

Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

2/19/2025

Attendees:

Hayley Gorenberg*	Camilla Rothenberg	Teddy Theoharis
Diana Regan	Joe Ostwald	Meg Starr
Ed Regan	Richard Roth	Mary Dale
Phyllis Brody	Adrian Gately	Stacey Weinstein
Robin Ketchum	Matt Weinstein	

*Guest speaker

The meeting was held in-person at the home of Stacey and Matt Weinstein, 128 Underhill Avenue and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Teddy Theoharis, President at 7:43 PM.

Our guest speaker was Hayley Gorenberg, of Friends of Mount Prospect Park, who is advocating for a different location for the proposed skate park slated for Mt Prospect Park. Friends of Mount Prospect Park advocate that the skate park be built on already paved space, ideally in one of the existing skate parks close by, because of a number of serious issues with its installation in Mt Prospect Park. These include environmental (destruction of badly needed green space and trees), safety for skaters and other park users and social and societal issues. Hayley provided a write-up summarizing her informative presentation which can be viewed at:

<https://www.ppuaba.org/ppuaba-meeting-minutes/>

She urged people to sign their petition (<https://www.friendsofmountprospectpark.org/petition>) and visit their website (<https://www.friendsofmountprospectpark.org>).

They can be reached at friendsofmountprospectpark@gmail.com.

Formation of the 2025 Grant Committee members

Phyllis Brody, Ed Regan and Teddy Theoharis volunteered to serve on the grants committee. Three grant proposals have been received before today's deadline.

Formation of the 2025 Block Party Committee

Stacey Weinstein, Robin Ketchum and Meg Starr volunteered to serve on a Block Party Committee for the event to be held May 10th.

Water and Sewer Project

Teddy reported that the last scheduled meeting with the contractor, Perfetto, and the city was canceled, the 4th time they have canceled. People complained about water running down the middle of the street after a storm and the bad smell at the corner of Park Place and Vanderbilt Avenue. Teddy said he would ask when the final connections will be made at the next meeting with the contractors. The project is currently scheduled to complete by June of 2025. Attendees complained about the state of the street where materials are stored and the slow pace of the work. There were also complaints about the installation of fiber optic cable in the neighborhood. Teddy will discuss water and sewer project updates and our concerns at the upcoming meeting on Wednesday, February 26th with the new borough construction representative. Teddy will also inquire about disturbances caused by recent fiber optic installations during the next meeting with city officials.

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A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

PPUABA officers will discuss re-forming the Rat Task Force to address rat issues in the neighborhood at their next officer's meeting in March. They will also discuss creating and distributing flyers to encourage proper garbage disposal and use of covered trash cans.

A motion to conclude the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously, at 8:29 PM