



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Parks + Placemaking Committee July Meeting Notes
Date: 7/12/2023
Time 6:00 pm
TractorWorks Building 800 N Washington Avenue
[Zoom Link](#)**

1. 4 of 4 Committee Members in attendance: Amber Taft, David Crary, Christy Blake, Grant Johnson
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:05 pm by Crary.
3. New Member Intro
 - a. Grant Johnson is the newest member of the Parks + Placemaking Committee.
 - b. The committee has informed Merrifield that Ben Lester and David Kisan are no longer apart of the committee.
4. Table at Food Truck Fair (Blake)
 - a. Blake informs the committee that the organics tent is going to be less extensive than previously planned.
 - b. Johnson suggests using the signs for the Habitat Restoration project on an easel, displayed with a QR code that visitors can scan.
 - c. Blake is going to communicate with Woller about this.
5. Public Art
 - a. David Kisan used to spearhead Public Art. Taft says we need to take a look at the scope of this committee and try and narrow it down, so they can be productive. Crary suggests making it “inactive”
 - b. Blake mentions someone on Planning and Zoning wants to make a subcommittee about public art. Maybe they could take on this responsibility.
 - c. Blake mentions that Diane says P+P need more members, is there any interested parties who are interested in Public Art?
 - d. David will communicate with P+Z to make sure they are not doubling up.

- e. David will also reach out to volunteers interested in Public Art, and see if their interested.
- f. Taft suggests that if they are to continue working with Public Art they should find what people in the neighborhood want from neighborhoods.

6. Service Saturdays

- a. August - Back to School Drive
 - i. Crary says in the past they've had people drop off donations from 10-12 at James Rice Park.
 - ii. Crary will reach out to Webster Elementary. They start school on September 5th so the drive begins before the start of the school year.
 - iii. Taft suggests having the donor drop-off being at the same spot as the clean-up at Corner Coffee. Crary will talk to Scott Woller from the NLNA board.
- b. September - Flu Shot
 - i. Crary will reach out to Bre XXX from XXX about this.
- c. October - Dog Parade
 - i. Taft says they can look at other neighborhoods' similar events to model this event after. There are many businesses in the NL that are dog friendly that could potentially be incorporated in some way. Johnson will try to find dog friendly businesses to connect with.
- d. November - Blood Drive
 - i. Taft saying they can reach out to Memorial Blood Services about this sooner rather than later.
- e. Crary went to the ice cream place to talk about the ice cream social, but they are not able to do something outside of their location.

7. Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm