

Minutes of the Prospect Park Association Environment Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

2828 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

In Attendance:

- Mary Britton
- Vera Marshall
- Tom Kilton
- Ken Hampton
- Jenny Mitschlitsch
- Robin Schow
- Dana Swanson
- Nate Swanson
- Steve Zimmer

Meeting Topics

Introductions

Dana and Nate are new to the environmental committee. They live at Sydney Place. Dana's studying urban and regional planning.

PPA Community Building Initiative: Community Outreach – Susan Larson-Fleming

Susan gave an overview of the new community outreach initiative that she and Jerry Stein are co-leading. PPA realized that there needs to be better connections between the various organizations within Prospect Park. They are working with the Pratt School Council, MPHA, ESNS, U of M Off Campus Services, Luxton Park, MN Students' Association and Defend Glendale. They have received NRP funding and approved a racial equity proposal.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO) – Mary K. Britton

I visited the MWMO on Friday, September 20th and met with their outreach team. They are very interested in the Adopt A Drain initiative that Jenny and Kathleen are spearheading. They have offered to have a table at upcoming neighborhood events to share more about MWMO's mission. Contact names: Dr. Udai Singh, Brittney Faust, Abby Moore (Community Outreach)

Update on Neighborhood Cleanup, Clean Sweep & Litter Be Gone – Tom Kilton

Scheduled for October 12th. City hasn't given instructions on what to do with litter picked up. On-line signup is for 8 people who will be cleaning up the streets as part of clean sweep. Need another 22 people to show up for the regular neighborhood cleanup. Jenny to post an event on Facebook to publicize.

Mary – having a cleanup on October 5th on Williams Avenue to take care of overgrown trees. Will leave cut shrubbery for October 12th cleanup.

Ongoing Changes to the Website - Mary/Robin

Robin has gathered information from city on recycling. Future information could include how to minimize food waste as well. Glendale food shelf and food shelf at Prospect Park gardens on Arthur were mentioned as places that would take donations.

Website still need works. It can't be updated until Andy is back in town, which is some time in October.

Wrap Up

- **Next Steps**
- **Next PPA Environment Committee Date: October 22nd, 6:30 pm**

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