

Environment Committee Minutes

Location: Google Meeting video

Present: Mary Britton, Kathleen Davis, Lydia McAnerney, Eric Amel, Jennie Michlitsch, Eric DuBord and Clyde Cutting

Date: March 24, 2020

Building neighborhood resiliency

Part of the Climate Action Plan approved by the PPA Board in January is to build neighborhood resiliency. Because of the corona virus pandemic, we are shifting our focus to that right now. On Monday, March 23rd, the PPA board approved the Prospect Park Covid-19 Task Force and the development of a new webpage on the website for their use.

Immediate need in the face of corona virus

The Committee agreed that neighborhood resiliency means community action. Mary Britton wants to use the committee to reach out to the community to determine immediate needs and getting information and assistance to those in need.

Questionnaire's going forward

To assist in this analysis, the committee is working on a questionnaire. The proposal is to send this questionnaire to all homeowners, tenants and students who live in the PP community. The questionnaire could be designed to provide immediate information on resources. Also when community needs are determined, Lydia believes a core of volunteers can be solicited to call responders to try to direct them to services. Mary indicated a task force has been formed to work on the questionnaire and the committee's website which includes Mary, Sara, Peter and Lydia.

Discussion on what resiliency means to everyone

Although there will be no large group volunteer efforts work on environmental issues in the near future, the group discussed encouraging neighbors to take on individual efforts to improve the environment including clearing of storm drains, picking up trash, seed exchanges and younger folks helping seniors to garden.

Virtual Earth Day Clean Up

Lydia McAnerney will be organizing an Virtual Earth Day cleanup for April 4th – 18th to take the place of the annual Earth Day cleanup.