

# Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

02/16/2022

## Attendees:

Phyllis Brody	Michelle Hewryk	Diana Regan
Frances Caroll	Olexa Hewryk	Ed Regan
Sharon Combs	Robin Ketchum	Teddy Theoharis
Mary Dale	Charmaine Koskinen	Matt Weinstein
Jill Frasier	Eric Koskinen	Stacey Weinstein
Den Gordon	Ethan Mulligan	David Whitbeck
Marc Gordon	Terry Peacocke	

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Marc Gordon, co-president at 7:40 PM.

Robin Ketchum introduced a tour of the PPUABA website (ppuaba.org), presented by Marc Gordon. Features of the website, as demonstrated by Marc are:

the Calendar of Events, the Community Resources page, the Event Calendar, Profiles of Neighbors, Water and Sewer Replacement project, the PPUABA Yellow Pages featuring business owned and run by neighbors, and the sections for Nourishing our Community, Friends of James Forten Playground, Growing our Community (environmental activities), Halloween on our block, Meet your Neighbors events, Stoop Sales, Breaking News featuring neighbors in the news, Vanderbilt Open Streets, the Archives, PPUABA Grants, Join PPUABA, and the PPUABA Newsletter containing 10 years of PPUABA newsletters.

Marc asked for suggestions for additional web content and Ethan Mulligan mentioned that the Brooklyn Navy Yard would hold a panel discussion on Black trailblazers and Innovators at the Navy Yard on February 23, 2022 at 12:30 pm. He also recommended in-person tours at the Yard led by Turnstile Tours (info at <https://turnstiletours.com/category/brooklyn-navy-yard-tours>).

## Formation of Committees

- **2022 Block Party** Marc asked for volunteers to form a committee for the upcoming May Block Party and Plant Sale. Stacey Weinstein, Den Gordon, Marc Gordon, Eric Koskinen, Charmaine Koskinen and Jill Fraiser all volunteered. Al Bass will be asked to provide music.
- **2022 Grants Committee** Marc asked for volunteers to form a Grants Committee. Teddy Theoharis volunteered to chair the committee and Ethan Mulligan, Frances Caroll, and Sharon Combs will comprise the committee.

## Preventing and Combating Rat Infestation

Marc delivered a presentation, 'Facts about Rats, Prevention and Mitigation', which is available on the ppuaba.org website on the PPUABA Meeting Minutes page. In discussion following the presentation, it was decided to resurrect the "DRAT" committee which inspected properties on PPUABA blocks to identify conditions conducive to rat infestation and notified property owners. Bruce McInnes, Matt Weinstein, Ed Regan, and Gerry Caroll volunteered to be on the committee.

## PPUABA business items and announcements

The minutes for the January meeting were approved unanimously.

## New Business

A brief discussion on the status of the Underhill Avenue Open Streets was held.

## Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.