

**Parks and Greenspace committee Monthly Meeting
11/10/2021, 7:00pm, Colonial Warehouse**

Attendees in Person: Amber Taft, Quentin Misiag, Tony Burke, David Crary, Sarah Holland, Cristy Blake

Attendees via Google meet: Andrew Morse

Absent: Andrew Schaefer, Bri Sharkey-Smith, Edward Eroe

7:05 meeting commenced

Quorum: Quentin, Amber, Tony, David, Sarah, Andrew

1. **Voting on our co-chairs:** David and Bri are currently interim and need a vote, per NLNA bylaws
 1. Sarah moves to elect interim chairs Bri Sharkey-Smith and David Crary as co-chairs of committee
 2. Quentin seconds
 3. **All in favor**

2. **Name conversation: desire to align name to be broader beyond parks**
 1. Aligned name can be separate between gmail and full name to avoid changing gmail name
 2. Quentin submits **“Parks + Placemaking”**
 - Name to mirror framework of Planning + Zoning
 - Broad enough to keep our committee all-encompassing
 - Social media opportunity around what ‘placemaking’ means
 - Sarah moves, Tony seconds, all in favor
 - Email to stay as North Loop Parks

3. **Emma Pachuta on speaker**
 1. Round robin of introductions
 2. Working on cedar lake, lake of the isles master plan and terminal project
 1. Plan implementation of ‘downtown’- our neighborhood is **‘downtown service area’** which incorporates all neighborhoods within downtown (no central Mississippi)
 1. Oppty to educate on the venn diagram: Downtown / Central Mississippi
 3. Master plans developed in 2017

1. Main projects for NL are Park (technically complete) and 8th avenue streetscape: river to 5th street
4. Emma to follow up by November 19th with:
 1. A community engagement plan: completed sample and template
 2. Link to “MPRB comp plan” “Parks for all”
 3. Confirmation if it is currently on forestry’s list to plant trees (likely wont plan to plant until spring)
 1. Group agrees we want to have a plan before just adding benches/trees
 4. Confirmation if pro-bono design firm work would be acceptable
 5. Organics composting connection between Cristy and Deputy super intendant department
5. Group aligns to wait for community engagement plan before establishing next listening session/approach

4. Committee Scope

1. Dog Park: to remain a NLNA sub committee as is for now
2. Public Art: we would like to pursue adoption
 1. Tower lofts tunnels
 2. Retaining Wall
 3. 3rd street park
3. Organics/Planting/Trees
 1. Adopt a tree program
 2. Washington is a huge priority, 3rd ave
 3. Biggest need: More awareness, Value of Trees, Volunteers
 4. Organics

5. Group desire to acknowledgement and promote volunteerism and North loop sense of community

6. Website build and section breakout: Parks + Placemaking

1. Sarah to build and send to Amber and Quentin for refinement
2. Bri for final edits
3. Send to group as Inform