

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

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

2828 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

## **In Attendance:**

- Kathleen Davis
- Jennie Michlitsch
- Mary Britton
- Tom Kilton
- Del Hampton
- Devon Blanchard
- Ken Hampton

## **Meeting Topics**

### **Introductions**

#### **Convene & Take Group Photo**

#### **Update on Towerside Park/ Handoff of any other topics Del Hampton**

Del discussed history of Towerside Park and reported that a purchase agreement between the Minneapolis Park Board and present owner of the property will be signed in the coming week. Money to purchase land is from Parkland Dedication Fees. Construction of the park, including community garden spaces, will hopefully begin in early August.

The Environment Committee gave Del a card thanking him for his tireless work on the committee as chair and member. As Del retires from committee chair and Mary Britton assumes the position, Del welcomed any questions about the committee work.

#### **Update on Adopt A Drain and NNO Jenny and Kathleen**

Eighty of the 733 storm drains in Prospect Park have been adopted in the last few years. The group discussed how to increase adoption. Jenny and Kathleen will make a pitch at their respective NNO gatherings and do some stenciling of drains in the area. Clearing the drains is very important since 30% of pollution in this area comes from storm drains. Mary suggested use of a thermometer on the website and setting a goal for this year.

#### **Proposed Changes to the Website Mary and Kathleen**

Picture of group was taken. Mary is redesigning the PPA Environment Committee website to make it more accessible and informative. She asked for and received permission to list member names on website. She hopes to recruit more members for the committee.

## **Update on Neighborhood, clean sweep Tom Kilton**

Tom Kilton reported that Clean Sweep will have two new components, picking up litter and cleaning up storm drains. He will need more volunteers to assist with litter and storm drains in Prospect Park on Saturday, October 12th. Information about the event and request for volunteers will be on the PPA website.

## **Wrap Up**

- **Next Steps**
  - Submit photo of committee to Andy to change website
  - Adopt a Drain – bring awareness to NNO – Kathleen and Jenny
- **Next PPA Environment Committee Date: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

## **Adjourn**