

# Park Place/Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

5/20/2020

Attendees:

Phyllis Brody	Robin Ketchum	Bruce McInnes
Diana Regan	Ed Regan	David Whitbeck
Marc Gordon	Den Gordon	Amy Ikui
Mary Dale	Mary Kay Orr	Gib Veconi
Richard Roth	Stacey Weinstein	Susan Metz
Jill Frasier	Sharon Combs	Al Bass
Adrian Gately	Danae Oratowski	

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Gib Veconi at 7:36PM

Speaker: John Zuzworski, NYC Dept of Health

John spoke about NYC's treatment for West Nile virus. This is not general mosquito control, but only done when mosquitos with WNV are found. They spray from helicopters, not in inhabited areas but marshes where mosquitos breed, to kill their larvae. Steps we can take to help are protect ourselves is:

- Get rid of standing water or call 311 to report standing water.
- Avoid exposure at dawn or dusk.
- Biological controls are preferable for backyard mosquito control
- Information about BTI, a biological control can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/mosquitocontrol/bti-mosquito-control>

The minutes for April 2020 were accepted with minor corrections.

The treasurer made a report. The current bank balance is \$3920.

## Election of Officers

The slate presented by the nominating committee was:

President	Marc Gordon & Robin Ketchum, co-presidents
V. President	Gib Veconi
Recording Secretary	Mary Dale
Corresponding Secretary	Den Gordon
Treasurer	Ed Regan

The slate was elected unanimously.

## Covid 19 and PPUABA outreach.

Several of our neighbors in the neighborhood passed away due to COVID 19. PPUABA conducted two rounds of phone calls attempting to reach everyone in the association area and ask if they were in need of assistance. Not many people required any help but the calls were greatly appreciated by many of the recipients.

## Dance Party on the Upper Block

Susan Metz reported on 'Clappy Hour', a dance party with social distancing held on the upper block of Park Place and featuring Al Bass as DJ. It starts at 7PM and is held from time to time. Everyone in the PPUABA area is invited to attend.

## Foodtown Plaque

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A suggestion was made earlier that we honor Foodtown for their contribution to the neighborhood during the COVID 19 pandemic. A prototype for a plaque was presented. A motion was made and passed unanimously to authorize a payment of \$50 for the creation of the plaque. Stacey Weinstein volunteered to order it.

Gib Veconi spoke about an idea Bruce McInnes had, to publish a list of neighbors who have specific skills and are willing to share their expertise with others in the block association. This idea will be discussed further, along with an updating of the block association membership list to be able to record this information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.