

Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

05/17/2023

Attendees:

Assemb. Robert Carroll*	Gib Veconi	Ed Regan
Jill Frasier	Mary Dale	Barbara Montgomery
Susan Metz	Ethan Mulligan	Patti Veconi
Robin Ketchum	Phyllis Brody	Richard Roth
Diana Regan	Stacey Weinstein	

*Guest

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

State Assembly Person Robert Carroll

Patti Veconi introduced our guest speaker, Robert Carroll, the State Assembly person for the 44th district. He spoke about his background growing up in Brooklyn and his desire for a better city and state. His principal interests as a legislator are:

The Environment. He supports the Build Public Renewables Act which mandates the New York Power Authority to try to convert from fossil fuel plants to renewable energy, as well as the All Electric New Buildings Act. He also supports banning bitcoin mining in New York state.

Mass Transit. He feels NYC residents carry an undue burden paying for services which benefit the entire metro area.

Education and Literacy. He feels every child should be able to read and testing for Dyslexia in school is very important.

Election Law. He favors election law reform including more early voting and ranked choice voting.

He mentioned that congestion pricing, traffic and lack of parking are topics that generate a lot of feedback from his constituents.

He concluded by stating he wants to be a resource to his constituents. His website is:

<https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Robert-C-Carroll/welcome/>

A motion to skip the reading of and to approve the minutes of the April 2023 meeting as published on the PPUABA website was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Regan presented a treasurer's report. This month's block party and plant sale was the most successful in eight years. We netted \$1497 from sale of plants. Major expenses were the magician, and the face painter and the table rental. Total expenses were approximately \$744; total profit was \$1891.

Income from dues has fallen in 2023. In 2022 we had record dues collection with many neighbors catching up with payment for previous years. This is not the case this year.

A copy of the report may be found on the PPUABA website at: <https://www.ppuaba.org/ppuaba-meeting-minutes/>

Report from Nominating Committee and Election of PPUABA Officers for June 2023 – June 2024

Robin Ketchum presented the slate on behalf of the nominating committee. The slate is:

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

Nominations were solicited from the floor. None were made and a motion to elect the slate presented by Robin Ketchum passed unanimously.

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New Business

The following upcoming events were mentioned.

May 31'st, at 3:30 PM. A film club will meet at Susan Metz's house to discuss a film about Cambridge Analytica.

June 3'rd, all day. The PPUABA Stoop Sale will be held.

June 11'th, at 2:00 PM. Susan Metz will host an event in support of Cuba at her home.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.