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Meeting Minutes – CAC MEETING 06

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Meeting Details

Meeting Date:	9.23.2025	Project Name:	North Mississippi Regional Park Plan
Meeting Time:	6:00 PM	Project Number:	
Meeting Location:	Webber Park Rec Center	Attendees:	
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Framework Comments

INTERTWINED RIVER ECOLOGIES

Question 01 - What ideas do you like in the park framework plan?

Group A

- Meandering creek
- Vast majority of the park is naturalized/restored
- Lyndale green corridor
- Green bridges
- Overlook at south end of the park

Group B

- Opening views and access to the river – will feel safer and make it obvious this is a river park
- Greening corridors into neighborhoods – blooming boulevards, bees, monarch butterflies, ripple perfect into community - weaving community, people, plants, pollinators – feel healthy – pulls people in (Webber from/to North Mississippi) – activating space for people and play/plants
- Transform creek greener, not industrial – a highlight!

Question 02 - What is missing from the park framework plan?

Group A

- Appreciate vistas from high picnic area; do we need to access the river everywhere?
- Corridor that filters/buffers highway and railroad
- Habitat Connected into Webber – land bridge?

Group B

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- What's the solution to impact of train and blocking access – cars, bikes, pedestrians? Bridge? Underpass? Show alternate routes for bikes and pedestrians. Safety concern – firetrucks stuck @ station while cars move (partners for funding?)
- Public Safety – visibility, signs/wayfinding, selective lighting under bridges, clearing underbrush/invasives.

Question 03 - Is the park framework plan representative of the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles?

Group A

- What would be pushed back against natural landscapes
- Be mindful of habitat barriers
- Does meandering the creek allow waterfall to continue, or is water slowed too much?

Group B

N/A

CONNECTED RIVER

Question 01 - What ideas do you like in the park framework plan?

Group A

- Paths to islands
- Shingle Creek outlet crossing
- Floodplain woodlands boardwalk
- Visual connection points to city at 45th, 49th
- Enhanced street 45th
- Prominent visibility of the large land bridge, for interstate travelers

Group B

- Land bridge – another needed access point
- George Hill and Alice Rainville Park – small building to help it feel like a park, make it activated – paths
- Two-way frontage road
- Neighborhood route in and out – 45th, 49th, creek, island access
- Boardwalk

Question 02 - What is missing from the park framework plan?

Group A

- Land bridge at Webber - critical because of historic separation of people of color from park
- Land bridges that don't cross Lyndale are less good
- Better Connection to Waterfall and trail into park

Group B

- History of the park
- Use public art to tell our stories and include languages, audio too
- Places to sit

Question 03 - Is the park framework plan representative of the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles?

Group A

- Think about "Rebranding" of park, especially at entrances or marking on sidewalks
- Connection to Webber is important functionally/socially/symbolically – also needs programming, safety

Group B

N/A

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ACTIVATED LANDSCAPE

Question 01 - What ideas do you like in the park framework plan?

Group A

- Foraging Space in Webber
- Love for Shingle Creek outlet, wants more amenities there
- Amphitheater at Webber
- Kroening Expansion, parking?
- Nature Play “Nodes” along paths

Group B

- Nature Center “on steroids”
- Focus on what make park unique – get to the river
- Amphitheater – gathering space
- Outdoor classrooms close to CKNC – and one @ Webber
- River access – follow existing desire lines
- Open up river views
- Get to “the cove”

Question 02 - What is missing from the park framework plan?

Group A

- Train is a major impediment (how to cross)
- Park lacks continuity
- Most difficult to see the “vision”
- Webber Park identity doesn’t connect to North Mississippi
- Families of color/immigrants’ reason to visit North Miss (some disagreement about current use)
- Congregating spaces at the south end of park
- More food trucks, maybe at parking areas in Webber and also into park
- Visibility of Kroening from splash pad, doesn’t look like a nature center
- Train/pump cart to connect nodes across the park

Group B

- Need more information/ideas on the skinny parkway bridge, for cars? For bikes and pedestrians? All?
- Less about pulling neighborhood into park, need paths from E/W streets
- New kayak/canoe launch as premiere location for north side
- Could George Hill and Alice Rainville Park be a community gardening spot? Demonstration gardens?
- Connection to UHT
- What’s happening under Camden Bridge?
- Shade!

Question 03 - Is the park framework plan representative of the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles?

Group A

- Be mindful this has to be about RIVER (different actuation than active parks)
- Rainville courts/fields feel “disconnected”, justifies expenses?
- Be mindful of how people of color can feel welcome here
- What draws teens to the park

Group B

N/A