

Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

1/18/2023

Attendees:

Chloe Abercrombie	Den Gordon	Ed Regan
Ed Archer	Marc Gordon	Teddy Theoharis
Al Bass	Robin Ketchum	Gib Veconi
Phyllis Brody	Bruce McInnes	Patti Veconi
Mary Dale	Danae Oratowski	Stacey Weinstein
Jill Frasier	Diana Regan	

The meeting was held on January 18th 2023, in-person at the home of Patti and Gib Veconi and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Patti Veconi, President, at 7:35 PM.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Regan, treasurer, gave report on PPUABA finances. The report is available on the PPUABA website at <https://www.ppuaba.org/ppuaba-meeting-minutes/>. Ed spoke about the following:

- Most income this year was from member dues. The amount received totaled \$1540.
- The 2022 end of year bank balance was \$85 less than that for 2021
- PPUABA began 2023 with a bank balance of approximately \$5700
- Based on the above, Ed Regan recommended that we allocate \$2000 for grants in 2023.

A motion to allocate \$2000 for grants in 2023 was made and passed unanimously. The process and timeline for grants was reviewed. They can be found at <https://www.ppuaba.org/ppuaba-grants/>

Water and Sewer Project Update

Marc Gordon reviewed progress of the water and sewer project.

Within the last few weeks there have been changes to the scope of the project. It has been determined that the main water line and some of the service lines on Park Place between Vanderbilt and Underhill will be replaced by the contractor. Homeowners whose lines are replaced have choices about having the new service line (which will be installed 2 feet past the curb, not all the way into the homes). The new pipe can be connected to the existing water lines from the home or the homeowner can choose to have the existing pipe replaced into the home (the second option at homeowner expense). As the final decision regarding the scope of work has not been made the most up-to-date information is available at <https://www.ppuaba.org/water-and-sewer-project/>.

(At the time of the meeting there was a meeting scheduled for Thursday 1/19, to review plans with Hadi Elhashash, Chief Engineer for the project, but it was subsequently cancelled.)

These changes in scope will also result in a delay of the completion of the project and some shutoffs of water on Park Place while the work is being done.

Marc Gordon emphasized the importance of obtaining water line and sewer line insurance that covers breaks in the pipes and blockages.

Regarding water service, there are 2 kinds of pipes, one which feeds drinkable water into the house and another (in some houses) which feeds sprinkler systems. The domestic water pipe is usually lead or copper, while sprinkler pipes are usually galvanized iron or steel. One of these galvanized pipes broke several weeks ago on Park Place and flooded 3 adjacent basements before it could be turned off. Another broke several days ago and has been flowing underground for the last 3 days. It is scheduled to be repaired Thursday, 1/19. Marc Gordon suggested all homeowners check their basements to see what types of pipes they have. Lead or galvanized iron pipes should be replaced.

DRAT Committee Report

Bruce McInnes reviewed the previous work of the committee. All houses in the PPUABA area have been surveyed. The committee has been waiting for guidance as to how to approach homeowners. Ed Regan and Bruce McInnes will remain on the committee, keeping it active, and were authorized to buy stationery and stamps to facilitate contacting homeowners as necessary.

2023 Spring Block Party

A discussion on the date and location of the Spring Block party was held. A motion to hold the event on Saturday, May 6th and to have it on Underhill Avenue between Prospect Place and Park Place was passed unanimously. Marc Gordon will

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check with the sewer contractors to make sure they will not expand their usage of that block for storage before the party. Matt Weinstein will apply to the city for the permit.

New business

Patti Veconi noted that our council person, Crystal Hudson, will be our guest speaker at the February meeting.

Stacey Weinstein spoke about the new Compost Bins which have been installed at seven locations in the vicinity of Prospect Heights. The bins are located on Vanderbilt Avenue at Sterling Place, Prospect Place, and Dean St. Underhill has two bins at Bergen St. and Eastern Parkway. Others are at Washington Avenue and St. Johns Pl and at St Marks and Grand Avenue. They require an app to be unlocked for use. The applications are available at the following URL's: for IOS- <https://apple.co/3XL2pzJ>; for Android- <https://bit.ly/3CZq4ER>

Gib Veconi announced that PHNDC will host an event for the opening the Underhill Plaza from Noon to 1PM on January 21'st. Also, PHNDC's general meeting will be held February 23'rd.

The minutes for November 2022 were approved unanimously. There were no minutes for December 2022 as no business meeting was held.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.