



Prospect Park Association Glendale Committee Resolution

As amended and adopted by the PPA Board of Directors
October 26, 2015

Whereas, in that the Glendale Townhomes public housing development in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Southeast Minneapolis:

1. Was proposed and constructed under the leadership of Minneapolis Council Members Glen and Dale and has proven for over 60 years to be a successful implementation of their forward-thinking vision of a safe, pleasant living environment that sets the stage for families of lower economic means to progress upward;
2. Is a place-based community that provides protection, a strong social network and stability for refugee, immigrant and low-income and working families with low wages;
3. Provides social and economic diversity making Prospect Park a unique community in Minneapolis and throughout greater Minnesota;
4. Has played a significant role on the restoration and growth of Pratt Community School as a diverse neighborhood elementary school for Prospect Park;
5. Provides safe green space and community gardening, promoting access to healthy food and a healthy community—critically important considering the significant health disparities facing our city and state,¹ and the limited access to parks and open space for low-income residents in Minneapolis.²
6. The City of Minneapolis has officially committed to a One Minneapolis goal and strategic direction³ where “Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate and prosper [such that:]
 - Racial inequities (including in housing, education, income and health) are addressed and eliminated;
 - All people, regardless of circumstance, have opportunities for success at every stage of life;
 - Equitable systems and policies lead to a high quality of life for all;
 - All people have access to quality essentials, such as housing, education, food, childcare and transportation;
 - Residents are informed, see themselves represented in City government and have the opportunity to influence decision-making.”

¹ Minnesota Department of Health, Advancing Health Equity Legislative Report, January 2014.

² Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy, Twin Cities Environmental Justice Mapping Tool, www.ceed.org/ejmap.

³ Minneapolis City Goals, adopted March 2014: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/citygoals.

7. Studies are showing that the benefits of public housing demolition and their redevelopment accrue within upper income households, while the costs of displacement and instability largely fall on low-income communities of color.⁴
8. With the three percent rental vacancy rate in the Minneapolis housing market,⁵ a demolition and multi-year high-density redevelopment plan for Glendale public housing and any conversion into private Section 8 units will put Glendale families at risk of instability and homelessness.
9. The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority has not demonstrated to the residents of Prospect Park that there is no other option but to demolish Glendale for redevelopment.
10. The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority has now agreed to participate in a transparent public process that will include participation of the neighborhood association and the Glendale Residents in accordance with the resolution passed by the City Council on October 9, 2015 stating, “any plan in this area for Glendale Townhomes will follow a separate, open and transparent public process that will include participation of the neighborhood association and the Glendale Residents.”
11. Other public housing agencies, like the St. Paul Public Housing Agency, have worked collaboratively with other levels of government funding and identified creative solutions to successfully rehabilitate similar family public housing, in a financially sound manner, with little disruption to, and with support of, its current renters.⁶

Therefore be it resolved, that on this date:

1. The Board of Directors of the Prospect Park Association (PPA) representing all of the residents of Prospect Park does not support demolition of any of the Townhomes of Glendale.
2. The Prospect Park Association supports Glendale Townhomes as a publicly owned asset to guarantee ongoing and long-term benefit to the residents of the City of Minneapolis and Prospect Park.
3. The Prospect Park Association supports pathways that preserve and rehabilitate Glendale Townhomes and instructs PPA committees and others intersecting with Glendale, to prioritize and explore such options with all units of governments.



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⁴ Goetz, E., *New Deal Ruins: Race, Economic Justice and Public Housing Policy*, 2013, Cornell University Press.

⁵ Minneapolis Trends Reports - An Overview of Socioeconomic and Housing Trends in Minneapolis, Q1 2015.

⁶ Saint Paul Public Housing Authority, www.stpha.org.