

# PROSPECT PARK A S S O C I A T I O N



### **MEETINGS**

For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the <u>PPA</u> <u>Calendar</u>. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.

### **ABOUT PPA**

Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.

#### **Donate to PPA**

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. **Committee Meetings** 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200

**Environment Committee** Tuesday, May 29, 6:30pm

Livability Committee

**N'hood Relations & Outreach Committee** <u>Thursday, May 17, 6pm</u>

Planning and Land Use Committee Tuesday, May 15, 7pm Draft Agenda

Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, May 22, 7:30pm **Community Meetings** 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC

Community Meeting Monday May 21 6:30pm - 7:30pm TBD-Please see calendar

PPA Board Meeting Monday May 21 7:30pm - 8:30pm TBD-Please see calendar

Monday, May 14th, 7pm Management Council Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas

## Dear Neighbor,

As part of Prospect Park Association's duty to provide forums for neighborhood dialog, the Vermilion Task Force was chartered in January to evaluate the proposed redevelopment of the Art & Architecture building and ancillary properties. The task force is composed of residents from throughout Prospect Park and includes two small business owners who currently rent space in the buildings. The task force has held regular public meetings and taken extra steps to communicate as widely and transparently as possible.

The purpose of the neighborhood association's process is to balance communityapproved goals with the economic realities of redevelopment and market conditions. PPA is not a development corporation nor does it endorse developers, rather it seeks to secure the best possible project outcome for the broadest community benefit. This requires time, thoughtfulness, and diligence on the part of volunteers. The desired outcome will be a Memorandum of Understanding with the developer which compels them to provide amenities in exchange for PPA's support at the City Planning Commission. While PPA's voice is important, its role is advisory to the City.

I would like to thank the many volunteers and our staff person Jessica Buchberger for carrying the water on this highly visible effort. There has been some misinformation flowing in online forums both about the project and the dedicated PPA residents who are evaluating it. PPA is committed to making development reviews open and fair, everyone is invited to attend our meetings, and Jessica is committed to collecting and distributing information in a timely fashion.

In addition to the PPA monthly <u>newsletter</u>, you can also follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>. Contact <u>jessica@prospectparkmpls.org</u> to sign up for a more detailed newsletter specifically about the Vermilion project. Best Regards, Vince Netz, President, Prospect Park Association, 612-767-6531

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## Vermilion

Please join PPA, Vermilion Developers, BKV Group Architects and your neighbors at the Textile Center on Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30pm to review current plans, ask questions and get answers from the team that has been working hard on this project. You can see more and share this event on <u>Facebook</u>. If you are unable to attend, please review the latest <u>project plans</u> and send any comments or questions to <u>Jessica</u>.

## April River Clean Up moved: May 12

Please join us for Prospect Park's annual Earth Day clean up along the Mississippi River on Saturday, May 12th, rescheduled due to the snow fall. Meet at 8:30 am just east of the Franklin Avenue bridge for Dunn Brother's coffee and breakfast treats. The clean up will begin at 9 am and go until 11:15. Come anytime to help out. Gloves and plastic bags will be provided, but if you have a 5-gallon bucket please bring it along! Following the clean up, Papa John's is providing a pizza lunch for volunteers. All are welcome!

## **Prospect Park Mixer**

Many thanks to everyone who came to Hodges Bend on Tuesday, April 17th! I saw many new faces as well as familiar faces, and enjoyed meeting people from around Prospect Park. A special thank you to Hodges Bend owners and staff, who worked hard to serve the 60+ attendees!

## Ice Cream Social Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Ice Cream Social is fast approaching, and we need you to help make the event happen! The Pratt Parent-Teacher Organization, the Prospect Park Association, and Luxton Park are organizing the Annual Ice Cream Social for Friday, June 1st! This is the one day of year the Witch's Hat Water Tower is open to the public, and is the neighborhood's signature event. We welcome people from all over to see the beauty of our neighborhood and support local nonprofits with food, music, a silent auction by the PTO, carnival games, plant sales, and tables run by local nonprofits and businesses.

Volunteers are the key to this event happening every year! We have openings for food, games, ticket sales, Tower duty, set up, tear down, recycling management, flyer distribution, and more! Volunteer shifts are about an hour long, and you are more than welcome to sign up for more than one shift. To sign up, email send your name, email address, phone number and desired volunteer area to staff@prospectparkmpls.org

## Many Thanks from SE Seniors

The 7th Annual *Celebrate Southeast with a Taste of Southeast*, Southeast Seniors signature fund raising event was a great success. Great food donated by generous local restaurants, a diversity of items in the silent auction donated by neighbors and organizations, and wonderful weather made the day great fun. Funds raised will help support this small non-profit organization that helps seniors live well at home.

### **PPA Documents**

### **Committee Reports/Minutes**

Management Council (<u>March</u>) Neighborhood Relations & Outreach Committee (<u>March</u>) Land Use Committee (<u>March</u>) <u>Articles of Incorporation</u> <u>MOU with GB Group</u>

Prospect Park Association  $\cdot$  2828 University Ave SE  $\cdot$  Suite 200  $\cdot$  Minneapolis, MN 55414  $\cdot$  USA PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

**Donate Today** Our mailing address is: <u>staff@prospectparkmpls.org</u>

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