

## **Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan Community Advisory Committee Circulation Subcommittee**

### **Agenda**

*August 10, 2022*

#### **Intro & Preferred Park Concept Overview: MPRB Staff**

**10 minutes**

- The Preferred Concept by park board staff and consultants is based on three years of data gathering, ideation, public input and CAC feedback.
- We're here to talk about some issues that have surfaced to discuss with your fellow CAC members and help CAC members consider various options.
- The Master Plan Vision and Guiding Principles are an important framework in which to consider changes to the Preferred Concept.

#### **Subcommittee Purpose, Goals, Format: Craig**

**5 - 10 minutes**

The purpose of this subcommittee is to reach consensus on circulation aspects for the Master Plan. These preliminary goals were drafted in preparation for this meeting:

1. Align circulation infrastructure and amenities with the Master Plan vision and guiding principles.
2. Improve circulation for park visitors while protecting water quality and wildlife habitat and prioritizing visitor safety in this order: pedestrians, bicycles, motorized vehicles.
3. Clarify circulation networks and links among people, wildlife, and natural resources with low-impact signage and other tools.

**Goals Action item: Discussion. Revisions. Consensus to adopt these goals.**

#### **Guidelines for how meeting topics will be managed:**

- We ask that comments be directly related to the Preferred Concept and the goals developed by the subcommittee.
- Any solution brought forward must clarify how it achieves the goals of the subcommittee.
- Changes to the Preferred Concept will be clearly articulated and voted on.

We will discuss concerns and possible solutions in an attempt to reach consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, we will clarify how CAC members feel about a recommendation through formal vote taking.

**Format Action item: Discussion. Revisions. Consensus to follow this format.**

#### **Discussion Topics Overview: Craig**

**10 minutes**

Lake of the Isles

1. Crossing at SE Isles Parkway
2. Pedestrian connection at SE Isles to Midtown Greenway (near dog park)

3. Bike access from LOI to Kenilworth Regional Trail
4. Bike circulation at Lake of the Isles

#### Cedar Lake

5. Southeast Cedar shoreline restoration
6. East Cedar Woods restoration and trails
7. Northwest Cedar trails

#### General

8. Land acquisition below Kenwood/Lowry Hill
9. Wayfinding and signage
10. Pedestrian safety improvements

**Topics Action item: Discussion. Revisions. Consensus to focus on these topics.**

#### **Lake of the Isles Discussion Topics**

**30 minutes**

##### **1. Crossing at SE Corner of Lake of the Isles Parkway**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Redesign the existing paved turnoffs from the Greenway to clarify and differentiate pedestrian and bicycle pathways
- b. Move the large port-a-potty to the flat area east of the connector paths to open up sightlines.

##### **2. Pedestrian connection at SE Isles to Midtown Greenway**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Move pedestrian connection from the west side of dog park to the east side.

##### **3. Bike access from LOI to Kenilworth Regional Trail**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

Possible changes to preferred design concept to reduce hardscape and preserve green space while improving access:

- a. Improve existing bike path from LOI to Kenilworth Trail via Dean Parkway.
- b. Eliminate bike access between Kenilworth trail and LOI on north side of Cedar-Isles Channel

##### **4. Two-way bike lanes**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Reject the Preferred Concept's two segments of "two-way" bike trail on Lake of the Isles as impractical and unsafe.
- b. Amend the Preferred Concept to formalize, with paint or other cues, a bicycle right of way going with the existing direction of traffic on the parkway.

- c. Take six feet of the existing Lake of the Isles Parkway to create a raised bicycle path around Lake of the Isles, off the parkway.

## **Cedar Lake Discussion Topics**

**30 minutes**

### **5. Southeast Cedar shoreline restoration**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. End all encroachments within 10 years with the removal of all non-MPRB infrastructure.
- b. After shoreline is naturalized, consider public access path if deemed feasible.

### **6. East Cedar Woods restoration and trails**

Proposed Motions to Clarify/Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Retain shoreline pedestrian path.
- b. Replace general restoration areas with specific zones for rehabilitation (invasive species removal and native planting), including the mound.
- c. Decide whether to:
  - i) Include a soft-surface bike path connector through the woods to Cedar Lake Regional Trail
  - ii) Make the East Cedar Woods pedestrian-only with no bike paths.

### **7. Northwest Cedar trails**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Rejects a shared trail and proposes separated bicycle and pedestrian paths along the entire stretch of the west side of Cedar Lake Parkway.
- b. Widen existing paved path using existing goat trail to provide more dedicated space for separated bicycle and pedestrian paths; if necessary use helical piers and retaining walls in narrow areas, while preserving trees as much as possible.
- c. Add boardwalk for pedestrians where space does not allow for a minimum 8' pedestrian path and 10' two-way bicycle path after attempting other remedies to reach those minimums.

## **General Master Plan Topics**

**15 minutes**

### **8. Land acquisition of approximately 20 acres below Kenwood/Lowry Hill**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Conserve and enhance this parcel for wildlife and habitat to offset fragmentation accelerated by SW LRT.
- b. Formalize the existing trail connecting Douglas Avenue and the Penn Ave LRT stop and Cedar Lake Trail.

### **9. Wayfinding and signage (including restrooms)**

Proposed Motions to Amend Preferred Concept

- a. Improve wayfinding and signage throughout the master plan area.

- For example: location of and distance to restrooms
- Specify welcome and wayfinding recommendations at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Bryn Mawr (Penn Avenue) LRT stations

## **10. Additional pedestrian safety improvements**

Proposed Motion to Amend Preferred Concept:

- a. Add additional paved space for pedestrians along bicycle paths that do not have an adjacent pedestrian path
  - West side of Cedar Lake Parkway, between 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Cedar Point Beach

**Public Comment**

**15 minutes**