



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Parks + Public Art Committee August Meeting Notes  
Date: 08/14/2024  
Time 6:00 pm  
Itasca Building Event Space  
[Zoom Link](#)**

1. 7 of 7 Committee Members in attendance: David Crary, Louis Raymond, Andrew Morse, Christy Blake, Grant Johnson, Patty Connelly, Jan Elftmann
  - a. Guests in Attendance: Crystal Boyd, John Crippen; Michael Schroeder, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board;
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Morse.
3. 3rd Street Park Updates and Activation Planning - Michael Schroeder, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
  - a. General Updates
    - i. Since the last meeting, Michael Schroeder has been working on merging two of the concept diagrams for the 3rd Street Park into a single concept. This is just a single step on the path towards the 'right' diagram.
    - ii. The new diagram has incorporated among other things 3-4 major land features.
      1. Third Street Plaza
        - a. The Third Street Plaza feature is a primarily paved structure on the 3rd Street side of the park, allowing for things like food truck parking, tabling, etc.
      2. Bassett's Creek Meadow
        - a. Running through the middle of the park following where the creek runs under the park itself, Bassett's Creek Meadow is a natural walkway area intending to incorporate native plants, public art, and educational features.
      3. North Loop Lawn
        - a. Large open grass space, with a performance stage positioned at one end of it.
        - b. Stage design currently is based on a 'shipping container' concept, mixed with elements of permanent infrastructure.

4. Park Office

- a. A typical park office building, with maintenance storage, offices, bathrooms, etc.

1. Service Saturdays & Events

a. Dog Parade - September 14th

- i. Blake and Johnson have been working on the Dog Parade event, hoping to keep the event relatively simple.
- ii. Nordic Plaza has been approached on hosting the event, the committee is still awaiting confirmation though they seemed open to it.
- iii. Current idea is to meet around 1pm, do a quick walk around the block, have a photographer at the event, and then do a small contest with prizes for categories best costume, owner/dog look alike, big vs. small, best trick etc.
- i. A final decision will be made regarding the events future following a conversation with Nordic Plaza.

2. Next meeting is September 11th, 2024

**3. Committee adjourns at 7:15 PM**