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# HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI REGIONAL PARK PLAN!

## North Mississippi Regional Park Plan Community Advisory Committee Application

CAC applications are due by 5pm CST on Friday August 2nd, 2024

### Project Overview

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is currently developing a 30-year community-driven park plan aimed at envisioning the future of North Mississippi Regional Park. MPRB staff will actively engage with the community to co-create this vision, fostering a profound sense of ownership and inclusivity throughout the planning process. The long-term plan document will include design, maintenance, and operation information to guide implementation of North Mississippi Regional Park over the next 20 to 30 years. For more information, visit the project page: [www.minneapolisparcs.org/NorthMiss](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/NorthMiss)

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

#### What is a CAC?

MPRB Community Advisory Committees (CAC) are comprised of a group of formally appointed community members that collectively outline policy and design recommendations to be adopted by the MPRB Board of Commissioners for the project. **CAC members are expected to participate in regularly scheduled meetings to collectively make recommendations about the proposed project area; all CAC meetings are open to the public.** Members of the CAC are expected to represent the views of park users and to work collaboratively with each other and the public to provide comprehensive recommendations to the Board about the project. MPRB aims to have a diversity of voices, perspectives, and geographic locations represented.

#### Responsibilities of CAC Members:

Through this process, CAC members are expected to become knowledgeable about the project and its scope, understand and represent the regional park and recreation needs of the community and park visitors and act as community liaisons for the project. Members will participate in public CAC meetings, advise MPRB staff and consultants throughout the planning process, and recommend to the Board of Commissioners a preferred plan.

#### MPRB Promise:

The MPRB will work with the CAC and stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and will incorporate recommendations to the maximum extent possible. Transportation and childcare reimbursements are available upon request for public meeting attendance. Staff will also work with CAC members to address other challenges to be able to access meetings and locations on a case-by-case basis.



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**Time Commitment:**

The total time commitment for CAC members is estimated at **35-45 hours total over the course of 18+ months**. The majority of the meetings will likely occur on weekday evenings or weekends; we will collaborate with selected applicants to determine the most suitable days and times for the entire group. The CAC will hold 10-12 meetings, each lasting about two hours, in addition to any relevant work group meetings initiated by individuals or the committee. Outside of meetings, members may also be asked to read community input summaries, other relative documents, and/or to attend community engagement opportunities to better inform themselves about the project and community perspectives ahead of meetings.

***Appointment process:***

All completed CAC applications will be forwarded to all the appointers for review after July 2nd. There are 17 available positions for the CAC. Nine of the seventeen CAC positions will be selected by the MPRB board of commissioners (one selection per commissioner); the remaining eight positions will be selected by a Selection Committee comprised of community group representatives and MPRB staff. The eight Selection Committee-recommended applicants will then go to the MPRB Board of Commissioners for approval. Applicants may be contacted directly during the selection process.

Applicants will hear whether they are selected in August or September of 2024. The first meeting will happen soon after.



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The appointed CAC for the North Mississippi Regional Park Plan shall:

- Become knowledgeable about the project and its scope and advise MPRB staff and consultants throughout the planning process.
- Participate in an onboarding training including training on racial equity, and the MPRB, and ethics.
- Engage in working groups and subcommittees, as needed
- Contribute to broad community engagement by acting as primary contact for the CAC's represented communities, and by enhancing the project's interaction with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Assist with ongoing communication of plan elements to the general public.
- Report back to appointers or appointing bodies, as requested, on the plan process, information presented, and possible recommendations.
- Make recommendations to the MPRB Commissioners on the vision, goals, and principles for the long-term plan.
- Abide by the [MPRB Community Engagement Policy](#)

*(Please print if you are filling out a paper, rather than on-line, application. Use the backside of the form for longer answers)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in serving on this Community Advisory Committee and planning the future of North Mississippi?**



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**Please briefly describe any past experience with and/or how you have shown commitment to promoting equity in the areas of:**

**\*Race/Ethnicity \*Culture/Religion \*Age \*Gender/Gender identity \*Sexual orientation \*Disability**

**Would you be interested in childcare at the CAC meetings? (circle one)**

Yes

No

**12. Anything else you'd like to tell us about yourself?**

**All Applications are due Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Submit by mailing a hard copy or emailing an electronic version to:*

*Mail: MPRB Attn: Siciid Ali, 2117 W River Rd Minneapolis, MN 55411*

*Email: [sali@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:sali@minneapolisparcs.org)*

*Questions? Contact Siciid Ali, Project Manager at 612-230-6576 or by email*