



NORTH
LOOP
NEIGHBORHOOD

Parks & Public Art Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026 Meeting

Attendees:

MPRB: Kristina Anderson, Shane Stenzel, Michael Schroeder

NLNA: David Crary, Andrew Morse, Gwen Hollins, Louis Raymond, Mary Binkley

MPRB Updates

- Kristina Anderson, Recreation Supervisor for Downtown Parks, gave an overview of 2026 activities. Her territory includes Graco Park, The Commons, Mill Ruins/Water Works, and North Loop Parks.
 - 2026 Activities will mirror 2025 including Pickleball and 4th of July
 - Calendar is shaping up; she'll let us know when it's done
 - Mary encouraged Kristina to tag us on any events so we can amplify them
 - We also discussed potential activation on the "dolphins" and within James Rice Park, for example Horseshoe League supported by food trucks in the Plymouth Avenue parking lot
- Michael Schroeder gave updates on North Loop Parks
 - Third Street Park. Construction will be pushed to September to make time for soil moorings to determine soil quality and any remediation needed to support future foot traffic; walks and lighting could happen from September to mid-November
 - Making progress on Smart Park discussions for Third Street Park
 - No news yet on Bassett Creek Stewardship Agreement
 - Dog Park moving forward; David Crary to organize a meeting with MNDot and MPRB to coordinate efforts and timing
 - Other discussion included an Ice Rink during winter months