



Prospect Park Association (PPA) Board Meeting

February 24, 2020

Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE

Board of Directors Present:

1. *Eric Amel*
2. *Jeffrey Barnhart*
3. *Devan Blanchard*
4. *Becca Cowin*
5. *David Frank*
6. *Britt Howell*
7. *Laura Preus*
8. *Joe Ring*
9. *Robert Roscoe*
10. *Lynn Von Korff*
11. *John Wicks*

Board of Directors Absent:

1. *Will Watkins*
2. *Amy Kaminski*
3. *Susan Larson-Fleming*
4. *U of M Student Representative (TBD)*

Community Members Present for Community Meeting (and possibly part of Board Meeting):

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| 1. <i>Christine Nelson</i> | 12. <i>Kyle Orcholski</i> |
| 2. <i>Peggy Rejito</i> | 13. <i>Joyce Linman</i> |
| 3. <i>Jerry Purple</i> | 14. <i>Samantha Messina</i> |
| 4. <i>Lupe Castillo</i> | 15. <i>Jay Benedict</i> |
| 5. <i>Ami Naff</i> | 16. <i>Mary Britton</i> |
| 6. <i>Ben Tuthill</i> | 17. <i>Matthew Messin</i> |
| 7. <i>Sam Smith</i> | 18. <i>Julie Mackenzie</i> |
| 8. <i>Judy Bevern</i> | 19. <i>Rob Nordin</i> |
| 9. <i>Nancy Kosciolk</i> | 20. <i>Brooke Magid Hart</i> |
| 10. <i>Betsy Snyder</i> | 21. <i>Sean Hart</i> |
| 11. <i>Anne Sechter</i> | 22. <i>Tom Kilton</i> |

Draft Minutes.

Meeting called to order at 7:57 pm

There was a quorum.

Board members introduced themselves and welcomed newly-elected board member, Sammie Messina.

1. Review Consent Agenda: Reports & Minutes.

PPA Board Meeting: January 27, 2020

PPA Community Meeting: January 27, 2020

PPA Community Building Committee: January 17, 2020

PPA Environment Committee: January 28, 2020

PPA Finance and Administration Meeting: January 17, 2020

PPA Land Use Committee: January 9, 2020

PPA Transportation and Safety: January 21, 2020, February 18, 2020

Motion: Lynn Von Korff made a motion to approve the consent agenda (including minor changes made by Laura Preus to the January Community and Board meeting minutes). Joe Ring seconded. Motion passed.

Additions to the regular agenda: Pratt PTO wants to do a Paint the Pavement event, with PPA as a partner. Lynn requested this be added to the end of the agenda. Discussion about reaffirming the historic designation of Glendale Townhomes was also a requested addition to the agenda.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to approve the edited agenda with additional items described above. Laura seconded. Motion approved.

- 2. Glendale Parking:** Parking issues at Glendale and subsequent Glendale resident meetings prompted PPA to write a letter affirming the desires of Glendale residents regarding critical parking.

Motion: Jeff Barnhart made a motion to support the Glendale Critical Parking letter. Lynn seconded. Motion passed.

- 3. We Count Committee:** Britt Howell spoke about the census count committee, utilizing funding for outreach events, and partnering with nearby neighborhood associations. The U of M has some FAQ documents that might be helpful. Devan Blanchard, Lynn Von Korff, Amy Kaminski, and Britt Howell have volunteered to be the We Count Committee.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to create a “We Count Committee” for PPA. Britt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. UDA Board Appointees.** Jeff introduced the University District Alliance and proposed that one of the two UDA Board seats is filled by PPA Board’s appointed business representative. It would provide continuity for whoever PPA Board’s business representative is in future. John Wicks noted that PPA hasn’t heard much from UDA and PPA may not have much clarity on the work that UDA has done. There was some discussion about how to improve general awareness and understanding of roles.

Motion: Joe voted to table the UDA appointment topic until we could learn more for the next board meeting. David Frank seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: John made a motion requesting that Lynn will do some research on PPA representation at UDA and provide some information at the next meeting. Laura seconded. Jeff noted that this is about continuity for PPA on UDA’s board, not the business representative on UDA’s board. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Tenants’ rights project:** Community Building Committee is working on a tenants’ rights project for Prospect Park residents who rent. It was noted that this has been previously

discussed and is well supported. At least 21-day notice was provided to the community in advance of a proposed community vote. The proposed motions and a proposed Tenants' Right project description were included in the PPA board packet for 1/27/20 and 2/24/20.

John made a motion, below, to approve the NRP Tenants' Rights Project Priority. Laura seconded.

Motion: "To create a new NRP priority 'Tenants' Rights Project' to educate renters in the wider Prospect Park community on their rights and to connect them with resources available should their rights be violated. This priority will include research and data collection, events, student and community meetings, focus-groups, and workshops, collaboration, and the creation of resource materials.

Motion passed unanimously.

Lynn made a motion, below, to allocate funding to the new NRP for the Tenants' Rights Project priority. Devan seconded.

Motion: The PPA board approves reallocating \$15,000 from the existing NRP phase 2 "housing" priority ("loans/grant, 1A-C.1A-C) to the new Tenants' Rights priority.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Lease renewal.** PPA's office lease ends May 31, 2020. The Finance Committee recommends that we extend the lease term for 18 more months. The neighborhood funding structure will change under Neighborhoods 2020 though, and PPA may have a much smaller base budget in future. There are many considerations, but taking the full picture into account, the recommendation is to support this lease renewal.

Motion: Lynn made a motion to support the lease renewal. Joe seconded. Jeff abstained. Motion passed.

- 7. Staffing update:** Jan Nelson will lead the process to hire an interim/temporary (3-month) staff person, who will work for 10 hours per week. Jan will report to the board, and will recruit intentionally from communities of color. Jan has decades of supervisory and hiring experience.

Motion: Eric made a motion to go forward with the proposal to hire an interim staff person. John seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Vermillion appeal:** The developer brought forward an altered project to PPA in 2019. There was a Land Use meeting in September 2019 with about 100 people to discuss the changes. Several motions passed that were affirmed by the PPA Board. Eric and Laura met with Cam Gordon to share what was heard in the community meeting. They also met with the developer, but were told that it was not possible to implement the primary community desires from the September PPA Land Use meeting into the final design. At the February Land Use meeting, a motion was passed to file an appeal to the City

Planning Commission decision. That appeal was already submitted to the City by PPA, because of the timing requirement for filing an appeal.

Motion: Laura made a motion to support the intentions and interests of the September 10, 2019, motions and that PPA supports filing an appeal of the decision of the Minneapolis Planning Commission related to the new Wallis/Vermillion development project. Joe seconded. John abstained. Motion passed.

- 9. Paint the Pavement:** Pratt School PTO would like to partner with PPA to apply for a Paint the Pavement grant, creating public art on the street outside of Pratt. This is often used as a traffic calming tactic, and the painting will be a community building event.

Motion: Lynn made a motion that PPA endorse the Paint The Pavement project. David seconded. Motion passed.

- 10. Glendale support reaffirmation.** All agreed that the original support for Glendale historic designation was still supported by PPA. As a result, no further motions were needed.

- 11. The Next board meeting** will be March 23. It will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:30. It will combine the Board and Community Meetings. This will be a trial meeting, to see if a combined agenda will work for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm

Written by Nellie Jerome and reviewed by Laura Preus.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Preus, PPA Secretary.