

PPA Environment Committee Meeting Agenda –

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:30 - 8 pm

Zoom Meeting

Attending: Mary Britton, Lydia McAnerny, Kathleen Davis, Jennie Michlitsch, James Reinardy and Robin Garwood (from Cam Gordan's office.)

Mary noted that March is Women's History Month, with a shout out to the many women environmentalists who have led the battle to climate change and environmental degradation.

Meeting Topics

New Intern from Venture Mary

The committee will have an intern from Venture Academy to work on various upcoming sponsored events. Her name is Edith Reis and she will help design flyers for Earth Day Clean Up.

Rain Garden Update Mary, Lydia

Mary would like committee members to like and flag any notices from our committee on Next Door and Facebook. The committee is still awaiting decisions on its MWMO grant applications as well as grant requests to the U of M and the Legacy grant from PPA. An initial site consultation will take place soon.

Earth Day 2021 Lydia, Mary

Lydia reported on the details of Earth Day 2021 event sponsored and organized by members of the environment committee. She is encouraging participation by all PPA residents with the focus on getting the neighborhood ready for summer. The overall timeframe will be April 10–April 24, 2021, with the kickoff on April 10th (9 to noon) at four locations (along East River Parkway, Luxton Park, the new park on 4th Street and Tower Hill Park.) Interested persons can sign up online or at one of the four sites where supplies will be distributed. The goal is to choose a street or park to clean up and also to focus on clearing off any storm drains that are clogged with debris. Sports bottles are available to all who register and participants are encouraged to report back to coordinators with

amount of debris collected along with pictures. Prizes will be awarded. Committee members are encouraged to “like” event notices and share them to encourage participation. It is hoped that Surly will participate. Flyers will be printed and distributed. Mary noted that the flyer will indicate that this event is sponsored by the Prospect Park Association.

--25% by 25 –Current Stats Mary

4 Energy audits have been done so far

Garden Walk/Home Energy Walk Lydia, Mary

Mary reported that she had presented information about the 25% by 25 initiative to the garden club. The garden club agreed to combine its garden walk in June with a home energy walk with owners with energy efficient or saving improvements participating in the event. Mary would like to emphasize visiting homes that have increased their insulation or equipped their homes with alternative energy sources like solar energy. Other options include people with hybrid cars, tank less heaters, geothermal heating and furnaces with zoned heating.

Announcements for the next PPA Newsletter

- Rain Garden Update
- Energy initiative
- Earth Day Clean-Up

Next Meeting – Tuesday,
April 13th

