

Park Place - Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

03/15/2023

Attendees:

Adrian Gately	Gib Veconi	Ed Regan
Sharon Combs	Mary Dale	Teddy Theoharis
Randolph Jackson	Den Gordon	Patti Veconi
Robin Ketchum	Marc Gordon	Bruce McInnes
Diana Regan	Stacey Weinstein	

The meeting was held in-person at the home of Gib Veconi and Patti Veconi and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Patti Veconi, President, at 7:30 PM.

Block Party Planning Update

Stacey Weinstein spoke about plans for the Block Party, scheduled for May 6th. A fire truck will be requested from the city. She is seeking a grill to borrow. A knife sharpening truck is scheduled for 4 PM. Jill Frasier and Dee Regen will organize a book table. Members are needed to organize a baked goods table. A magician and a face painter have been booked and there will be other children's activities. Al Bass will provide music. Stacey will also contact the Stoop Kidz to see if they will perform. There will be an information table promoting neighborhood activities. The application for the permit has been submitted. A potluck dinner will follow the block party. Patti Veconi committed to reaching out to others who might volunteer.

There will be a Prospect Heights Spring Cleanup sponsored by PPUABA and 2 other block associations on Saturday April 29th, one week before the block party. Den Gordon will provide brooms and other cleaning equipment used by Growing our Community.

The PPUABA Stoop Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd.

Grants Review Committee Report

The Grants Committee (members are Teddy Theoharis-chair, Marc Gordon, and Sharon Combs) has completed its work. Teddy reported on the recommendations for grants. They are:

From a total of \$2050 requested, the \$2000 authorized was allocated to:

- Nourishing our Community - \$1500
- Growing our Community (for beautification of rain gardens) - \$450
- The Daffodil Project - \$50

A motion to accept the Committee's recommendations passed unanimously.

Amendment to Bylaws

Two changes to the bylaws of PPUABA were considered:

1. Re-name the "Corresponding Secretary" officer role to "Communications Officer" and more completely describe its responsibilities
2. Align the By-Laws to recent and current actual practice by redefining responsibility for maintenance of the block association's membership list.

Exact language of the proposed amendments can be found at: <https://www.ppuaba.org/proposed-amendments-to-ppuaba-by-laws/>.

A motion to discuss the proposed changes passed unanimously followed by a brief discussion. A motion to accept the changes to the bylaws was made by Ed Regen, seconded and passed unanimously without abstentions.

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Formation of Nominating Committee

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to identify and propose a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year. Bruce McInnes volunteered to chair the committee, and Robin Ketchum to be part of the committee.

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

Bruce McInnes spoke to the meeting about increasing our community and getting to know our neighbors better. He urged us to reach out to people on our block, speaking to neighbors and, if possible, having them over for coffee or a drink. Den Gordon suggesting urging our neighbors to participate in the cleanup on 4/29 as a good way to increase community.

Bruce's second suggestion was to support and celebrate the many artists and crafts people who live in our neighborhood by planning a day when artists would display their art on the street in front of their homes. They could be for sale or simply displayed. The day of the Stoop Sale was suggested for this. Bruce and Marc Gordon will work on soliciting artists via the PPUABA website.

Gib Veconi made several announcements on behalf of PHNDC:

- There will be a Half Marathon on Sunday, March 19th and parts of Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway will be closed to traffic.
- There will be a composting event on Underhill Avenue on March 19th.
- Assembly Member Robert Carroll will hold a town hall meeting March 23rd at PS9.
- PHNDC's Town Hall on Open Streets will be held April 4th.
- Garbage collection hours for putting out trash change April 1st.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.