



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

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

Date: 6/1/2022

Time 6:00 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 5 of 9 Committee Members in attendance: Amber Taft, Tony Burke, Andrew Schaefer, Quentin Misiag, David Crary
 - a. Absent: Bri Sharkey-Smith, Andrew Morse, Sarah Holland, Edward Ero
 - b. Guests in Attendance: Cristy Blake
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:19 pm
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The June agenda was approved unanimously by the committee
4. Sub-committee Updates
 - a. Tractor Works (Crary)
 - i. Phone call between Parks and Placemaking and the City of Minneapolis Parks Board (Burke and Crary)
 - ii. City said call the Star Tribune to have them survey the land. The person Crary talked to at the Star Tribune said they would survey the land, but they weren't the correct employee to make this decision
 - iii. The Minneapolis Park Board is going to pay to do the survey on the land because no one knows where the property lines are, split between 3-4 parties
 - b. Third Street Park
 - i. This project is not going to move as quickly as P+P first thought. Aiming for construction to start on the park in 2023, it is most likely to be completed in 2024
 - ii. Pro Bono architecture is possible, but a Minneapolis Parks Department employee needs to oversee this, there is no one on the Parks Board with capacity to take on this project right now

- iii. To keep the project alive, Parks + Placemaking will host events in the empty park including an ice cream social this year. Parks + Placemaking will try to incorporate equity initiatives into the events
- c. Dog Park
 - i. New asset manager/community engagement lead
 - ii. Shafer Richardson and North Loop agreement- very complimentary of the Neighborhood Association as a whole. Anything P+P does needs to be approved by them
 - iii. Toy Chest, Benches, and Public Art all sound like great initiatives, P+P just need to send specs for pricing and get it approved from Shafer Richardson
 - iv. Does Shafer Richardson have a maintenance employee that could do some work?
 - v. Planning an event for Service Saturday in July that focuses on cleaning the dog park
- d. North Loop Green (Taft)
 - i. No immediate action items
 - ii. Survey posted to social accounts and distributed
- e. Public Art (Crary)
 - i. \$10k in funds that needs to be spent by December 31st, this requires city approval, can be spent on parks or public art
 - ii. P+P could pay the artist in advance for work to be done in 2023, money needs to be spent by December 31st
 - iii. David Kisan has been working on the Water Tower idea, \$50k raised already as a match. \$1,500 needed for artist to be committed. North Loop Board is all for it, they want this to come through the Public Art Committee
- f. James I Rice Park (Crary)
 - i. Service Saturday Coming up, mulching, June 11th
 - ii. Final copy of Friends of the Mississippi report is almost done. P+P will publicly share the final report once it's done
- g. Zero Waste Subcommittee (Burke)
 - i. Connected with Christy, working on two things: Sammy Gauer has found a buyer to bring specialized drop-off plastic recycling to the North Loop (plastic films, bags, etc.) Should be able to bring this to the North Loop for no cost. FRGMNT is a potential site for this.
 - ii. Christy Blake explained how she approaches buildings to get organics, pitching to buildings over the summer to add this as a utility in the neighborhood

5. New Business- Call for Additional Items

- a. None

6. **Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm**