Park Place – Underhill Avenue Block Association Monthly Meeting

Approved Minutes
5/20/2026

Attendees:
Phyllis Brody
Frances Caroll
Gerry Caroll
Sharon Combs
Jill Frasier
Adrian Gately
Den Gordon
Marc Gordon
Indigo K
Robin Ketchum
Bruce McInnes
Diana Regan
Ed Regan
Rick Roth
Teddy Theoharis
Koreen Valtierra
Stacey Weinstein

The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom on May 20th, 2026 at the home of Frances and Gerry Carroll. The meeting was called to order by Teddy Theoharis, President, at 7:35 p.m.. Teddy thanked Fran and Gerry for hosting the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report
The Nominating Committee was comprised of Robin Ketchum and Bruce McInnes. The slate of current officers was approved. Jill Frasier motioned and Koreen Valtierra seconded the motion: Teddy Theoharis, President, Joe Oswald and Peter Cobos as Vice-Presidents, Marc Gordon, Communications Officer, Stacey Weinstein, Treasurer and Den Gordon as Recording Secretary. Teddy thanked the members of the committee for their participation.

Plant Sale Report
Den Gordon reported that the Plant Sale generated over $1,060 despite the inclement weather.

Tree Planting Update
Den Gordon gave updates on the tree planting for the spring of 2026. Mitch Baron will follow up on 327 Park and potentially plant a tree at 329 in the fall; opposite 134 Underhill will be reviewed in the summer; and 355 Park records are unclear but will be followed up on. 417 Park Pl cannot be planted and at 296 Park Pl the stump cannot be removed because there are gas lines running underneath. The volunteer tree at 279 can be taken out by us after, we agreed, the owner is contacted. 144 and 153 Underhill cannot have trees planted because of proximity to the intersection and road signs. The group agreed we would contact Brooklyn DOT/Crystal Hudson's office.

Paper Crafting Social Event Scheduling
For the Paper Crafting project locations were discussed: Art Café, Acorn Craft Store, Ample Hills. Jill may be able to host depending on the number of attendees. Koreen and Jill will arrange to meet and discuss if it will be possible and a convenient date. It was agreed that a PPUABA member plus a guest could participate. Funds will come from the PPUABA treasury to buy supplies from Acorn Craft Store. The objective of the social event is to build community. It will be publicized once the details have been worked out.

Previous Meeting Minutes
A motion to waive reading of the April meeting minutes and to approve them as written was made. The minutes were approved, seconded, and unanimously approved.

New Business

1.Jill asked about James Forten Playground - it will be improved starting in 2028 as part of the AAMUP project.
2. NYC-approved garbage pails are required by June 1st. Stacey stated that there is a grace period.
3.Teddy noted there is a weekly flower CSA that distributes from the Art Bar and Café and we should publicize it.
4. It was agreed to reschedule the Block Party to Saturday, September 26th.
5. Teddy would like to publish a list annually of NOC volunteers and contributors.
6. Marc will publicize the Stoop Sale being held on June 6th in collaboration with 4 other neighborhood block associations using Craiglist, Facebook groups, flyers, Grand Army Gazette.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and participants went to 306 Park Place where Teddy led the dedication of a memorial plaque honoring Mary Dale Roth.