



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

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

Date: 8/9/2023

Time 6:00 pm

TractorWorks Building 800 N Washington Avenue

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 3 of 4 Committee Members in attendance: Amber Taft, David Crary, Grant Johnson
 - a. Committee Members Absent: Christy Blake
 - b. Guests in Attendance: Ellie Kingsbury
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:05 pm by Crary.
3. New Member Intro
 - a. Crary has reached out to 56 interested parties about joining the subcommittee, and should have more to report soon.
4. Service Saturday - Event Calendar & Planning
 - a. September Event Updates - Tree Planting and School Drive
 - i. On September 9th, a tree-planting event will be taking place at James Rice Park in coordination with Friends of Minneapolis. The volunteers will be planting 150 trees, so bringing in lots of volunteers is essential.
 - ii. Blake has coordinated with teachers from an elementary school in North Minneapolis for the school supply drive. They sent by a short bio for the school, and a list of needed school supplies.
 - b. October Event Updates - Dog Parade
 - i. Committee discusses potential for a dog parade event to take place on October 14th. Johnson has identified and created a list of dog-friendly businesses in the North Loop that they can possibly coordinate with.
 - c. November Event Updates - Avivo Presentation & Blood Drive
 - i. Avivo is hoping to do a 5 minute presentation on housing in the North Loop, in addition to a donation drive at the same time. Additional details forthcoming.

- ii. Crary has reached out to Hennepin County Medical Center about doing a flu shot/blood drive event, and they have said they no longer do the mobile flu shot events. Event is currently defunct.

5. Public Art

- a. Board evaluates what more they can be doing for public art in accordance with their subcommittees' commitments. They discuss multiple potential parties to coordinate with and goals for the future.

6. MPRB - Park Dedication Funds Update

- a. Crary has began work with MPRB's Michael Schroeder and CM Michael Rainville to try and make progress on using the North Loop park dedication funds to improve the neighborhoods parks. More updates forthcoming, and the board will continue to push on the City of Minneapolis for some movement.

7. Committee adjourned at 6:57 pm