

## **Minutes of the Prospect Park Association Environment Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

**Location:** Conference Room, Prospect Park Association Offices

### **In Attendance:**

Carrie Christensen (MPRB)  
Chris Pratt (PPCG)  
Del Hampton (PPA Env Cmte, PPCG)  
Gib Alstand (PPCG)  
Jennifer Michlitsch (PPA Env Cmte, PPCG)  
John Slack (Perkins +Will)  
Julie Wallace (PPA Env Cmte)  
Kathleen Davis (PPA Env Cmte, PPCG)  
Mary Selke (Surly, PPCG)  
Mo Convery (Perkins+Will)  
Neal Gusek (Prospect Park Properties)  
Ron Inkala (PPCG)  
Stephen Klimek (Towerside)  
Steve Zimmer (PPA Env Cmte, MPRB)  
Tom Kilton (PPA Env Cmte)  
Vera Marshall (PPCG)

**Chair:** Del Hampton

**Recorder:** Kathleen Davis

### **Introductions**

#### **Update on Activities**

The committee thanked Tom Stilton for his incredible work on Earth Day clean up. Tom reported all went well with 100 volunteers participating.

#### **New Business**

Carrie Christensen, Minneapolis Park Board, and John Slack and Carrie Fish, Perkins and Will, attended the meeting to solicit community feedback on the planning of the proposed Towerside Park. Carrie began by explaining how the current home of the Prospect Park Community Garden located at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE will become the newest Minneapolis park when the design work is completed. The initial design concept was developed by the

community and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) as part of the East of the River Master Plan approved by MPRB March 2019. Towerside Park community engagement schedule:

[http://users.usinternet.com/dhampton/ppcg/community\\_engagement\\_calendar.pdf](http://users.usinternet.com/dhampton/ppcg/community_engagement_calendar.pdf)

Carrie and the planners requested community feedback on several issues including how much of the overall park space should be apportioned to each planned element of the park, the general character of the park, materials to be used, naming of the park and how the park will be programmed and used. Towerside Park community engagement presentation:

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Carrie stated that one of the goals of this park is to maintain the community garden that presently exists. Issues discussed at the meeting included the type and location of a shade structure, integration of the park into larger park district planning, playgrounds, shade, signage, art, tables and benches, public space location, access to water and electricity, fencing, pathway surface, garbage collection and general maintenance concerns. Also discussed was how to accommodate the Harvest Festival and other public events. Following receipt of feedback from committee members and attendees, Carrie and the planners requested that meeting participants complete the Towerside Park community engagement tool.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00. Next PPA Environment Committee meeting date is May 28, 2019.

**Next PPA Environment Committee meeting April 23, 2019**