

Park Place – Underhill Avenue Block Association Monthly Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

9/16/2026

Attendees:

Phyllis Brody

Sharon Combs

Jill Frasier

Den Gordon

Marc Gordon

Zach Hammer

Robin Ketchum

Diana Regan

Ed Regan

Rick Roth

Teddy Theoharis

Stacey Weinstein

The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom on September 16th at the home of Robin and Peter Ketchum. The meeting was called to order by Teddy Theoharis, President, at 7:35 p.m. Teddy thanked Robin for hosting the meeting and welcomed Zach Hammer – a new attendee.

Planning for Block Party on Saturday, September 26

The block party was rescheduled because of inclement weather in the spring. Most arrangements are complete with a magician and face painter booked. The permit is still pending. Two grills have been secured but volunteers are still needed, particularly for the phone tree and late afternoon coverage. The group reached a consensus on using wooden stakes and not metal stakes for the tree bed sign activity.

Fall Clean Up on Sunday November 15th

The event will happen on Sunday November 15th so that the leaves can be delivered to PHCF for composting. Tools and paper bags (donated by Jo-Anne Simon's office) will be available at 302 Park Place.

Den gave updates on the tree planting. Mitch Baron is no longer working at NYC Parks Dept and will be sorely missed because he was a very passionate and honest support person. An email with the current requirements highlighted in the May meeting has been sent to his replacement, Vernon Zoeckler. The tree beds diagonally opposite on the corner of Park Place and Underhill will be planted with donated shrubs since road signs prohibit tree planting.

Alternate Side Parking pilot program update.

Marc spoke to Andrew Wright about the outcome of the pilot and compliance of cars moving had fallen from 71% to 62% during the pilot. Marc also contacted DSNY who had no information until conclusion of the pilot. The group discussed the effectiveness of the current street cleaning practices.

Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion to waive reading of the September meeting minutes and to approve them as written was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

New Business

1. Stacey discussed the need for tree guards to protect newly planted trees within PPUABA and proposed a less expensive way than iron guards. Stacey offered to look into funding options and contact Crystall Hudson's office about potential discretionary funding.
2. Den observed a DSNY employee giving tickets for garbage in black garbage bags and not in the official pails

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm for refreshments and socializing.