



February 2021 Newsletter

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GET INVOLVED!

Environment Committee
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:30pm

Community Building Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 4pm

Renter's Sub-Committee
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6pm

Land Use and Planning Committee
Thursday, February 11, 2021, 7pm

Management Council Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021, 4pm

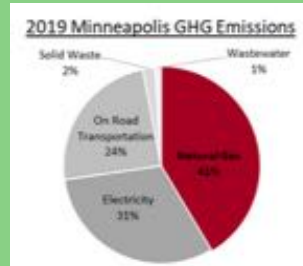
Transportation and Safety Committee
Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7pm

PPA Board/Community Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2021, 6:30pm

Announcing PPA Environment Committee's Home Energy Initiative - 25% by 2025

The goal: To reduce natural gas use in residential homes 25% by 2025.

Natural gas is the leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions in Minneapolis. The average house in Prospect Park uses almost 25% more than the state average.



Visit our website at <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html> for more information about this initiative.

Join us on **Saturday, February 13th at 10 am** for a presentation by **MNCEE (Minnesota Center for Energy and the Environment)** on what you can do to insulate your home better and bring down your carbon footprint.

Please register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnEhegjkM0_6LAc7dBBhtJCfUn-W8zWpIrp9YpYsdDpcCs_A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628.

Saving energy can make your home more comfortable



It takes a lot of energy to keep our homes comfortable during Minneapolis's famously chilly winters. However, homes that look similar may need very different amounts of energy to maintain this comfort. That difference is measurable — it represents the energy efficiency of a home.

For almost a year, the City has been assessing the energy use of houses on the market and has compiled thousands of home efficiency scores. Because many Minneapolis homes are older, the average city score is 70 out of 100.

Curious about how you can stay more comfortable by saving energy? Contact an Energy Advisor from the local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment. Energy Advisors are a free, no-pressure service to help answer home energy questions, identify available rebates and financing, and provide connections to quality contractors.

Improving a home's energy efficiency has multiple benefits:

- improved year-round comfort;
- better indoor air quality;
- lower energy bills; and
- reduced environmental impact.

Call 651-328-6225 to speak with an Energy Advisor or visit mncee.org/tish for more information.

Energy Advisors are a service from the local nonprofit [Center for Energy and Environment](#) in partnership with CenterPoint Energy and the City of Minneapolis.

Who keeps us safe? We do!

Our five-week lecture series on the roles of police and community in our collective safety has just concluded, but the conversation continues.

We're so grateful to everyone who attended and participated - thank you for bringing your thoughts, your questions, and your big dreams for the future.

We're especially grateful to our presenters:

- Sheila Nezhad from [MPD150](#) introduced us to the [history of policing](#). She encouraged us to think about the places where we most often see police and whether they're needed there.
- Erin Sikkink and April Graves from the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention filled us in on some of the [City's efforts to prevent violence](#) from happening in the first place with community-focused approaches. They shared a range of protective interventions, from youth outreach programs to bedside hospital support for victims of violence in an effort to stop the cycle.
- Ash Narayanan from [Our Streets](#) pointed to the disproportionate harm that conventional street design and traffic enforcement models cause to communities of color. He explored the general ineffectiveness of traffic enforcement, and described changes that could keep us all safer from cars.
- Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke from the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) offered a window into their neighborhood's conversations on safety. They offered a model for weighing your own personal comfort level when making decisions around when or whether to call the police, as well as identifying and sharing alternative resources.
- Finally, Lex Horan from Reclaim the Block brought the idea of [restorative justice](#) into the conversation, and worked with us to brainstorm creative ways to respond to and prevent harm - both things we can do now with the resources we already have, and things we may need more resources to develop.

Overall, the discussions made clear that there are many people in this neighborhood who care deeply about everyone's well-being, and are invested in each other's real and perceived safety. If you ever feel unsafe, know that there is someone nearby who wants to help.

You can find a recording of our conversation with Sheila Nezhad [on YouTube](#). The rest of the session recordings will be posted soon!

If you have feedback, questions, or would like to be involved in future anti-racism organizing in the neighborhood, you can email us at ppantiracism@gmail.com

Renters' Subcommittee February Meeting

Are you a resident renter in Prospect Park? Are you having trouble with your rental unit and looking for some strategies to reclaim control of the place you call home? Are you looking for neighborhood community and solidarity? No matter what your answer is to any of these questions, we'd love to join the Prospect Park Renters' Subcommittee's **February meeting on 2/10 at 6pm**. Topics on our mind include: TOPA; rent control; renters' education; mutual aid in Prospect Park; radiators!

