* seconds. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Announcements

- A. **Equitable Engagement Plan.** *Lynn Von Korff*, announces that Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) officially approved PPA's Equitable Engagement plan. As a result PPA will remain recognized as a neighborhood organization and receive city funding for 2022. *Lynn* took on the work of writing the plan based on projects that were developed and approved by the PPA board. The plan was submitted to the City by the September 1, 2021 deadline. This plan is separate from the Equitable Engagement fund application. If PPA hadn't submitted this plan we would not be considered a neighborhood organization by the City. The goal of the plan is to lift up and serve underserved communities. PPA's Equitable Engagement fund application was also submitted and approved giving us \$3000 additional funds. The plan is available to read. It was published in the PPA November newsletter and sent out in the October Board packet.

Amy Kaminsky thanks *Lynn* for all her work and time writing the plan.

3. Organizational Business

B. NROC Revitalize Neighborhood Relations and Outreach Committee. *Mary Britton*, Environment Committee Chair, shares that the Environment committee is looking to pivot neighborhood resiliency and how it relates to climate change. One of the ways to do that is to build up our communications plan. PPA reaches less than 20% of the population through the electronic communications that we have now. A key proponent to the Environment Committee's Climate Action Plan is helping the neighborhood build up our resiliency.

Eric Amel asks if we want to revive the NROC committee to focus on communications as it relates to sustainability, adaptability and resilience. A welcome letter would be a first step and the Environment Committee is willing to take up this effort. *Mary Britton* and the Environment Committee wrote a draft welcome letter that was included in the board packet.

Amy Kaminsky suggests that we need an integrated approach to communications with representation from all committees. *Lynn Von Korff* reminds that any changes or additions to the Equitable Engagement Plan accepted by the City will need to be revised.

Proposed Motion: *Eric Amel* makes a motion that the Board of Directors charge the Environment Committee with communication and outreach initiatives for the neighborhood on behalf of the association. *John Wicks* seconds the motion.

A roll call vote was held: Aye—7 (*Eric Amel, John Wicks, Mary Britton, Laura Preus, Jeff Barnhart, Amy Kaminsky, Simone Hendrix*). Nay—0. Abstained—3 (*David Frank, Lynn Von Korff* and *Susan Larson-Fleming*). Motion passes.

C. Updates to PPA Communications Avenue Workbook. PPA staff and board members created this document that was included in the board packet for review. *Mary Britton* added specific tabs for rental units in Prospect Park.

Community member, *Aloida Zaragoza*, applauds *Mary Britton*'s work on the welcoming letter and the inclusion of Glendale and Luxton parent engagement.

D. Proposed Motion: Approval of a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" letter as a way of ensuring everyone feels welcome in Prospect Park, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Lynn Von Korff suggests that we don't edit the letter at the board level but move it to a committee level so that it can be discussed in a separate meeting for those who would like to make suggestions.

Proposed Motion: *Eric Amel* makes a motion to approve this model of the welcome letter. *Laura Preus* seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

E. Environment Committee Report. *Mary Britton*, Environment Committee chair, shares the presentation that she gave at the Climate Reality seminar on the Environment Committee's Climate Action Plan. It is available on youtube here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI DuNAaqaVs&t=1094s>

F. Community Building Committee Report. *Susan Larson-Fleming*, Community Building co-chair gives the Community Building Committee report. The renter's education curriculum that the committee has been working on should go live in January 2022. The committee is also working on organizing a commemoration for the 70th anniversary of Glendale. *Susan* shares news that Minneapolis Kids at Pratt School will be closing in January 2022.

G. Finance and Admin Committee Report. *Susan Larson-Fleming*, Treasurer, gives the Finance and Admin report.

Proposed Motion: The Finance and Administration will recommend proposals to address PPA's funding gap. All in favor. Motion passes.

The committee welcomes board input at the December meeting.

Approve three board policies. *Susan Larson-Fleming*, Treasurer, moves to approve the ADA, Language Access and Whistleblower policies. *Lynn Von Korff* seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Proposed Motion: *Eric Amel* proposes that the board formally approve the Equitable Engagement Plan. *Mary Britton* seconds the motion. *John Wicks* abstains. Motion passes.

Mary Britton suggests that next year there be more input from all the committees before sending to the City for approval. *Lynn Von Korff* agrees that all committees need to understand what the City is asking for and give input. She strongly suggests that all committees read the requirements of the Equitable Engagement plan, attend the workshops that the City offers and participate in the process. The process of working on the 2023 document should begin now. It is due September 1, 2022.

4. Other Business

A. UDA (University District Alliance) Report. *Jeff Barnhart*, Board member and member of Prospect Park Business Association served on the UDA Bid Task force and shares the report that was included in the board packet. Crime and public safety and potential solutions was a predominant concern. General aesthetics of the neighborhood was also a topic. *Susan Larson-Fleming* talks about the Block by Block Ambassador program in Dinkytown to address some of the issues.

Lynn Von Korff thanks *Jeff Barnhart* for his work and commitment serving on the task force.

B. University of Minnesota Campus Plan. *Susan Larson-Fleming* shares some of the highlights of the U of M Campus Plan powerpoint presentation. One part of the plan that could affect Prospect Park residents is the intention to move the University Hospital to the eastern edge of the campus at East River Road and Huron. It will be voted on December 16 by the regents for final approval.

C. Action Item: Form Board Election Nominating Committee. *David Frank*, Board member, brings up the need to form an Election Nominating Committee. In accordance with PPA Bylaws, the committee should form six months in advance of the election. The committee would start discussion on how PPA is going to recruit board members for the

May 2022 election. *David Frank* and *Eric Amel* are willing to serve on the committee . PPA needs at least three members to form a committee and is looking for at least one additional member.

Proposed Motion: *Eric Amel* moves to form the Election Nomination committee. *Amy Kaminsky* seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

D. Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

Eric Amel moves to approve the following minutes: Community Building: October 7 & November 14, 2021, Land Use: October 14, 2021, Transportation and Safety, September 21 & October 20, 2021, Finance & Admin: November 9, 2021

All in favor. The minutes are approved as distributed.

5. Ward 2 Update. Council member, *Cam Gordon*, joins the meeting and presents the Ward 2 December Report.

[https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/d7e4ec4e-6cc3-ef4e-0048-d89c673bd8ac/Council Member Cam Gordon s Report to Prospect Park. December 2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501/files/d7e4ec4e-6cc3-ef4e-0048-d89c673bd8ac/Council_Member_Cam_Gordon_s_Report_to_Prospect_Park_December_2021.pdf)

Cam has been working on increasing neighborhood organization funding. He was able to bring a motion forward that was unanimously approved for neighborhood organizations to receive \$20,000 in funding next year. This is an additional \$5,000 to what was previously approved.

Ward 2 election results have been finalized. Cam came in third place.

Eric Amel opens up a sharing of gratitude to Cam. Multiple board and community members express appreciation and gratitude for his participation in PPA board meetings on a monthly basis, his support and advocacy of PPA initiatives, his outreach and relationship building, his accessibility and welcoming, his presence at PPA activities and events and much more.

Eric Amel makes a motion that Prospect Park Association owes Cam Gordon a debt of gratitude for sixteen years of representation as a Council member for Ward 2 to the city of Minneapolis. *Susan Larson-Fleming* seconds. All in favor.

6. Adjourn. *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. *John Wicks* seconds. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by *Liza Davitch*, PPA Staff

Respectfully submitted by *David Frank*, PPA Board Member and Secretary