
**North Loop Neighborhood
Parks + Placemaking Committee May**
Date: 5/10/2023
Time 6:00 pm
TractorWorks Building 800 N
[Zoom Link](#)



**Association
Meeting Notes**

Washington Avenue

1. 2 of 4 Committee Members in attendance: Amber Taft, David Crary,
 - a. Committee Members Absent: Ben Lester, David Kisan
 - b. Guests: Christy Blake, Jared Rush

2. Committee Called to Order at 6:10 pm by Taft.

3. North Loop Green (Jared Rush)
 - a. Public Art at North Loop Green
 - i. Inside the building and in the green space outside of the building
 - ii. Looking at sculptures and installations
 - iii. Looking to reduce graffiti on highway pylons, jurisdiction of Freeway is hard to manage because MNDOT, City of Minneapolis, Heinz
 - iv. Working with a few artists from Chicago who they have worked with before.
 - b. Green Space/Park
 - i. Interest in having an Ice Rink.
 - ii. They want a food and beverage concession hosted in the green space. Will eventually need letters of support for Liquor License, would need to go to Planning + Zoning committee.
 - iii. Interested in connecting to the Cedar Lake Trail, even if by staircase.
 - iv. 20ish trees are being added, putting mature trees in
 - c. Share neighborhood data from Annual meeting with Developers.
 - d. In the next few months, they will have more information about what commercial tenants they'd like to have on the main floors.
 - e. Hired Lola Red to manage social channels and PR.
 - f. Event Series- partner with James Beard Foundation. 200 person on-field dinner at Wrigley Field. Doing this at Target Field on June 25th, open to the public to buy a ticket.
 - g. Blake- Are organics being incorporated into the large building? Rush will check.

4. 2023 Parks + Placemaking Goals
 - a. Funding for 3rd Street Park
 - b. Funding for James I Rice Park
 - c. Movement on Tractor Works Building Project

- d. Public Art Plan/Public Art at 3rd Street Park
 - e. Successful Service Saturday Events
 - f. Better Tree Growth in the North Loop
5. Trees (Blake)
- a. Two trees planted on Washington Avenue and 6th Avenue N.
 - i. Blake emailed DID and asked them if they had a list of trees that are planted.
 - ii. The trees planted this way do not survive beyond a year, need someone to water them, need more mature trees planted.
 - b. Brainstorming other ways to bring trees into the neighborhood.
 - i. DID has a watering truck for Elliot Park, it is only used once a week. Perhaps it could be used by NLNA.
 - ii. Do tree testing in a certain area to prove what is and is not working.
 - iii. Adopt a tree or tree endowment idea.
 - iv. Twins player interested in doing more with trees.
 - v. Neighborhood engagement at Food Truck Fair.
 - c. Shared list of tree needs for developers with P+Z Committee
6. Service Saturday
- a. May: Clear out the Clutter- Salvation Army is ready for the Donation Drive
 - b. June: Garden Bed cleanup, planting, and mulching.

7. Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm