



Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board

Cedar-Isles CAC Meeting #5

Drafting a Vision and Guiding Principles

Thursday, September 9th, 2021



Land Acknowledgement

We collectively acknowledge that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board system is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region.

We also acknowledge that restrictive covenants were used to deny Black, Indigenous, Asian and in some cases Jewish individuals access to property in surrounding neighborhoods. This had an impact on who was and was not officially welcome in this area.

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Agenda

6:00-6:30 Welcome & CAC Introductions

6:30-6:45 Overview of Engagement Summary Findings

6:45-7:15 Vision/Guiding Principles Presentation & Activity 1

Breakout room with CAC and public

7:15-7:20 BREAK

7:20-8:20 Vision/Guiding Principles Activity 2 & 3 with TenxTen

Breakout room with CAC and public

CAC-only discussion

8:20-8:30 Public comment time

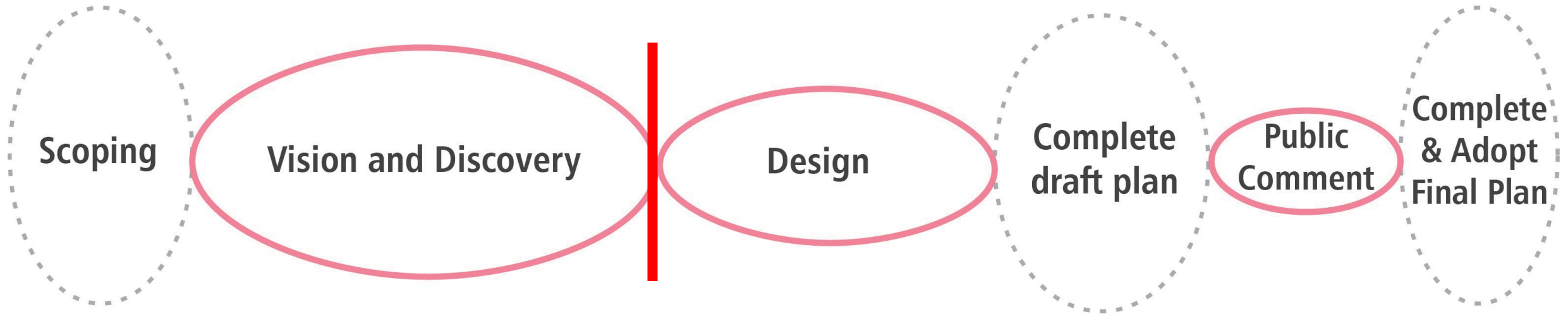
CAC Group Agreement

1. Assume good intent
2. One conversation: respect the speaker, actively listen
3. Value different perspectives
4. Speak from your experience
5. Be respectful even if you don't agree
6. Step up, step back

MPRB Public Online Forum Guidelines

1. Stay on "mute" until you are called on to speak
2. Please don't be anonymous – use your real name
3. We are not recording this meeting
4. Space will be provided to CAC members to speak
5. The public will be invited to speak during the Public Comment period

