



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Parks + Placemaking Committee
January 12th, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

January 2022 Parks and Placemaking Committee Meeting was Called to Order at 6:06pm by Bri Sharkey-Smith

Committee Members in attendance: Bri Sharkey-Smith, David Crary, Andrew Schafer, Tony Burke, Sarah Holland, Quentin Misiag, and Amber Taft

Attendees via Zoom: Edward Eroe

Absent: Andrew Morse

1. Reminders from the board

- a. Annual meeting is in two weeks, masks and vaccines are required
- b. Bri is leaving soon, rolling off before term ends
- c. There are opening on the board, applications are available

2. 3rd Street Park

- a. Listening session coming up February 2nd at Modist Brewing
 - i. Parks committee agrees to keep meeting in-person, vaccines and masks will be required due to city mandates
 - ii. Promotion of the event will happen via newsletter, and social media
 - iii. Brainstorming & facilitation from Amber, Quentin will do presentation
 - iv. Quentin sending email to Mill City Times- wants publicity list to share with other local news outlets
- b. Emma Pachuta sent follow up items from November's meeting
 - i. Blank example of a community engagement plan that NLNA would need to fill out
 - ii. Her follow-up included examples of three neighborhood-led projects that have been successful
- c. Survey for 3rd Street Park
 - i. 3rd St. Park Survey completed by Amber Taft and Tony Burke

1. Survey being distributed at the Annual Meeting, can be distributed electronically or via QR code
 2. Discussing the layout of the annual meeting, the Park Committee could have its own table.
 3. Amber will turn QR codes into printed cards Scott can print and stuff into gift bags, needs to be finished by January 23rd
- ii. Finalizing questions and language on the 3rd Street Park survey

3. NorthLoop.org website has been updated

- a. Includes Highlights, Accomplishments, Charter, Priorities, etc.
- b. Needs to be kept updated through Diane Merrifield
- c. Meeting Minutes and Agendas will be uploaded here too
- d. Webpage of all the projects that are being worked on at once
- e. Parks needs to collect photos and send to Diane Merrifield of people volunteering in the parks to upload on the website

4. Wiki-

- a. Internal Plan- best source of truth is the website, Wiki is to be used for internal tracking. Links to all the resources used by NLNA
- b. Andrew S. tracking data in a wiki, this is file keeping, separate from Website
- c. North Loop board has visibility to this
- d. Jo Hamburg on North Loop board oversees the Wiki

5. James I. Rice & River Park (David)

- a. Prye's Brewery is having a meeting to talk about James I Rice River Park from 5pm to 7pm
- b. Interested in working with Metro Blooms
 - i. Two parking lots drain right into the river
 - ii. Metro Blooms can do the heavy lifting, perhaps NLNA could do planting
 - iii. Garden planted in a sewer- plants clean water before it's drained into the river
 - iv. David to send email to Friends of the Mississippi about this

6. TractorWorks Connection Park (David Cray)

- a. Need to connect with the tenants of Sol Haven building on 2nd
- b. Park Boards Master Plan- connect Washington Avenue to the river at the TractorWorks building
- c. Star Tribune is politely saying "no" to allowing us to cross into their property
- d. Tractor Works is willing to put \$1M into this project

7. North Loop Green/Heinz Development (David Cray)

- a. Heinz Development is the company that programmed Wrigley Field Park successfully 365 days a year, they want to work with NLNA on North Loop Green.

- b. North Loop Green has nothing to do with the City of Minneapolis Park Board, it's private in that way.
- c. Expected to open in 2024

8. Ramps A B and C are interested in Public Art within the skyway (David Crary)

- i. Skyways are interested in being connected to the North Loop
- ii. They are interested in what NLNA would like to see in the skyways
 - 1. Would they be interested in Graffiti Art?
- iii. Wayfinding maps would be useful in skyways and in Ramps A, B, and C

9. NLNA discusses protocol for bringing up new items or ideas

- a. These should be added to new business on meeting agendas
- b. Bri will ask if anyone has items to add to new business at beginning of meetings

10. Riverpark Mural Project

- a. A group on Instagram called "Creatives After Curfew" they are a BIPOC led organization that works with Neighborhood Associations
- b. Could go in James I. Rice Park
- c. Discussion of who approves things like murals, the city approves of murals

The Committee adjourned at 7:20 P.M.