

Parks & Public Art

February 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Owamniyomi Okhodayaki: Amanda Wigen

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

Visitors: Patty Connelly + 1

Owamniyomi Update

- Amanda Wigen from Friends of Owamniyomi updated us on their plans
- 5.2 areas of natural area across 3 parcels
- Groundbreaking commences next month
- For now, Lock & Dam #1 will remain, though it will never reopen
- <https://owamniyomni.org/about/#the-project>

Earth Day Update

- About 25 people showed up at James Rice Park, not bad for a cold day
- Cleaned up Playground area and removed garbage from other areas of the park

Dog Park Updates

- David Crary met with MNDOT, Rainville's office, MPRB
- Waiting on potential timing of potential new park - maybe this fall?

Other updates

- Neighbor questions on other initiatives