Master Plan Process

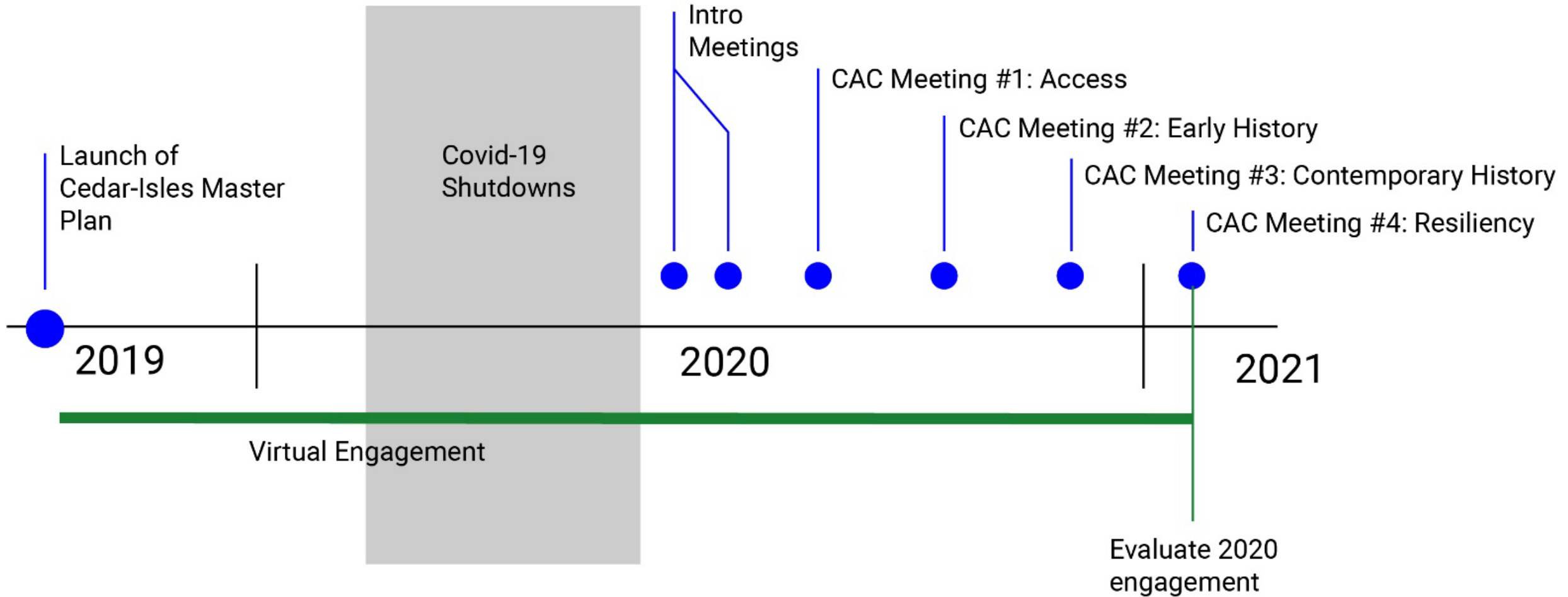


A person in a wheelchair is sitting on a log by the edge of a lake. The person is wearing orange shorts and is looking towards the camera. The background shows a calm lake with trees and a large tree trunk on the right. The lighting suggests it is late afternoon or sunset.

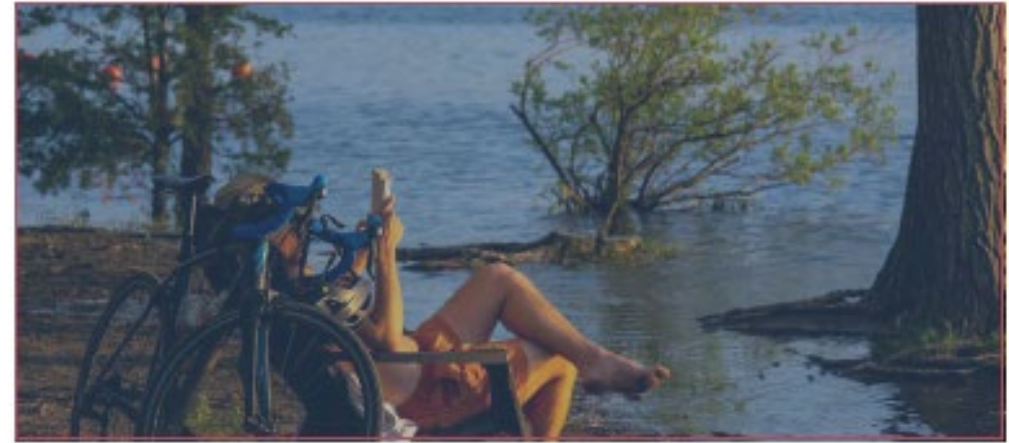
CAC Introductions

- Name, pronouns (optional)
- One reason you were interested in participating on the Cedar-Isles CAC
- Highlight from your summer

Vision & Discovery



Summary of engagement between 2019 Cedar-Isles Master Plan launch through summer 2021



Cedar Lake & Lake of the Isles Master Plan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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PHASE 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

During Phase 1 of implementing community engagement for the Cedar Lake & Lake of the Isles Master Plan, there were a number of methods employed in order to gather community input on issues and opportunities that exist around the lakes today. The following is a summary of the events and methods for gathering community input, as well as summaries of the feedback gathered.



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Audiences MPRB aimed to engage with

- Local residents and organizations within the adjacent areas
- Citywide organizations and community groups
- Park Users
- Non-park users
- Cultural communities
- Seniors/elders and the disability community
- Renters
- Youth

Types of Engagement

❖ Virtual

- Online survey
- Mapping tool
- Listening sessions

❖ Community Collaborators

- Community-led engagement initiatives

❖ Summer 2021 engagement

- Experiential events
- Focus groups
- Park conversations



How Feedback is Grouped

- ❖ General feedback
- ❖ Location or audience-specific feedback



General Themes

- ❖ Appreciation for what is already at these parks
- ❖ Appreciation that it is a hidden gem in the middle of an urban area
- ❖ Value for it being a place where one can find solitude
- ❖ Don't change things for the sake of changing them
- ❖ Area works as it

Water Quality

- ❖ Concern with poor water quality in this area
- ❖ Interest in improving the water quality of both lakes
- ❖ Address stormwater runoff
- ❖ Address shoreline erosion



Natural Areas

- ❖ Preserve the natural and forested areas
- ❖ Expand the current natural and forested areas
- ❖ Preserve and increase the amount of trees
- ❖ Add more native plants, consider allowing foraging for Indigenous community members
- ❖ Add more wildlife habitat and wild areas



Programming

- ❖ Strong appreciation for current recreational activities
- ❖ Appreciation for green and open spaces
- ❖ Preserve open spaces to allow for flexible and organic uses
- ❖ Concern with current crowding in the parks **
- ❖ Support for outdoor programming (art, yoga, movies)
- ❖ Provide areas for large gatherings and events

