

Unique Utility Boxes Premiere in Prospect Park July 6, 2016

(Minneapolis, MN)- The Prospect Park Association, in partnership with the University of Minnesota's Stadium Area Advisory Group, and artist Becka Rahn, are pleased to announce the installation of new, custom designed utility box wraps on University Avenue between 29th Ave SE and Bedford Avenue SE.

Join the Prospect Park Association for a guided tour of the Utility Boxes on Thursday, July 14th at 6pm on the corner of 29th Avenue & University Ave, in front of 2900 University Avenue SE . The tour will end at Surly Brewery, where attendees can discuss the art with the artist and enjoy a beverage.

Used to beautify streets and as an anti-graffiti measure, utility box wraps have been a popular way for neighborhoods to improve unsightly boxes by traffic light corners. The Prospect Park Association proposed hiring a local artist to create custom designs for six utility boxes on University Avenue to the University of Minnesota's Good Neighbor Fund and the Vikings Good Neighbor Partnership Fund, and received the grant to do the installation. The Vikings Good Neighbor Partnership Fund was established when the Vikings and the University of Minnesota made the agreement for the Vikings to play at TCF Bank Stadium for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 seasons.

The Prospect Park Association group working on the wraps placed a call for artists, and was incredibly impressed with Becka Rahn's "Found Art" collages. Rahn takes photos of overlooked objects in a given area and will create beautiful collages and scenery, with the added bonus of the art being an interactive game of "I Spy." In addition to being an artist, Rahn teaches a variety of subjects related to fiber-art, including felting, dyeing, weaving, knitting, beadwork and quilting. She also makes one-of-a-kind wearable garments and accessories, and is the author of *The Spoonflower Handbook*.

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The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood voice of Prospect Park, Minneapolis. Since 1901 PPA has been working to improve the Prospect Park neighborhood and make it a great place to live.



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