



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Parks + Public Art Committee March Meeting Notes  
Date: 05/8/2024  
Time 6:00 pm  
TractorWorks Building 800 N Washington Avenue  
[Zoom Link](#)**

1. 4 of 7 Committee Members in attendance: **David Crary, Louis Raymond, Andrew Morse, Christy Blake,**
  - a. Board Members Absent: Grant Johnson, Patty Connelly, Jan Elftmann
  - b. Guests in Attendance: Ashlynn Reynolds, Shane with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board
  
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Crary.
  
3. 3rd Street Park Updates and Activation Planning - Shane with MPRB
  - a. General Updates
    - i. MPRB says to expect park chairs within the next couple weeks.
    - ii. MPRB is working to continue community outreach to find out what neighbors would like to see at the 3rd Street Park.
  - b. Activations for the Immediate Future
    - i. Shane has come to discuss and brainstorm with the committee potential activations for the 3rd Street Park, specifically temporary activations to encourage park use before permanent infrastructure can be built down the line.
    - ii. Activations should focus on programming and events, such as hosting marketplaces, performances, inflatable children's play equipment, etc. Infrastructure like ice rinks would be too cost prohibitive for this park at the moment.
      1. The committee discusses potential event ideas, including hosting the North Loop's Food Truck Fair, and more.
      2. MPRB would be able to put a pod storage unit on-site to allow sound equipment, generators, maintenance tools, and more, to be held on location until permanent infrastructure is built in the future.
    - iii. The committee will work with Mike Binkley to collect survey data about what the community would like to see.

4. The committee has discussed the prospect of holding these meetings at a new location going forward. The most obvious candidate so far has been the Itasca Lofts building on N 1st.
  - a. **Morse makes a motion to hold future Parks and Public Art committee meetings at the Itasca Lofts building. Blake seconds, the motion passes unanimously.**
5. Next meeting is June 12th, 2024
6. **Committee adjourns at 7:15 PM**