

Parks + Placemaking Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda

12/8/2021, 5:30pm, Colonial Warehouse

Attendees: Bri, Sarah, Quentin, Amber, Tony, Andrew S.

1. Follow up on 3rd street park
 1. Emma follow up items and takeaways
 2. Listening session Zoom date
 3. Sign for the park with QR code and survey for what people want out of the park + demographic details
2. Comms update (Amber / Tony)
3. Website Assets and Buildout (Sarah)
 1. Mission/Vision and Charter
 2. Incorporation of park stewards
4. NLNA Alignment (Bri)
 1. Annual Video 3min Script
 2. Committee Scope Revisit
 1. Trash Pickup
 2. Trash can maintenance
 3. Organics recycling
 4. Tree watering
 5. Committee Name: "Environment"

Emma Pachuta Follow Up Items:

- Link to recently adopted **Comp Plan (2021-2036)**: <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MPLS-Comprehensive-Plan-Digital-11022021-1.pdf>
- Example of **Community Engagement Plan** that is completed by staff for all MPRB park projects per our policy guidelines: <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Exhibit-A-Community-Engagement-Plan-Jordan-draft.pdf>
- **There was a question about whether MPRB would be opposed to having an organics recycling bin at the park.** I realized once I reached out to different departments about this, that I didn't understand the context to this question. So to clarify, is the neighborhood asking

MPRB to pay for/put/maintain an organics bin at the park as part of the amenities MPRB provides? Is the neighborhood asking to pay for and maintain an organics bin at the park? Can you clarify the timeline/vision for this request? Thanks for any guidance you can provide here to help understand where to direct your question

- **Question about whether NLNA can work with a pro bono designer to come up with a design for the new North Loop park:** After speaking further with leadership about this idea, it's a little more nuanced than just giving a yes or no. Any community-led project, as you have probably figured out, requires a certain level of time commitment and capacity on the MPRB side to navigate government policies and guidelines as a project moves forward. Once we can confirm the 2022 planning budget, priority projects, and staff capacity (which will be identified in Q1 of 2022), it will be much easier to answer if/how MPRB is able to work with NLNA on the park design project, including whether working with a pro bono designer is possible. I know your volunteers are excited to move this forward ASAP, and I wish I was able to give an answer more quickly, but the earliest MRPB staff are able to discuss timeline/capacity with NLNA about completing a park design is Feb/Mar of 2022. So, can MPRB and NLNA plan to reconvene about this at that time?
- **Tree planting at new park:** I was able to confirm with Forestry that they will wait on creating a tree planting plan until the park design is completed to ensure they don't have to move trees once they are established.