



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

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

Date: 11/8/2023

Time 6:00 pm

TractorWorks Building 800 N Washington Avenue

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 5 of 6 Committee Members in attendance: David Crary, Christy Blake, Grant Johnson, Patty Connelly, Jan Elftmann
 - a. Committee Members Absent: Amber Taft
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Crary.
3. Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Park Dedication Funds Update
 - a. Crary has a meeting tomorrow with the MPRB to see a preliminary contract that will allow the NLNA to manage the park dedication funds, roughly \$1.3 million, to improve and maintain the neighborhood parks.
 - b. The committee discusses early ideas for usage of the funds, including incorporating art installations in the 3rd Street Park, outdoor musical instrument playgrounds, and more.
4. 2024 Service Saturday - Role Assignment
 - a. With the new year approaching, the committee worked on assigning each of the 2024 Service Saturday events to different members for them to start coordinating.
 - i. April - Earth Day/Organics Table (Connelly)
 - ii. May - Closet Clean Out Donation Drive (Crary)
 - iii. June - Bike Tune-Up Pop-Up Event (Blake/Crary)
 - iv. July - Ice Cream Social (Connelly/Johnson)
 - v. August - National Night Out/Back to School Drive (Taft)
 - vi. September - Pet Parade (Blake)
 - vii. November - Blood Drive (Crary)
5. Annual Meeting Preparations

- a. As the annual meeting approaches, the subcommittee is working with Mike Binkley to prepare a 2-3 minute video presentation on the goals, accomplishments, and further messages.
 - i. Crary is pushing to have the reveal of the MPRB park dedication funds as the biggest message for the annual meeting.
 - ii. Crary will send out an email to the committee members consolidating everything discussed.
6. Next meeting is January 10th, 2024.
 7. Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm