

# MARSHALL TERRACE MINUTES



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## Peter Ostroushko Dies at 67

Celebrated fiddler, mandolinist and Minnesota music legend Peter Ostroushko has died. He was 67. He is survived by his wife, Marge, and his daughter, Anna.

Ostroushko grew up in the Ukrainian community in **Northeast Minneapolis** and was a lifelong musician.

Ostroushko's career and range was widespread and eclectic. He also made appearances on television, on "Austin City Limits," "Late Night with David Letterman" and "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." He also played with both the Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. He toured with Robin and Linda Williams, Norman Blake and Chet Atkins, and worked with Emmylou Harris and Willie Nelson.

Ostroushko suffered a stroke in 2018, which ended his playing career. He had recently been producing a podcast, "My Life and Time as a Radio Musician."

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Northeast Minneapolis-born musician, Peter Ostroushko

## Community Education Spring Class Brochure

This spring Minneapolis Community Education has 350+ virtual and in-person enrichment classes for community connection, growth, and learning curated for youth, adults, families, people 55+, and adults with developmental disabilities. You can register at [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com) starting March 8<sup>th</sup>. Register before March 26<sup>th</sup> and use code **DiscoverCommunity** for \$5 off most classes.

Some special online classes being offered by **Edison/Northeast/Waite Park Community Ed** include:

- **Climate Change Series:** Tuesday evenings starting April 13, \$19
- **Microsoft Power Point 101:** Tuesday afternoon, May 18, FREE or \$5
- **Creative Writing: Developing a Habit:** Thursday evenings, April 15–May 20, \$55 (*sliding scale*)
- **Real Estate Trends in Minneapolis:** Thursday, May 6, \$19 (*sliding scale*)
- **Ballet 1 & Ballet 2:** Wednesday evenings, April 14–May 19, \$45
- **Drivers Education for Highschoolers:** Mon–Fri, May 17–28, 3:45–6:45pm, \$125

Questions? Please call 612.668.1306, or email Liz Kuncel at [Elizabeth.Kuncel@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Kuncel@mpls.k12.mn.us)

## Notice of a Public Hearing RE: 125 Lowry Ave NE & 2512 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE

Danny Perkins has applied for the following land use applications to allow for a new seven-story, mixed-use building located at 125 Lowry Ave NE and 2512 2nd St NE:

- Petition to rezone the properties located at 125 Lowry Ave NE and 2512 2nd St NE from I2 Medium Industrial District to C3A Community Activity Center District.
- Site plan review.
- Administrative height increase.

The City Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. During the declared local public health emergency, Minneapolis has transitioned to an electronic format for its public meetings and hearings, authorized under Minn. Stat. Section 13D.021, to minimize the risk of exposure to or potential spread of COVID-19. The public may view the public hearing using the following options: Watch on Comcast Channel 14 or 799 or live on [www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/citycounciltv](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/tv/citycounciltv).

In accordance with the Zoning Code, all property owners within 350 feet of the subject property are notified of this public hearing. The public may submit comments or participate by phone in the meeting by using the following website: [www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/index.htm).

If you have questions about the project, please contact the City staff person listed below. If you would like to submit comments, you may submit them via the link above or by emailing:

**Shanna Sether**, Principal City Planner – 505 4th Ave S #320, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Phone: (612) 673-2307, E-mail: [Shanna.Sether@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Shanna.Sether@minneapolismn.gov).

Planning Department staff will issue a recommendation to the Planning Commission. After hearing from the public, the Planning Commission will make a determination based on required legal findings of fact. Please visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/planning](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/planning) for the agenda with staff reports (*web page will be updated by the end of the day Wednesday prior to the meeting date*).

- For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact 612-673-3710.
- People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000.
- TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

## Resilient Yards, Flowering Bee Lawns and Planting for Pollinators

Today more and more lawns include low-growing flowers like Dutch white clover, self-heal and violets. Often called “bee lawns,” they provide food for pollinators and generally don’t need the same care to stay healthy as more traditional lawns. Bee Lawns, Resilient Yards and Planting for Pollinators are the topics in this year’s Blue Thumb DIY workshops, where people can get ideas for strengthening their yard while protecting the environment.