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/aTjzsCaiziJmqKF88>

PPA Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting

PPA Board/Community Meeting, all community members welcome!

Next meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

PPA Board/Community Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the October 26 Board meeting:

December 7 2020 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

December 10, 2020 [Land Use Committee](#)

December 15, 2020 [Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions](#)

December 30, 2020 [Design Standards Land Use Task Force](#)

January 6 & 9, 2021 [Community Building Committee Minutes](#)

January 7, 2021 [Finance and Administration](#)

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom. To register or for more information, contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseeniors.org and provide your name, phone number and email. Registration will close 4 hours prior to the start of the program to ensure that all participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class.

The Fascinating Life of Hallie Q. Brown. Wednesday, February 10th. 1:30 - 2:30 pm



Hallie Q. Brown was an author, educator, and equal rights activist in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Her legacy continues through the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in St. Paul by providing critical human services, promoting personal growth, and developing community leadership. In honor of Black History month, we'll explore the life and work of this amazing leader and her impact on America.

As Executive Director of the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Jonathan Palmer leads a team fulfilling the mission to improve the quality of life in our community by providing access to critical human services, fostering and promoting personal growth, and developing community leadership.

Active senior programs including the Magnificent Golden Agers and the Retired Men's Club. Jonathan also serves on several Civic Boards and Community Advisory Committees. He has been recognized by the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County for his leadership toward the community.

Southeast Lunch Brunch: Winter Sunlight Watercolor. Wednesday, February 17th, 12:00 - 1:30 pm



Whether or not you consider yourself an artist, try your hand at painting a beautiful winter scene with step-by-step guidance from instructor Megan Dolezal. We'll focus on painting a winter sunset scene, with sunlight streaming through the trees. A basic supply package will be provided and delivered prior to our gathering.

Megan Dolezal has a BA in studio art and has been painting in watercolor for over 15 years. Megan enjoys encouraging her students, getting excited by the progress they make, and then celebrating their accomplishments some more (painting is very exciting to her). She loves painting outside and can be found sitting around the parks of Minneapolis.

- Betsy Snyder, Executive Director, Southeast Senior

Click here to read Councilmember Cam Gordon's January Newsletter



Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative Small Grant Program Request for Proposals

CURA's Artist Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (ANPI) provides small grants to artists of color and Native artists working in neighborhoods in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs. ANPI grants recognize the valuable role that artists and the arts play in the work of fostering neighborhood wellbeing, and are intended to support the leadership of artists in these efforts. This grant program is particularly focused on directly funding individual artists or groups of artists working to build a more equitable Twin Cities.

CURA is now accepting proposals for one-year support of artist driven projects.

The goals of the program are to identify and support compelling projects that support neighborhood wellbeing that artists have developed in response to their community's specific challenges and opportunities.

- Projects must demonstrate a clear commitment to a neighborhood or place, as shown by the relationship between that place's community and the project's development process and focus.
- The request for proposals is open to individual artists of color and Native artists, or artist teams led by an artist of color or Native artist.
- The project is rooted in a specific geographic area, and there is a strong relationship between the place, the people who have connections there, and the art-making. We recognize that colonialism and white supremacy have disconnected people from place and that cultural communities may be dispersed, and we invite artists to draw the connections between the issue or opportunity, the community, the particular place where the project will happen, and the project itself.
- There is a partnership component to realizing the project. This could be between an artist and an organization or business, or two or more artists working together, or some combination. Organizations may not apply, although they may partner with an artist or artist team who is leading the project.
- We have a total of \$30,000 in grant dollars for 2021, with maximum grant awards of \$15,000/project.
- These funds are designated for one-time project support, and must be spent within one year. We estimate that selected projects will receive funds in early/mid June 2021.

Deadlines

1. Applications are accepted until 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 7, 2021.
2. Final decisions will be made by the end of April 2021.

Questions and Info Sessions

For any questions please contact CURA staff:

- [C Terrence Anderson](#), 612-624-8988
- [Kristen Murray](#), 612-625-7560

Information sessions will be held on Zoom on Friday, Feb 12, 1-2 pm and Tuesday, Feb 16, 5-6 pm.

[Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 947 0672 3335

One tap mobile: +16513728299,,94706723335#

Each info session is identical and will include a short, informal presentation with an overview of ANPI goals and guidelines, and then offer time for ask questions.

[Find complete guidelines, additional information and the application instructions on the CURA website](#)

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

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**Free Covid-19 Testing
Hennepin County**

**Hennepin County COVID-19
Resource List**

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms.

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff
- Thank you!

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