

# Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

05/18/2022

## Attendees:

Phyllis Brody	Marc Gordon	Teddy Theoharis
Frances Caroll	Michelle Hewryk	Patti Veconi
Sharon Combs	Ethan Mulligan	Stacey Weinstein
Mary Dale	Diana Regan	David Whitbeck
Jill Frasier	Ed Regan	Rick Roth
Den Gordon	Robin Ketchum	

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Marc Gordon, co-president at 7:38 PM.

## PPUABA business items and announcements

A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Den Gordon, seconded by Dee Regan and passed unanimously.

Marc reviewed upcoming events of interest to neighborhood.

- 5/19, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Open Streets Public Design Workshop on Underhill Avenue
- 5/21, 2:00pm-5:00pm, Open Streets Public Design Workshop on Vanderbilt Avenue
- 5/21 & 5/22, Noon-5:00pm Celebrate Design Spring Market at the Brooklyn Navy Yard
- 6/04, PPUABA multi-block stoop sales AND plant share. Publicity for this event will be organized closer to the date.

## Block Party Recap

Stacey Weinstein reported that all was ready for the Block Party and Plant Sale but the bad weather forced a cancellation on Saturday 5/7. PPUABA will attempt to reschedule the event in the fall, with a tentative date of 10/1.

Den Gordon, who organized the plant table said that all pre-orders were fulfilled and this netted a profit of approximately \$900, which is comparable to the net from last year. Therefore, financially, the event was a success.

Marc Gordon thanked the many neighbors who worked on the event including Stacey Weinstein, Den Gordon, Robin Ketchum, Charmaine and Eric Koskinen and Al Bass.

## Treasurer's Quarterly Report

Ed Regan first gave a recap of the finances of the Block Party and Plant Sale. The pre-ordered plants netted \$911, expenses (permit application, etc.) were \$208 and profit was \$703.

Ed moved on to the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. The treasury began the year with \$5,345 and ended the quarter with \$5,813. The Treasurer's Report may be found in the Meeting Minutes page of the PPUABA website (ppuaba.org).

## Featured Speaker – Ethan Mulligan – Implications of Court Rulings on NY Elections

Ethan Mulligan gave a talk about the current redistricting developments which has led to congressional incumbents such as Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney competing in the same new district. As a result of the 2020 census, New York state has lost one representative, from a total of 27 to 26. The map of districts had to be redrawn to reflect this loss. When redistricting is done the most important principal is to keep communities of interest together. The Independent Redistricting Committee, which was responsible for the new map, failed to finalize a map when they split 5 to 5 on partisan lines. This sent the new map to the state legislature to resolve. The map created by the legislature was subject to a successful lawsuit and a special master Jonathan Cervas,

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was appointed to revise to create a final map. His map has been published and is going through a short review period, ending 5/20, at which point it will become law.

Because of the delay there will be 2 primary days this year, 6/28 (for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller and NY state assembly seats) and 8/23 for the House of Representatives and the NY State Senate seats.

PPUABA members will be in 10<sup>th</sup> district which has no current incumbent and will be contested by many prominent NY politicians.

Teddy Theoharis added that the redistricting ripples through other parts of government which use the congressional lines for purposes such as providing social services and this will cause additional work and changes for NY state and city.

Ethan added that the NYC City Council will be redistricted next year.

More information is available at: <https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/>

### **Report from Nominating Committee and Election of PPUABA Officers for June 2022 – June 2023**

The nominating committee is composed of Bruce McInnes, Stacey Weinstein and Robin Ketchum

The slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year was read by Robin Ketchum, as chair Bruce McInnes was not at the meeting. The slate is:

- President: Patti Veconi
- Co Vice Presidents: Ethan Mulligan and Teddy Theoharis
- Recording Secretary: Mary Dale
- Corresponding Secretary: Den Gordon
- Treasurer: Ed Regan

Nominations from the floor were solicited but none were made.

The slate was elected unanimously.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.