

Environment Committee Minutes

Location: Google Meeting video

Present: Mary Britton, Kathleen Davis, Lydia McEnerney

Date: April 28, 2020

Topics

Updating the Climate Action Plan to pivot focus to neighborhood resiliency and adaptability

Mary posed the question whether the committee should pivot to focus on neighborhood resiliency and adaptability in light of the pandemic crisis. She discussed her thoughts on the meaning. She pointed out that there seems to be a disconnect among the different parts of the neighborhood. Although 9000 people live in the community, only 1000 persons are on the PPA email list. Responses include consideration of how quickly can our community respond to a crisis; the importance of a robust communication plan so that all in our community can connect; the vital importance of our community being inclusive of all its members, homeowners, renters, and students; and the importance of taking care of our most vulnerable neighbors. We agreed to try to determine the general location of folks who signed up for assistance on the website to determine the needs of the community.

COVID 19 Task Force Update

Lydia and Mary

The website is completed and running. There have been 346 visits to the site. Prospect Park residents are encouraged to visit the site. The link is <https://prospectparkmpls.org/neighbor-support.html>. At the site, neighbors can request assistance by completing the request for help form. Volunteers will review the request and match the person up with a volunteer who can refill your request. The person who has offered to assist will contact you in 24 hours. Lydia suggested a reminder in the newsletter to tell neighbors about the link.

Earth Day Cleanup

Since Earth Day was cancelled, Lydia spearheaded a project to encourage folks to pick up letter and report back by sending a photo. Three people sent in pictures and others participated but did not report their progress. Six Chinook Coupon Books will be given out as thank you gifts.

Pollinator Garden Promotion (Pollinator Week is June 22-28)

Pollinator Garden Map

Modified Garden Walk (need volunteers to help coordinate)

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