



PPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting (Virtual): August 22, 2022 6:30pm

Board Members Present: David Frank, Lynn Von Korff,, Laura Preus, Jeff Barnhart, Eric Amel, Dan Cross, Britt Howell, Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Reed Coffin, Amy Kaminsky, Jeff Barnhart, Jane Stockman, Ben Tuthill

Board Members Absent: Jenna Hoge

Community Members Present: Lupe Castillo, Vera Marshall, Mary Britton, CM Robin Wonsley, Kenneth Kaminsky

Staff Present: Liza Davitch

1. **Call to Order.** *Eric Amel*, PPA President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and reviewed the agenda with the attendees. *David Frank* moves to approve the agenda. All in Favor. A quorum for the board meeting was established.

Eric proposes that we add to the agenda a discussion about having future board/community meetings in person or hybrid. The discussion will be added to the agenda in Other Business. All in favor.

2. Announcements/Updates

Ward 2 Update. *Council Member Robin Wonsley* gives an update on Ward 2.

Mayor Frey has shared his draft budget proposal for 2023-2024. An item Ward 2 is very excited about is the municipal snow and ice removal initiative. The initial price tag was about \$6 million. They are in conversation with Public Works infrastructure and council leaders and will host meetings for the public to attend and engage in conversation on the options.

The Public Safety budget is being completely overhauled. Mayor Frey has created an Office of Community Safety which will include Fire, MPD, Office of Emergency Management, neighborhood safety and the mental health response program. Within the new Office of Community Safety the MPD budget will be boosted from about \$200 million to almost \$400 million with additional funds for the consent decree.

Ward 2 and NCR will also host an open space for constituents to share reactions to the proposals and amendments and provide feedback on any potential gaps. These sessions will be in the first week of October.

More details on the budget and other issues will be in the Ward 2 September newsletter.

An additional update is Ward 2 will be bringing forward a vote to give Glendale Townhomes historical preservation. Her office is excited to work with PPA on this.

3. Organizational Business

Proposed Motion: PPA's Board of Directors adopts new bylaws (draft is dated 6-7-22). Note: Two-thirds of board members must be present and vote "yes" to adopt new bylaws.

The bylaws needed to be revised to comply with MN non-profit law state statute 317A and with NCR city contracts and the Neighborhoods 2020 grant program. *Lynn Von Korff* presents the motion. *Amy Kaminsky* seconds the motion.

A roll call vote was held: Aye—13 (*David Frank, Susan Larson-Fleming, Britt Howell, Eric Amel, Ben Tuthill, Amy Kaminsky, Laura Preuss, Lynn Von Korff, Reed Coffin, David Cross, Jeff Barnhart, Jerry Stein, Jane Stockman*). Nay—0. Abstained—0. Motion carries.

Gratitude was expressed to *Lynn* for her work on the bylaws and to *Amy* and *David* for their input and contributions.

Environment Committee Report. *Mary Britton*, Environment Committee chair, shares recent energy consumption results from Centerpoint Energy. PPA neighborhood use is down by 6.5%. *Mary* thanks everyone who made steps toward energy reduction. The committee will celebrate the results on September 10 at her house. Participants are invited to be part of a group photo sharing the individual ways they made changes with signs.

- **Proposed Motion:** Approve the \$500 Wells Fargo donation to the Environment Committee to be earmarked for projects that would bolster the resiliency of the natural world in Prospect Park. Possible examples: Water tree bags to be loaned out, tree or bushes in front of the post office, gardening tools for Glendale residents, etc.

Lynn Von Korff seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Land Use Committee Report. *Eric Amel* gives an update on the last Land Use committee meeting.

There is a development group that is looking to build a five story building at 2725 University Ave (the U Garden site) that will be geared toward student housing with about 100 units. There was some pushback from the community and the committee will create a task force to look at the planning further.

There was an update on the Schneider Drug site at 3400 University Ave. The property has been turned over to another owner who will update the property with retail on the first level and work on the housing units above.

Another update was the property at 61 Bedford, a small utility building which has a pending sale right now.

Lastly, the developer of the Profile Center site at 2630 University recently received clearance from the City to go ahead with their housing development.

Community Building Committee Report. *Jerry Stein*, Community Building co-chair, announces that *Kaaha Kaahiye* has left her position with PPA. The committee will present her with a goodbye gift to celebrate her contributions.

The committee did some review and editing with *Liza* on the Renter's page on the PPA website and the electronic welcome packet that she is creating.

The Jackson Project designs are completed and fundraising continues. They need to get a final green light from Minneapolis Public Schools as the playground is on their property.

Finance and Admin Committee Report. *Lynn Von Korff* reminds the board committees that their Equitable Engagement plan is due by September 1. We have to combine them and send the plan to NCR.

Lynn is working with Finance and Admin committee members *Britt* and *Jane* on exploring the possibility of switching PPA banking to First Independence Bank.

They also met on the issue of the City's funding to PPA dropping by an additional \$10,000 next year. In September they will vote on what the game plan will be to address the decrease.

PPA needs to submit our 2021 financial reports to the state of MN. *Lynn* prepared the report and will submit it to the NCR subcontractor who prepares our IRS990.

Proposed Motion: Approve PPA's 2021 MN Charitable Annual Report and IRS990.
Jeff Barnhart seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

4. Other Business

A. Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

Eric Amel moves to approve the following minutes: Board/Community Meeting: July, 25 2022, Land Use: July 14, 2022. All in favor. The minutes are approved as distributed.

B. Added item. Discuss PPA Moving to In-Person or Hybrid Meetings.

PPA has a contract with PPUMC that would allow us to hold board meetings there on the 4th Mondays. PPA would need to give them advance notice and follow their Covid rules.

PPA joined SECIA on a joint GNF grant application to purchase equipment for hybrid meetings. GNF has not yet announced the grant recipients.

Jeff proposes that if we meet in person, we do not have hybrid meetings because of the awkwardness of the hybrid format. There is agreement with other board members as well.

Eric proposes that we have a hybrid meeting test at a committee level first. The idea of having the meetings at Luxton Community Center instead of PPUMC was also raised. *Britt* offered to look into it with the Luxton director.

5. Adjourn. *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. *Lynn Von Korff* 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