**Worse during COVID-19

Built Infrastructure

- ❖ Strong interest in improving maintenance of trails, roads, beaches, and other infrastructure
- ❖ Limit new development
- ❖ Interest in adding more amenities at key locations
- ❖ Add more formal water access points and docks for fishing



Circulation

- ❖ Appreciation for existing walking and biking network
- ❖ Improve safety at intersections and choke points along paths
- ❖ Consider narrowing or closing parkway to cars (temporarily or permanently)
- ❖ Reduce or reroute vehicle traffic
- ❖ Consideration of new connections
- ❖ Improve trail maintenance
- ❖ Address flooding



Access

- ❖ Continue to make recreation and activities affordable and accessible
- ❖ Concern with safety, at night and/or in the forested areas
- ❖ Portions of parkland do not feel accessible to the public
- ❖ Connections to water important for people, including for Indigenous ceremonial practices
- ❖ Maintain areas of seclusion
- ❖ Design for all communities (BIPOC, Indigenous, seniors, youth) to feel welcome

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sky is filled with dark, silhouetted clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The water in the foreground is dark with gentle ripples, reflecting the light from the sky. In the background, a dark silhouette of a tree line is visible. The text "TxT Presentation/Activity" is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

TxT Presentation/Activity

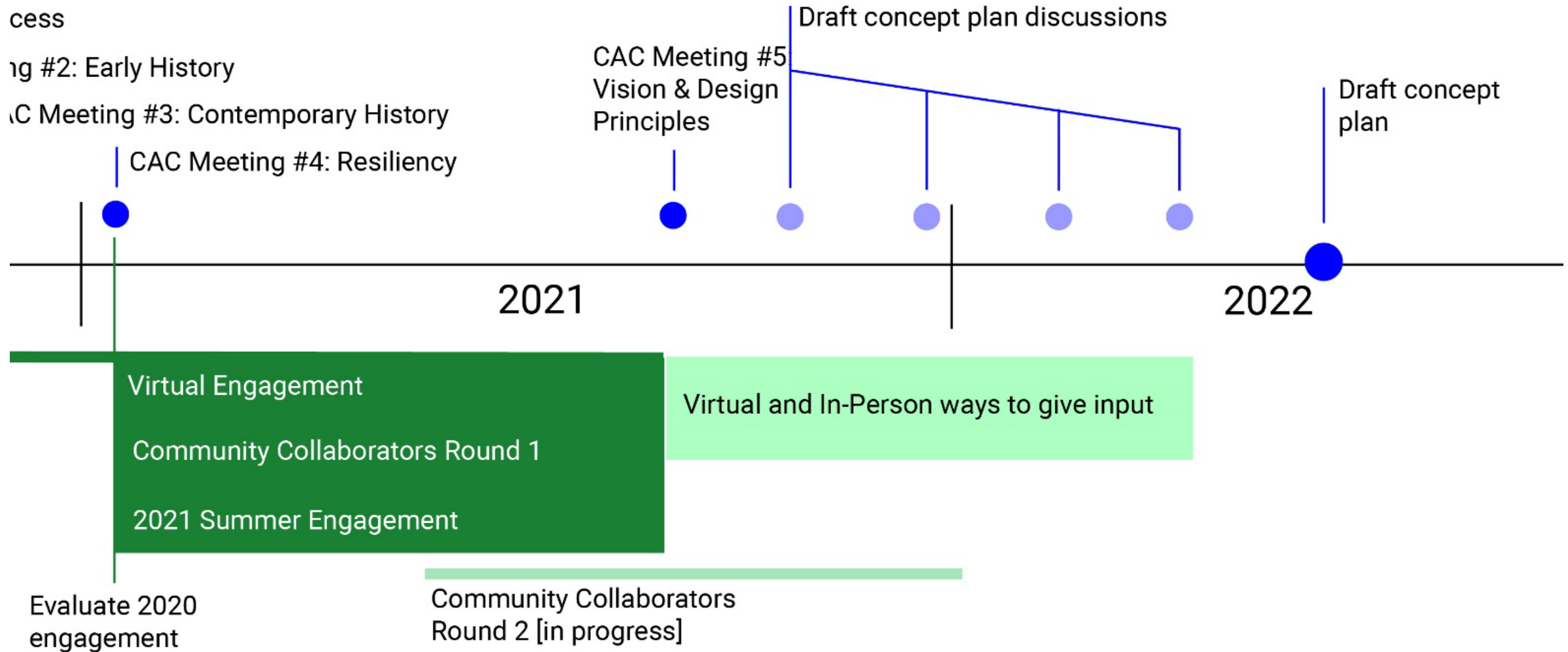
A scenic photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The water in the foreground is dark with gentle ripples, reflecting the light from the sky. In the background, a dark silhouette of a tree line is visible against the bright horizon. The text 'Public Comment' is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Public Comment

How to share your feedback

- **Share your feedback verbally:**
 - Up to 1 minute
 - Write "YES" in the chatbox and we will call on you in chronological order
- **Share your feedback through writing:**
 - Write your feedback in the chatbox

Looking forward





THANK YOU for participating!

Questions or comments?

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