



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

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

**Date: 5/11/2022**

**Time 6:00 pm**

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 7 of 9 Committee Members in attendance: Amber Taft, Tony Burke, Andrew Schaefer, David Crary, Quentin Misiag, Bri Sharkey-Smith, Andrew Morse
  - a. Absent: Sarah Holland, Edward Ero
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:08 pm
3. April Meeting Minutes
4. Sub-committee Updates
  - a. Dog Park (Misiag, Taft, Burke)
    - i. Sub-committee met to scope out dog park
    - ii. Goals and Ideas for improving the park with \$6,000 budget
      1. Remove the rotted wooden benches
      2. Host a 1-hour timeslot for Dog Park cleanup on Saturdays
      3. Distribute gift cards from Pups-and-Pound to engage neighbors
      4. Dog Toy Chest
      5. Add benches to perimeter, could incorporate public art
      6. Leash hang up
      7. Agility course
    - iii. **Tony makes a motion to give the Dog Park sub-committee permission to explore the above ideas and look more into prices of equipment or supplies along those guidelines. Crary seconds the motion, committee passes this vote unanimously**
  - b. Third Street Park (Schaffer)
    - i. Three Main Goals- Build a relationship with the Minneapolis Park Board, create an official park proposal, and create public awareness for the park
      1. Engagement: Host two public events held for the park

2. Submit a proposal to the Minneapolis Park Board that meets expectations
3. Put forth programming proposals with specific metrics
4. Add a small sign in the park to denote its public status
- ii. Size recommendation- five P+P members will be enough for this sub-committee; specialized volunteers will be needed for fundraising and events
- iii. Update from Crary on July 10<sup>th</sup> Food Truck Fair- no trucks can go on the park property, but patrons can sit in the park and play games. The sub-committee will work with Scott Woller from the NLNA board on the food truck fair and a movie in the park
- c. Zero Waste Subcommittee (Burke)
  - i. Goals- Triple A Method
    1. Awareness- 4 informational events a year
      - a. Provide information on composting, store drop off, recycling, and specialized recycling
      - b. Lobbying for buildings to adopt compost/organics pickup
      - c. Looking to partner with NLNA board for a revamped digital presence
    2. Accessibility
      - a. Aiming for five apartment buildings in the neighborhood to adopt organics program by February 2023 (10% of apartment complexes in the North Loop)
      - b. Create more public drop-off locations
      - c. North Loop Green is interested in becoming a public drop-off site
      - d. Host two special recycling events in the next term
    3. Adoption
      - a. Double current organics participants from 200 to 400 by next February
      - b. Looking to put out a neighborhood survey for awareness
  - ii. **Burke makes a motion to recruit two members to the Zero Waste Sub-Committee, Cristy Blake and Sammy Gauer, Crary seconds the motion, the motion passes**
- d. North Loop Green (Taft, Burke)
  - i. Update from In-person meeting with Marquee Developers
    1. Development is going to have a 1-acre outdoor park space with lots of programming
    2. North Loop Green is interested in doing a few community listening sessions with North Loop residents
  - ii. North Loop Neighborhood Association will post Marquee Developer's survey to neighbors <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLNA2022>
  - iii. Not much P+P can do until construction starts, but the partnership is there

- e. Public Art
    - i. No update this month
  - f. Tractor Works (Crary)
    - i. NLNA Board is pushing TractorWorks project for approval with the Minneapolis Parks Board
  - g. James I. Rice Park (Crary)
    - i. Approved for Parks and something next year
    - ii. Following the plans of Friends of the Mississippi
    - iii. Using this plan to push the Minneapolis Park Board to move forward
    - iv. Burke met with folks with a proposal to bring goats to the James I. Rice Park to graze
      - 1. trying to get it funded by Nature Valley
      - 2. Burke feels confident about August Proposal
      - 3. Estimated to be \$20k a year
5. Wiki Tool Demo (Schafer)
- a. Proposal for Parks + Placemaking to use a wiki instead of the shared Google Drive to stay more organized
  - b. Tool is called Notion. It allows access to one spokesperson per committee. Anyone can access the site, so content can be shared with the public. Schafer proposes P+P uses the free tier, if it picks up P+P could opt to use the paid tier
  - c. Schafer asks if the committee would be interested in using this, and if so, will one chair per sub-committee be willing to add information
    - i. Schafer will do the initial setup
    - ii. **Burke makes a motion to adopt the wiki, Taft seconds the motion, the vote passes unanimously**
    - iii. Notion Users
      - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street- Schafer
      - 2. Zero Waste- Burke
      - 3. Dog Park- Misiag
      - 4. North Loop Green- Taft
      - 5. James I Rice- Schafer
      - 6. North Loop Green- Taft
      - 7. Public Art- TBD
      - 8. Tractor Works- Schafer
6. Call for other agenda items
- a. N/A
7. **Committee adjourned at 6:52pm**