



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Parks + Placemaking Committee July Meeting Notes**

Date: 7/13/2022

Time 6:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 4 of 9** Committee Members in attendance: Quentin Misiag, Amber Taft, Tony Burke, Andrew Schafer
 - a. Absent: Edward Enroe, Bri Sharkey-Smith, David Crary, Sarah Holland, Andrew Morse
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:11 pm by Tony Burke
3. Committee to make a change to the charter to abide by City rules and no longer use Roberts Rules, changes to the charter are as follows:

Meeting Structure

The committee will create minutes or reports of its meetings for board review including dates, roll call information, and decisions made (if any are authorized).

Quorum

A majority of the number of committee seats, which are not vacant, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Members may not conduct any voting business without a quorum present.

- a. **Burke proposes that Parks + Placemaking adopt meeting structure proposed above, Taft seconds that motion, committee agrees unanimously, David Crary gives proxy vote to amend the charger, vote passes.**
4. **Approval of July 2022 Agenda**
5. Approval of Minutes of May and June
 - a. **The committee approves the May and June minutes with amendment to May 2022 minutes, change highlighted format of 4iii**

6. Sub-committee Updates

a. Dog Park

- i. Taft and Misiag met to tour a different dog park (Ground Up Project)
- ii. The committee got contact information for Sean Reilly, the property manager at Shafer Richardson
- iii. Plans to furnish the Dog Park- add one to two park benches made from recycled materials, a small welcome sign, better shrubbery, flowers, and greenery. Remove rotting pergola and wooden bench feature
 1. The Committee will work with Shafer Richardson to pick new materials and remove rotted materials
 2. The committee discusses plans to replace boardwalk, benches, and other rotting materials and the amount of time it will take to do this. The current boardwalk is a liability risk
 3. Scott Woller and Diane Merrifield recommended to replace the benches by hand, Woller has done research on what materials are needed to do this
- iv. Tony is presenting to the Board the current ideas for Dog Park changes

b. James I Rice Park (Crary)

- i. Sarah Holland and Bri Sharkey-Smith were able to rehab one of the old horseshoe pits, they are going to do another one soon
- ii. Been meeting with Friends of the Mississippi to discuss the plan of bringing goats to the park. Burke is planning to pitch this to General Mills in August or September. The cost would be \$55,000 all at once. Goats would be introduced to the park in the spring and in the fall for two years. This would cut down on invasive species and give the park a jump start

c. Public Art (Crary & Holland)

- i. Potentially looking for a new sub-committee leader. If not, NLNA needs to send this back to the board to manage
- ii. \$10,000 for Public Art towards water tower, the rest of the funds need to be spent by December 31st. City would prefer the art to be on public land

d. Tractor Works (Crary)

- i. Waiting for Parks Department to start land survey

e. Zero Waste Subcommittee (Burke)

- i. Looking to bring an in store drop off plastic film recycling
- ii. Meeting on July 14th to discuss more plans

f. Third Street Park

- i. Food Truck fair went well
- ii. Planning a late summer/fall event

7. New Business- Call for Additional Items

- a. Parks + Placemaking team photo for the website

- b. Service Saturday was supposed to clean up the Welcome Park, didn't end up happening. Pop up cleaning going to happen in the next few weeks for an hour or two, looking for volunteers from the committee or volunteer base

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

****David Crary vote by Proxy**

