

**North Loop Neighborhood Association**

**Parks + Placemaking Committee October Meeting Notes**

**Date: 10/12/2022**

**Time 6:00 pm**

[**Zoom Link**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83399691421?pwd=ZHVsU3ptVUVFclNBeC9kZEVCSjZ4QT09#success)

1. 4 of 8 Committee Members in attendance: Tony Burke, David Crary, Ben Lester, Andrew Schafer
   1. Committee Members Absent: Bri Sharkey Smith, Andrew Morse, Amber Taft, Quentin Misiag, Sarah Holland
   2. Guest: North Loop Neighbor/volunteer with Cristy Blake, Downtown Improvement District Guests- Ella Graham, Eli Marriott, Ben Shardlow, Zoey
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:05 pm by Burke
3. **Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District (DID) presentation**
   1. DID wants to share good neighborhood programs between neighborhood associations. Celebrating NLNA’s Service Saturday, Arbor Day Celebration, Watering Partnership
   2. Trees are dying; the city and neighborhood need to work on keeping trees alive. Street Tree Mortality chart shows North Loop has lost more trees than other areas downtown. The main threats to trees: dog waste, soil issues, lack of water, and sidewalk salt
   3. DID recommends combatting over-salting in the winter to help save soil and trees. The Minneapolis Pollution Control Agency is offering Smart Salting trainings, the goal to be to inform people about how to use salt more effectively. How can NLNA incentivize properties to take this class? Potential can add a PSA video to the annual meeting
4. Sub-committee Updates
   1. James I Rice Park (Crary)
      1. Goats’ proposal is hoping to be finished by the end of the year
   2. Zero Waste Subcommittee (Burke)
      1. Schafer got the contact information of North Loop property managers from Cristy Blake to reach out to them
   3. Public Art (Holland)
      1. Asking for another year to spend the funds restricted for public art that are supposed to be spent by the end of the year
5. New Business- Call for Additional Items
   1. Service Saturday could fall under the Parks committee instead of the general NLNA Board starting next year, Crary speaking with NLNA board
6. **Committee adjourned at** **7:00 pm**