

Park Place/Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

12/16/2020

Attendees:

Gib Veconi	Robin Ketchum	Sharon Combs
Diana Regan	Ed Regan	Susan Metz
Marc Gordon	Den Gordon	Phyllis Brody
Mary Dale	Richard Roth	David Whitbeck
Peter Gordonstein	Al Bass	Patti Veconi
Hope Wurmfeld	Matt Weinstein	Jeff Foxx
Alex Novack	Heidi Rodewald	Christiana Dittman
Rachel Fernbach	Jill Frasier	Breck Ketchum
Peter Ketchum	Bruce McInnes	Alex Sussman
Stacey Weinstein		

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Marc Gordon, co-president at 7:40 PM.

Nourishing our Community Update:

Per the request of Sister Lillian Burley, our donation to Chance for Children was limited to 4 items this month. Foodtown donated four cases of fresh collard greens which was greatly appreciated. It was agreed that Corresponding Secretary Den Gordon will send Foodtown a thank you note on behalf of PPUABA.

In addition, members of PPUABA contributed money to fund the purchase of 50 fleece lined hooded sweatshirts to donate to CHIPS for distribution to men in need of warm clothing.

In December, nineteen members of PPUABA contributed to Nourishing our Community.

Growing our Community Update:

Den Gordon reported that she met with a Prospect Heights resident who works for the NYC Parks Department and upon doing a walkthrough of Underhill Playground informed her that she would initiate a horticultural assessment of the playground. The purpose of the assessment will be to determine actions that are needed to arrest damage to the playground's trees and tree beds..

PPUABA business items and announcements:

The November minutes were approved without change.

Marc Gordon spoke about the proposed sewer replacement project. Water and sewer main replacements are scheduled to begin mid-February 2021 and will take approximately a year to complete. There will be a Zoom meeting of CB8's Environment, Sanitation and Transportation Committee on January 26 at which the details will be presented. Marc will provide the Zoom details when they become available and will invite the construction manager to speak to our organization at a subsequent meeting.

Marc announced the January meeting will be rescheduled to January 27'th to avoid conflict with the Presidential Inauguration.

New business:

Susan Metz read a poem she had written about defending the Brooklyn Botanic Garden from development

which would diminish the sunlight available to the Garden, and led the membership in a group sing-a-long of 'Big Yellow Taxi'.

Gib Veconi reported that DOT is considering changes to make Underhill Avenue less of a thoroughfare. This is in the planning stage and more information will be available in the future.

Alex Novack brought up the problem of motorized delivery bikes which use the sidewalk instead of the street and are a threat to pedestrians. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Jeff Foxx presented a slide show of photographs he and Christiana Dittman took of Mayans in Mexico, Belize, Honduras and Guatemala in the years 1978 – 1986.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.