



PPA Management Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting: December 3, 2018, 7:00pm

Prospect Park Association Offices, 2828 University Avenue SE

Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Noël Gordon, Jr.*
3. *Lynn Von Korff*
4. *Laura Preus*
5. *Lydia McAnerney*

1. **Welcome.** *Eric Amel*, PPA Secretary and meeting convener, distributed draft agendas for the upcoming community meeting and board of directors meeting on December 10, 2018. This served as the framework for agenda-setting by the group.
2. **Community Meeting.** This month's community meeting will focus on Minneapolis park planning impacting the neighborhood. Presenters are arranged for East of the River Park Master Plan and Mississippi Gorge Regional Park Master Plan.
 - A. **Community Meeting Themes and Impact.** The Bylaws require the board to sponsor a Monthly Neighborhood Meeting in a town hall format. The group discussed ways to make this meeting more flexible and impactful. Note as an item for Bylaws review.
 - B. **Snack.** The Bylaws do not require snack. The annual snack list proctored by PPA member *Tamara Johnson* is expired. *Noël Gordon, Jr.* advocated strongly to continue the hospitality of providing refreshments for PPA Community Meetings. *Noël* kindly volunteers to facilitate snack at this next meeting and bring a sign-up list. A "snack baton" idea was hatched to indicate that it would be the responsibility of the last snack provider to hand off to the next.
 - C. **Community Announcements.** Also added to the agenda, *Lynn Von Korff* suggested a piece on transition of the board, and PPA staff replacement. A announcement on community workshops for the Visus Development will be made if news is available. *Laura Preus* will reach out to our Visus contact.
3. **Board of Directors Meeting.** The regular December Board of Directors meeting has a broad agenda to reboot Association business. *Eric Amel* encouraged the group to review the draft agenda to shed weight.

- A. **Election of Officers.** The first organizational business is to elect officers, which was postponed by a board vote at the October 22, 2018 meeting. A volunteer slate of officer candidates AND a call for nominations from the floor will be offered. The slate will be:
- *Eric Amel*, PPA President
 - *Noël Gordon, Jr.*, PPA Vice President
 - *Laura Preus*, PPA Secretary
 - *Lynn Von Korff*, PPA Treasurer
- In the event of additional nominations, a paper ballot election will take place and be counted.
- B. **Bylaws Amendment.** The pending Bylaws amendments, postponed twice at the board for lack of community notice, were reviewed to be properly announced to the membership via the October PPA newsletter. In short, the amendments eliminate attendance at prior meetings to run for the board and modify quorum to be 50 percent plus one of seated directors.
- C. **Treasurers Report.** *Lynn Von Korff* will focus on the immediate need to submit the annual CPP report mostly compiled by *Jessica Buchburger*. A motion will be presented to allocate \$500 to hire a grant-writer to complete the report.
- D. **PPA Staffing.** *Noël Gordon, Jr.* will lead a report on the staffing plan developed by the PPA Staffing Task Force. *Noël* and *Lynn* advocate ending the work of the first task force with the recommendation to the board to search and select an Office and Volunteer Coordinator. A newly formed task force will carry out that process. *Lynn* volunteers to continue with the Search and Selection Task Force. A second newly formed task force will continue with part two of the first staffing task force determination that work should be done toward the goal of identifying an Executive Director position. *Noël* stresses that there be Management Council representation on that task force. The Search and Selection Task Force should be identified at the board meeting, and the Executive Director Task Force can be tabled.
- E. **PPA Livability Committee & PPA Neighborhood Relations & Outreach Committee Merger.** There was consensus to push ahead with a vote by the board to direct the merger of PPA Livability and PPA Neighborhood Relations & Outreach Committees that both committees have proposed in a joint meeting.
- F. **Minneapolis 2040 CM Gordon Amendment Letter.** The resolution passed at the end of the November 13, 2018 Land Use Committee approving and supporting *Councilmember Cam Gordon's* amendments to the Minneapolis 2040 plan regarding proactive strategies to conserve views to and from historic landmarks will be presented to the board for ratification. *Laura* will forward the resolution materials for the packet.
- G. **Grievance Facilitation.** On-going facilitation process to be an update with reference to November 13, 2018 minutes taken by *John Wicks*, and notes taken by Community Mediation and Restorative Services (received December 4, 2018). Reference will also be made to MOU Task Force meeting to be held December 4, 2018.
- H. **MOU Task Force Update.** See above. Detail on this update will fall in place after tomorrow's meeting.
- I. **PPA Representatives to University District Alliance.** Referendum to the board to re-appoint representation to keep PPA at the table with the University through a reorganization process intended to take place in early 2019. One representative is needed, two is typical. Charter UDA board member *Dick Gilyard* will continue. *Eric Amel*, also officially on the UDA board, and *Vince Netz* have both covered the other available seat.
- J. **Board Vision Setting: What We are Excited About.** The group talked briefly about new initiatives: visionary business beyond organization business. Both *Noël* and *Lynn* expressed excitement at the prospect of good community work that could be sparked by the

Association. We decided to introduce the topic and propose to the board that the February 2019 Community Meeting be devoted to vision ideation by our neighbors.

- K. **Committee Evaluation Updates.** Last year's committee evaluation materials need to be found in the files and assessed prior to board review and approval. We decided to table until January 2019 to organize the materials.
- L. **Board Training Update.** Board training had been presumed to take place at the December 10, 2018. *Lydia* indicated that City of Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations staff such as *Ariah Fine* are swamped with the Neighborhoods 2020 planning. We decided to propose to the board that the training be scheduled as the focus of the January 2019 Community Meeting, thereby opening the training to the broader community.
- 4. **Newsletter.** *Lydia* quickly reviewed the material she has gathered for the December newsletter which will be issued Wednesday to provide proper 5-day meeting notice. *Eric* will provide revise community meeting and board meeting agendas. *Eric* will also review and send any approved board documents that should be attached. (Review shows that all approved documents are released as of the November newsletter since there was no November board meeting.)
- 5. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.