

# Park Place/Underhill Avenue Block Association

Approved Minutes

9/16/2020

## Attendees:

Adrian Gately	Robin Ketchum	Bruce McInnes
Diana Regan	Ed Regan	Susan Metz
Marc Gordon	Den Gordon	Amy Ikui
Mary Dale	Richard Roth	Gib Veconi
Stacey Weinstein	Danae Oratowski	Sharon Combs
Peter Ketchum		

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order by Marc Gordon, Co-president at 7:34 PM.

Incoming co-presidents, Marc Gordon and Robin Ketchum spoke about their goals for their time in office. These are:

Meetings: Making meetings more engaging by spending less time on PPUABA administration, more time on planning activities and discussing local issues of interest to the membership and having a neighbor or guest speaker at each meeting.

Increasing connectedness and communication: Planning activities in which members work together for social, charitable, civic engagement and neighborhood improvement. Sharing the PPUABA membership list (with privacy options). A PPUABA website has been created – [www.ppuba.org](http://www.ppuba.org).

COVID-safe social events: Sponsoring a fall stoop sale; a “Meet Your Neighbors” event on Underhill Avenue.

Charitable: In addition to grants program, sponsor activities in which members work together. Include Food Pantry collections at PPUABA social events.

Civic engagement: Sponsor non-political, non-partisan civic engagement initiatives regarding elections.

Community improvement: Sponsor the “Growing Our Community” initiative.

Marc expressed his thanks to Daniel Deverell for his work on creating our new website, [www.ppuaba.org](http://www.ppuaba.org).

Upcoming events announced were:

- PPUABA sponsored Stoop Sale will be held Saturday 10/25 with rain date of 10/26.
- “Meet Your Neighbors” event will be held September 30<sup>th</sup> on Underhill Avenue from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Den Gordon spoke about the “Growing Our Community initiative. There are 4 active projects/events:

- Composting demo at the “Meet Your Neighbors” event.
- Tree bed beautification on our blocks. Event will be held 10/17 from 9:30 to 12:30.
- Composting education for PPUABA members about techniques and resources.
- Weeding, planting and mulching the Vanderbilt Avenue medians. Thanks were expressed to PHNDC, who funded the purchase of Rosa Rugosa shrubs for the medians.

In addition, there will be cleanup at the Underhill Avenue Playground on Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Susan Metz urged people to volunteer with their party of choice to be a poll watcher on Election Day.

The guest speaker, Dr Amy Ikui, a biologist who is resident of Park Place, gave a presentation on how the coronavirus infects human cells.

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Marc thanked Dr. Ikui for her informative presentation.

The meeting concluded with Marc's request for feedback on the various initiatives and asking attendees to try to engage their neighbors to participate in block association activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.