



Dec. 2022 Mid-Month Newsletter

Virtual PPA Board/Community Meeting

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All are welcome!

Monday, January 23, 2023, 6:30-8pm

Meeting access starts at 6:20pm.

Upcoming Meetings (Virtual)

Community Building Committee

Thursday January 5, 4:30 PM

Land Use & Planning Committee

Thursday January 12, 7 PM

Environment Committee

Tuesday January 10, 6:30 PM

PPA Management Council

Monday January 16, 7 PM

Transportation & Safety Committee

Wednesday January 11, 7:30 PM

Finance and Admin Committee

Thursday January 12, 6 PM

Board/Community Meeting

Monday January 23, 6:30 PM

**PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved
at the December 5, 2022 Board meeting:**

[Board/Community Meeting, October 24, 2022](#)

[Board Minutes Electronic Vote, September 28, 2022](#)

[Board Minutes Electronic Vote, November 20, 2022](#)

[Land Use, September 8, 2022](#)

[Land Use, October 13, 2022](#)

[Community Building, October 6, 2022](#)

[Community Building, November 3, 2022](#)

New Year's Eve Luminaries

Are you planning to help light up Prospect Park neighborhood with luminaries this New Year's Eve? Here's a description of how the Prospect Park neighborhood luminary event began and instructions on how to make luminaries.

<https://prospectparkmpls.org/events/new-years-eve-luminarias.html>



Picture credit: Liza Davitch

Neighborhood Watch Signs

We are sorry there's an impression in the community that the concern about neighborhood watch signs is primarily about the use of PPA's logo. ***There's much more to it.*** After the murder of George Floyd, many community members expressed serious concerns about eight 30+ year old neighborhood watch signs in our neighborhood, which contained unwelcoming "we are watching you" images. PPA responded promptly to these concerns by hosting a series of neighborhood community meetings about those signs. After well-attended community discussions at several PPA meetings, motions were passed with overwhelming support at PPA's Transportation & Safety Committee and unanimously by PPA's board to support removing the signs. ***The clear community consensus at the time was that watch signs are not only ineffective but can send the wrong message about vigilance.*** After reaching this consensus, PPA did not want our logo to appear on signs like these.

We encourage anyone who wants to improve our neighborhood to get involved in Prospect Park Association (PPA). PPA meetings are open to all, and everyone who lives in the neighborhood is automatically a member of PPA. If you have ideas to improve our neighborhood, please pass them along to a committee chair or the board at staff@prospectparkmpls.org—or better yet become involved in a PPA committee or run as a candidate for the board!

Sign up for the PPA newsletter to get meeting invitations here:

<https://pperr.us7.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=8a12b3152d8f70e97e090b501&id=db05d4188e>

Below is a copy of the article PPA published in our July 2020 newsletter:



About 50 PPA community and board members met to discuss the motion: “PPA supports neighbors removing the eight neighborhood watch signs that read: *If I don’t call the police my neighbor will.*” In light of the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other Black Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) by police, most members agreed the signs should go. Our thanks to Prospect Park residents for raising awareness of the unwelcoming message and removing the signs. The motion to remove the signs was approved unanimously on June 22nd by PPA’s Board of Directors. It had previously been approved by the Transportation and Safety Committee. The motion addressed the eight signs and not neighborhood watch as a whole. The signs were located near Franklin Avenue on Bedford, Emerald, Sharon, Seymour, and East River Terrace.

Picture credit: Kyra Nygard Photo description: Neighbors removing signs include: Kyra Nygard, Ben Tuthill, Allison Bell, Mike Bell, Sam Smith, Jenna Hoge and Madeleine Wagner Sherer.

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