The workshops are geared towards helping people create resilience in their yard, so they can better “weather” severe heat and heavy downpours. Choosing plants wisely and knowing where to put them can provide shade and help cool a yard. Raingardens and other plantings soak in rainwater that would otherwise flow into storm sewers that empty polluted water into our lakes and streams. A resilient yard is also full of life and provides important habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

Staff from Metro Blooms, Blue Thumb’s parent organization, lead the workshops, which start in March. Each workshop costs \$15 unless otherwise noted. Scholarships are available on request. More information and registration details can be found at [www.bluethumb.org/events](http://www.bluethumb.org/events) or by leaving a message at 651-699-2426. Presentations will be recorded for registrants who are not able to attend.

### Blue Thumb 2021 Resilient Yards Workshops

#### **Resilient Yards Workshop – 1.5 hours/3 hours**

Join Metro Blooms experts for a virtual watch party on creating environmentally friendly yards. Learn how to make your yard greener using site planning, raingardens, flowering lawns, trees, native plantings and more. Some of these workshops include one-on-one conversations with Landscape Designers, Hennepin County Master Gardeners and Minnesota Water Stewards.

#### **Bee Lawn Workshop – 1.5 hours**

Learn how to create a bee lawn! Bee expert and Metro Blooms landcare professional James Wolfin explains the steps for turning your turfgrass lawn into a beautiful, flowering bee lawn. Flowering bee lawns protect bees and butterflies, improve water quality, and create a healthier environment.

#### **Planting for Pollinators Workshop – 1.5 hours**

This workshop includes information from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources’ *Lawns to Legumes* program, which helps residents create pollinator-friendly landscapes in their yard. Learn about pollinator health, and how you can help bees and butterflies by installing pocket plantings, trees and shrubs, bee lawns, pollinator meadows, and more.

Register for a workshop at [www.bluethumb.org/events](http://www.bluethumb.org/events)

## 2911 Grand Apartments – Xcel Infrastructure Upgrades

As part of the new 6 Unit Apartment project at 2911 Grand, Xcel is planning to upgrade the overall service to the South end of the block that serves multiple houses. The existing service in this area is a dead-end overhead power line run for Xcel, and the new power will be an infrastructure upgrade fed from the 2911 Grand property to a new pole in the SE Corner of the 2911 lot.

The Xcel Service work involves removing the old single phase 120/240V wiring from the East Side of the property, and feeding a new Single Phase 120/240V supply to a Transformer located near the street at 2911 Grand. This transformer will then feed a new overhead power pole at the SE Corner of the property at 2911 Grand, where all of the power for the neighboring properties would be fed with overhead lines as they are now from that new pole.

The Service Change accomplishes a couple of key benefits. It puts the service underground to the greatest extent possible for houses served from the new transformer. It also allows Xcel to serve the new transformer from multiple directions in the event of an outage as part of a looped power supply. Power to the new transformer will be run underground from the West side of Grand Street.

The new electrical service work is planned to take place prior framing work starting on the apartment project, sometime in Late April or early May. All of Xcel's infrastructure will be installed ahead of the **Switch Over** that will impact the neighbors, for a single scheduled event in switching the service from the old overhead lines to the new transformer. This is to minimize the overall impact on everyone. It is early in the coordination process with Xcel and we can update with further details on timing, dates and anticipated durations as we are updated by Xcel.

The Existing CenturyLink pole at 2911 Grand will remain as part of the apartment project with the CenturyLink and Comcast wiring in place for serving the Duplex and Neighboring Properties, including the underground fiber that is in place at that existing pole. We plan to work with CenturyLink and Comcast to clean up any overhead lines and old wiring as part of the project as well.

– *From ShaneCon Commercial Construction*

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**MTNO Public Meetings:**  
Held monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM by Zoom. Links posted to [www.marshallterrace.org](http://www.marshallterrace.org) on Monday before meeting.

**Marshall Terrace Media Manager:** David DeGennaro

*Happy Spring  
from the  
MTNO Board & Staff!*

