

Park Place/Underhill Avenue Block Association

Minutes

11/20/2019

Attendees:

David Bijur	Robin Ketchum	Rob Witherwax
Diana Regan	Ed Regan	Al Holden
Marc Gordon	Den Gordon	Mathew Weinstein
Mary Dale	Richard Roth	Stacey Weinstein
Gib Veconi	Paula Pinnock	

The meeting was called to order by Gib Veconi at 7:40 at the home of Matt and Stacey Weinstein, 128 Underhill Avenue.

The minutes for October 2019 were approved by a unanimous vote.

Budget

The executive Committee met to discuss the yearly PPUABA budget. Based on our yearly income, expenditures and grants we are running a deficit. It is proposed that we maintain around \$2000 as a base of working capital and raise dues from the current \$5 per family. After discussion Robin Ketchum made a motion to raise dues to \$10 effective 1/1/2020. Marc Gordon made an amendment to set the dues at \$10, \$25, \$50, with each household choosing which rate to pay. The amended motion passed by a vote of 9 for and 7 against.

Fall Frolic

Thanks were expressed to David Bijur, Sharon Combs and Heidi Rodewald for soliciting merchant donations for the Fall Frolic, and to all those who helped make the Frolic a great success. Ed Regan presented a Financial Statement for the Fall Frolic.

A suggestion was made to send out an email to the members listing the merchants who donated so neighbors will be aware of their generosity.

PHNDC

Rob Witherwax, President of the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council gave a brief talk on the organization and its goals. Originally an umbrella organization of block associations of Prospect Heights they have transitioned to individual memberships. They interface with other civic and NYC organizations and have committees such as Livable Streets, Emergency Preparedness, and Landmarks. They have worked on projects such as getting the median installed on Vanderbilt Avenue, Prospect Heights Landmark designation and the Slow Zone. They have 3 public meetings a year with speakers such as NY Attorney General Letitia James. Dues are \$25 and to remain active voting members attendance is required at a certain number of meetings. All are invited to join; the website is phndc.org.

New Business

Johnny Ferrante, our neighborhood UPS driver is home with an injury and will return to work in February. David Bijour offered to buy him a gift and Stacey and Matt Weinstein to send it to Johnny with our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Matt Weinstein spoke about National Grid work on our blocks. Concrete sidewalks will not be poured until next spring. David Bijour recommended home owners inform their insurance brokers about city work because of potential liability. It is also recommended make sure gas valves are not covered with concrete.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.