



PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS	Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200	Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC
	<p><u>Tuesday March 8, 7pm</u> Zoning and Project Review <i>*rescheduled from 3/1</i></p> <p><u>Monday March 14, 6:30pm</u> Executive Committee</p> <p><u>Thursday March 17</u> MemComm 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Monday April 4</u> Historic District Committee 5pm</p>	<p>Monday March 28 Social time at 6pm Meeting at 6:30pm</p> <p>PPA Board of Directors Meeting to follow</p> <p>ABOUT PPA The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><u>Donate to PPA</u></p>

Spring in the Park

Hey Neighbors,

I hope you enjoyed the lovely weekend weather! It was a nice reminder that spring is just around the corner, and with that comes one of the neighborhood's busiest times of year. We have the dates for the biggest events put on in Prospect Park that you should add to your calendar! The first is for the Taste of Southeast, which is Southeast Seniors' Annual Fundraiser, on Saturday, April 23rd. The second is the Prospect Park Association's Annual Meeting on Monday, April 25th. We will once again be at the Profile Event Center to gather as a neighborhood and elect half of the Board of Directors. The third is the Annual Pratt Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 3rd.

There are so many ways to get involved in neighborhood activities. Volunteering for the Prospect Park Association, or any group that helps the Prospect Park community, is easy and fun. We appreciate all the neighbors that dedicate time or donate financially to the neighborhood.

Happy Spring,

Jessica

PPA Community Engagement Coordinator

Join the Board of Directors

One of the best ways to volunteer is on the PPA Board of Directors. Elections are on Monday, April 25th. The Board ensures that PPA is doing what is best for the neighborhood by bringing their opinions and thoughts as well their neighbors'. It is

really rewarding, especially when a project comes to fruition. To run for the PPA Board email the Chair of this year's Nominating Committee, [John Orrison](#). He can tell you more about the importance of serving as a Board member.

NRP Plan Modification Notice

The Prospect Park Association Board of Directors will be voting to modify the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) Phase II Strategy funding in order to be able to use it for administrative costs and general operating funds for the organization. The 2005 [Phase II Strategies for Prospect Park](#) have either been completed, phased out, or there are not enough funds left to complete the project goals. Please contact [Jessica](#) with any questions or comments. This vote will take place on Monday, March 28th at the Board meeting.

Bylaws Listening Sessions

PPA has a set of draft bylaws it would like your feedback on! The Bylaws Task Force has been working hard to update the bylaws to reflect the organization's values, and would like neighborhood feedback on the document. You can voice your opinion and thoughts on the document at a listening session on either Wednesday, March 2 at 6pm or Saturday, March 5 at 1pm. Both sessions will be held at the PPA office, 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite 200. Free parking is available on the east side of the building. [You can read the draft bylaws in a .pdf document here.](#)

Important Notice

A motion will be presented at the March 2016 PPA Board of Directors Meeting that would move the 2016 Annual Meeting from April to September and extend the terms of the current Officers and Directors accordingly. This will be an action on this item only and WILL NOT be a consideration of any other aspect of the proposed by-laws

changes. This motion will be proposed to align our business calendar with the City's fiscal year and to give us, as an organization, more time to bring our by-laws into compliance with CPP guidelines and to solicit residents' input on that process.

Pratt Ice Cream Social

Save the date for the Pratt annual Ice Cream Social scheduled for Friday, June 3, 5:30-8:30 pm. Come meet your neighbors and friends and enjoy music, food, games, and Pratt Community School performances. The historic “Witch’s Hat” Tower will be open to the public beginning at 5:00 p.m. for a spectacular view of the city skyline. The event will also include the Prospect Park Garden Club plant sale, the Pratt PTO Silent Auction, and more. Volunteer recruitment will begin soon—watch for a notice. Co-sponsored by Pratt School PTO, the Pratt Ice Cream Social Planning Committee, and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Luxton Park.

Call [612-668-1100](tel:612-668-1100) for more information.

Community Connections Conference

The Neighborhood Community Relations Department (NCR) of Minneapolis is planning their 4th Annual Community Connections Conference for Saturday, April 2nd. This conference is free and open to the public. Exhibitions and interactive sessions bring people together to learn how to engage and connect in meaningful ways with their neighbors and local government.

This year's conference will also be the kick-off for Minneapolis 2040, a three-year planning process for the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Minneapolis 2040 will be the City’s twenty-year vision to direct the logical and coordinated physical development of the city into the future. Learn about the Comprehensive Plan process and participate in discussions on the big ideas for the direction of the city on such topics as growth, equity, resiliency, economic competitiveness, and civic technology. [Register for the conference here.](#)

Prepare + Prosper Tax Services

At the February 22nd community meeting we heard from Prepare + Prosper, a non-profit group that helps low-income families file their taxes and offers other financial services. If you are interested in learning more about their work or are interested in volunteering with them in the future, [please visit their website](#).

Prospect Park T-Shirts Available

These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office. Contact Jessica for office hours. Sizes XS, S, M, and L are still available.

PPA Minutes and Reports

Click on the link to view. January/February Committee reports are still pending approval.

- [PPA Board of Directors Minutes November 2015](#)
- [PPA Code of Ethics Policy, passed February 22, 2016](#)
- [PPA Conflict of Interest Policy, passed February 22, 2016](#)
- [DRAFT Bylaws Revision](#)

PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (6127-67-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

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