

Meeting Notes from NROC Meeting on May 17th 2018 at PPA Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Members Present: Richard Adams, John Cushing, Jessica Buchberger, Andy Mickel, Johnathan Schuster, Serafina Scheel (arrived later), Dan Cross

Members Absent: Brendan Lafranchi, Meredith Poppele, Lydia McAnerney, Claire Haskell, Megan Olson

Ice Cream Social Update:

- Jessica reported on her recruitment of volunteers for the event, and the fact that she's leaving the meeting at 6:30 to attend a special meeting to plan the event.
- She has compiled a master volunteer list, and created a draft poster for promotion..
- A grant is pending from the PP Coop Legacy Fund to make a donation to a UofM fraternity that is supplying 6 volunteers for 10 hours (from setup to teardown) to staff the food serving. We will know by this weekend.
- Phil Anderson is taking over from Tony Garmers at the Tower gatekeeper.
- Fresh Thyme is donating ice cream; Ron Lischeid is bring hot dogs and corn on the cob. Other local food will include the customary donations from U Garden and others.
- The idea to have vegan options via a Food Truck is problematic because we need to guarantee a minimum amount of sales.
- Coco Banks is coordinating Information tables by all groups (such as SE Seniors and specific PPA committees e.g. Environment and Transportation (for which Dan Cross is intensely interested in staffing), and live music will shift to the park itself which should engage those folks standing in line to go up the Tower.

Discussion brought possibility of bringing dry ice periodically throughout the event to insure the ice cream does not melt, and who can staff a Community Table for the Neighborhood (per John Cushing) instead of simply one for PPA. Jessica also suggested we supply water at the Tower—an idea that was successful for Prospect Park 2020 last year. Dan Cross has new 2040 transportation information that should attract a lot of interest.

Website Updating Access:

- Andy and Johnathan clarified that unless we get free webhosting, our focus should be on making website update user interface much more accessible as discussed at the last meeting.
- Johnathan's research into the final 2 hosting options yielded no new options: essentially all options are roughly equivalent to the present hosting service.
- Andy reported that he's been able to give 1-day turnaround the past 6 weeks on updates,
- Andy responded to Richard's question that adding subdomains (such as <http://archives.prospectparkmpls.org>) to be hosted for free at Google is a good idea and could be integrated into the website with mere links.

Discussion included Andy's getting clarity from Bill Dobbs of Animuse about the delivery date (promised 6 months two months ago) as well as capabilities and documentation for the new updating interface. Andy mentioned that as an interim solution we could resurrect the separate blogspot pages for each

committee that existed in the old website to enable PPA Committee Chairs to post using a word processing interface. Johnathan stated that it's better for now to wait for the new interface from Bill Dobbs.

Hodges Bend Event:

- Discussion deferred as Claire wasn't at the Meeting
- Jessica will see if there's any new information

Minneapolis Foundation Proposal:

- Serafina joined the meeting at 6:40 and reported that our grant application was rejected by the Minneapolis Foundation as they are looking for different organizations to fund (such as cultural communities, voter education and recruitment).

PPA Board Member Recruitment and Absentee Ballot Process:

- Serifina presented a detailed, 1-page *2018 PPA Board Election Calendar* with entries from March 15 to October 1. Announcement for seeking board candidates will be at the Community Meeting Monday May 21st. Links will be included to the PPA sections of the neighborhood website that describe Board Member qualifications, duties and responsibilities. She will post this document and sent out on
- Serifina also presented a detailed 1-page document describing the procedure for *Absentee Voting for Prospect Park Board of Directors*. Included are Application Deadline, Deadline for Ballot Return, Spoiled and Replacement Ballots.

Discussion included 1) including the call for candidates in the next PPA Newsletter, 2) making some copies for the Ice Cream Social Neighborhood Information Table, and 3) the pros and cons of the length and deadline of the absentee voting period (Sept 17 – Sept 24) that serves to work against nominations from the floor at the annual Neighborhood-Fest.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm

Next Meeting:

- June 21st at 6pm is confirmed

Respectfully submitted by Andy Mickel, 2018-05-17. Note: my gratitude to Brendan Lafranchi for providing detailed notes from April's meeting and providing a template for these notes!