



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association
Parks + Public Art Committee March Meeting Notes**

Date: 3/1/2025

Time 6:00 pm

Itasca Building Event Space

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 8 of 8 Committee Members in attendance: **David Crary, Louis Raymond, Andrew Morse, Christy Blake, Grant Johnson, Patty Connelly, Jan Elftmann, Mary Milla**
 - a. Board Members Absent:
 - b. Guests in Attendance: Dylan Woytcke, Minutes;
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Morse.
3. 3rd Street Park Updates and Activation Planning - Michael Schroeder with MPRB
 - a. General Updates
 - i. MPRB Michael Schroeder was not able to attend tonight's meeting as planned, but provided an update via email.
 - ii. The survey conducted at the annual meeting provided valuable feedback, and indicated the project was already heading in the right direction. First phase of construction is likely to begin in September 2025. Concrete should be finished by Winter.
 - iii. Michael Schroeder no longer has his contact at TORO, leaving the automation elements of the project in uncertainty.
4. Park Dedication Funds Update - Crary
 - a. Crary confirms that they have an agreement with the River Park project for the other half of the Park Dedication funds. Current plan is to develop the park similarly to 3rd Street Park, working with MPRB Michael Schroeder to create a master plan throughout the summer that addresses the park's specific needs.
 - b. Friends of the Mississippi have some natural landscaping plans for the banks of the river. Current progress on clean-up of the buckthorn is at about 70%, which is a massive accomplishment. It will need to be maintained yearly.
5. Dog Park Updates - Ali Odenthal, Andrew Morse

- a. At the board meeting, Odenthal volunteered to be an ambassador of sorts for the dog park, and to help keep an eye on the signage that is there as she lives nearby.
6. Service Saturdays & Events - Crary
- a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Bike Tune-Up Pop-Up Event - May 3rd 2025
 - ii. Gallery Walk - May 10th
 - b. Service Saturday Updates
 - i. Crary expresses a desire to think more strategically about how to differentiate Service Saturdays and other types of events. Bike Pop-Ups and the Ice Cream Social aren't quite related to public service.
 - ii. The subcommittee discusses potential options for separating these, including handing off the Bike Tune-Up event to Safety and Livability as a biking/pedestrian safety related event.
 - iii. The committee discusses ideas for the upcoming Service Saturday events.
7. Next meeting is April 9th, 2024
- 8. Committee adjourns at 7:00 PM**