

PPA Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
6:30 - 8 pm

Present: Mary Britton, Kathleen Davis, Lydia McEnerney, Steve Zimmer

1. Approval of Enhanced Duties of PPA Environment Committee

Mary noted that at the last PPA Board meeting, the PPA Board approved language charging the Environment Committee with communication initiatives for the neighborhood on behalf of PPA. Mary also reported that the PPA board approved the language in the welcome letter and the sending of the welcome letter from the Environment Committee. The welcome letter will be given to apartment managers on 4th Street to be given to new residents as well as sent to new residents of Pillars and Glendale.

1.a. Possible change of committee name to “Environment and Neighborhood Resiliency Committee”

In light of climate change and its impact on the neighborhood, Mary proposes that the Environment Committee change its name to Environment and Neighborhood Resiliency Committee. This name change will recognize the efforts that the neighborhood will need to take to withstand the impacts of global warming. Mary moved that the name be changed and Kathleen seconded the motion. The vote to approve the name change was unanimous.

2. Budget

Mary proposed the 2022 Environment Committee budget which must be sent to PPA Treasurer by December 16. The Committee ends 2021 with a balance of \$2087 with the anticipation of another \$2000 from Wells Fargo next year. With this balance, Mary has informed Lynn at PPA that the committee will cover the fall cleanup in 2022 in light of PPA reduction of funding. The budget anticipates Earth Day Cleanup Prizes of \$125-200 (five gift cards); Fall Cleanup-\$500; PPA Table Banner-\$100; Events and Promotions-\$500 (can help with events or their promotions or food for the event); Spring Rain Garden Tour-\$300 (have \$300 for food from GNF/Still need \$200-\$300 for Spring bike tours). The total is \$1525-\$1600. The list of events that the Environment Committee sponsors or participates in include Fire and Ice, Earth Day, Door Open, Garden Walk, National Night Out, Luxton Jazz Fest and the Fall Harvest. Following a motion to adopt the budget by

Mary and seconded by Steve, the budget was approved by unanimous vote of the committee members.

3. Pollinator Friendly Plantings by MDOT Bob Sykora

Bob was not present at meeting so there was not update.

4. CenterPoint Energy Grant Mary

Mary is considering applying for this grant and asks folks to review the process and criteria. The deadline is March 8, 2022. She has thoughts on how to build neighborhood resiliency that may meet the grant criteria that she will share in a later meeting.

6. Recognition of Roger Schmitz

Mary noted that Roger Schmitz, a long time resident of Prospect Park, was always a fervent supporter of the initiatives of the Environment Committee and was the first person to donate to the Environment Committee. She wishes to acknowledge his gentle and powerful spirit. Roger died on December 11, 2021.