



Prospect Park Board of Directors/Community Meeting: June 23, 2025, 6:30pm.

Board Members Present: David Frank, Gabrielle Metzger, Eric Amel, Ian Gorodisher, Arthur Herbert, Steve Brackett, Jule Gorodisher, Donna Schneider, Ryan Woldt, Stuart Levesque.

Community Members Present: Lynn Von Korff, Susan Larson-Fleming, Vera Marshall, Joe Ring, Celeste Robinson

Staff: Liza Davitch

Call Committee Meeting to Order: Eric Amel called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. A quorum was present. Agenda proposed and approved unopposed.

Announcements/Updates:

Ward 2 Update: *Celeste Robinson* talked about the City Council's approval of an ordinance creating a Tourism Improvement District in Minneapolis that will help support our hospitality industry. She also gave an update on the public safety pilot programs that will replace the Consent Degree, and a snow removal program for seniors. **More information can be found in the Ward 2 archived June 6 and June 13 newsletter edition at** <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/city-council/members/ward-2/newsletters/>.

Other helpful links are:

Sidewalk snow and ice pilots: https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MPLS-3e5033e?wgt_ref=MPLS_WIDGET_64#link_9

Public safety response pilots: https://lms.minneapolismn.gov/Download/RCAV2/50612/Office-of-Community-Safety-Quarter-2-Update-Updated-June-10-2025.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Joe Ring and *Celeste* gave updates on the status of Glendale Townhomes historic district nomination.

Links with further information about Glendale nomination and history:

Ward 2 Council member Robin Wonsley's June 6th, 2025 Ward 2 newsletter:

https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/MPLS-3e3f27e?wgt_ref=MPLS_WIDGET_64#link_8

Ward 2 frequently asked questions:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn%3Aaaid%3Aasc%3AVA6C2%3Ad6f92264-a655-40ca-81d6-297b97a83d1f/?locale=en-US&filetype=application%2Fpdf&viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>

Commentary in Minneapolis Star Tribune:

<https://www.startribune.com/robin-wonsley-at-glendale-townhomes-we-can-protect-our-history-while-investing-in-our-future/601363175>

Prospect Park website on Glendale Townhomes:

<https://prospectparkmpls.org/neighborhood/areas/glendale.html>

Defend Glendale website on historic designation

<https://www.dgphc.org/historic-designation/>

Organizational Business

Welcome and seat PPA's eight newly elected board members: Ian Gorodisher, Jule Gorodisher, Arthur Herbert, Stuart Levesque (U of MN Student Representative), Gabrielle Metzger, Max Ostenso, Donna Schneider and Ryan Woldt.

Board Officer Elections.

Proposed Motion: *Steve Brackett* is elected as Secretary, *Gabrielle Metzger* is elected as Treasurer, *Ian*

Gorodisher and Britt Howell are elected as Co-Vice Presidents, *Eric Amel* will remain President. *Arthur Herbert* seconds the motion. All in favor.

Committee Reports

Tower Hill Park update. *Joe Ring* gave updates on the next steps of the Witch's Tower. *Celeste* suggests submitting questions to 311 to those who ask about the Tower. Stay tuned for Doors Open in May of 2026, hopefully the expected opening date event. *Steve Brackett* announces that they have partnered with "Surly Gives a Damn" for a Buckthorn removal event this coming Saturday from 10am- 12pm.

Transportation and Safety Report. *David Frank*, asks people to continue to pay attention to the MnDot and I-94 developments and various proposals set forth.

Jackson Family Project. Committee co-chair, *Susan Larson-Fleming*, proposes the following motion (also included in board packet):

Proposed Motion: Approve Jackson Project committee authority to approve contracts for the three Jackson Family Project 2025 projects:

Background: These project activities were approved as part of PPA's 2025 annual budget. Funding has been secured for these activities. For each contract, PPA will use our independent contract agreement form developed by Birken Law.

1. **Contractor:** Far on Foot. **Amount:** \$2,000. **Project:** website maintenance and upgrading. Basic enhancements will include a) adding access to materials such as photos, videos, and other historical primary and secondary documents and/or links to the new website and b) curating and maintaining the current site in keeping with its current structure and design. **Funding source secured: U of M Good Neighbor Fund and Equitable Engagement funds.**

2. **Contractor:** Far on Foot. **Amount:** \$4,500. **Project:** Create an introductory "story video" about the Jackson family, and the Jackson family project. The video will include footage and photos taken over the past 2 years by Far on Foot and other photographers blended with historical materials collected over the years. **Funding source secured: U of M Good Neighbor Fund and Equitable Engagement funds.**

3. **Contractor:** To be determined. **Amount:** \$1,500 each, total \$3,000. **Project:** design, build and install plaques in the yard of the former Jackson family house on Franklin Ave and yard of the former Simpson house on Melbourne.

Funding Source: Prospect Park Coop Legacy Funds and Equitable Engagement funds.

Ian Gorodisher seconds the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance and Admin Committee Report. *Lynn Von Korff* presented two motions.

Proposed Motion: Approve 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was amended to include hybrid meetings instead of virtual. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Brackett, Ian Gorodisher and Lynn Von Korff volunteered to plan the August board retreat.

Proposed motion: Approve new check signer. *Eric Amel* will remain a check signer. *Gabby Metzger* and *David Frank* will be added as approved signatories. *Steve Brackett* seconds the motion. All in favor

Board Document Review: PPA Policies and Orientation Documents: In advance of the meeting, PPA Board members and Committee Chairs received the following PPA orientation materials by email, including: 1) Summary of PPA Officer Election and Roles and Responsibilities, 2) PPA Bylaws, 3) Orientation to PPA Committee Process, 4a. & 4b) PPA 2023-2024 & 2025 Equitable Engagement Plan, 5) Fiduciary Responsibilities of Board Members and Committee Chairs, 6) Conflict of Interest Policy, 7) Conflict of Interest Annual Certification Form (must be signed by Board Members and Committee Chairs and returned to PPA staff), 8) City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR)

neighborhood organization requirements, 9) 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule, 10) PPA Board and Committee Chair Member Contact Info, and 11) PPA 2025 Annual Budget. PPA Board members were asked to read, sign and return the Conflict of Interest Annual Certification Form (document 7) to staff@prospectparkmpls.org. Board members also received a list of policy documents available on PPA's website at prospectparkmpls.org. Board members will receive the remaining policy document in September 2025.

Other Business

Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes

Eric Amel moves to approve the following minutes: Environment Committee Minutes, April, 15, 2025, PPA Board Minutes 1 of 2 Annual Report Presentation 5-12-25, PPA Board Minutes 2 of 2 Agenda and Minutes 5-12-25, PPA Board Minutes electronic vote 5-26-25, Transportation & Safety Committee, June 12, 2025.

Adjourn. *Eric Amel* motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by *Liza Davitch*, PPA Staff

Respectfully submitted by *Steve Bracket*, PPA Board Member and Secretary