

Meeting Minutes – CAC MEETING 06

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Meeting Details

Meeting Date:	10.21.2025	Project Name:	North Mississippi Regional Park Plan
Meeting Time:	6:00 PM	Project Number:	
Meeting Location:	Kroening Nature Center	Attendees:	
Next Meeting Date:	11.20.2025	Cc:	

Group Exercise – Shaping Concepts

Individual Framework Ranking (10 minutes)

- Each participant will review the elements of their assigned framework and rank each as Low, Medium, or High priority.

Team Priority Mapping (10 minutes)

- Participants will place dots on high-priority items on a shared team board to visualize key collective values.

Collaborative Concept Development (60+ minutes)

- Using the ranked priorities as a guide, each group will sketch a concept plan that integrates their top ideas and builds consensus among team members.

Group Presentations (30 minutes)

The collaborative concept development extended. See images attached of group summary

CAC MEETING 07 - GROUP CONCEPT ACTIVITY BOARDS - (3) TABLES

TABLE ONE

FRAMEWORK	PRIORITY
INTERTWINED RIVER ECOLOGIES	Low / Medium / High
Ecological restoration of "compromised" park landscape areas	● ● ● ● ● *
Regrading of shoreline in key areas to allow improved access and ecological restoration	● ● ● ● ● ! healthier ecosystem! *
New ecology islands in the river to re-establish native landscapes and create habitat	● ● ● ● ●
"Green" landscaped connections from park into adjacent neighborhoods (including underpasses and at grade crossings)	● ● ● ● ●
Floodplain forest boardwalk	● ●
Meander Shingle Creek, create stormwater management and habitat improvements adjacent to Webber Park	● ● ● ● ●
"Greening" of I-94 corridor	● ● ● ● ●
Expanded habitat restoration in Bohanon Park	● ●
Removal of boat landing to create ecology learning area	● ●
Create visible connections to river throughout North Mississippi Regional Park	● ●
Creation of ecology learning nodes, addition of bird watching blinds and improved overlook areas	● ● ● ● ●
Interpretive signage highlighting river ecologies and unique landscapes	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Expanded trail system (riverfront, prairie areas, along Shingle Creek)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Removal of boat landing, expand fishing access, restore vegetation	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

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CONNECTED RIVER	Low / Medium / High
Improved trail connections throughout the park (through natural areas and to the edge of the river)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New land bridge over I-94 connecting Alice Rainville Park to North Mississippi Regional Park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New land bridge at south end of park across Lyndale	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Improve park connections under I-94 with public art, lighting, and crossings into neighborhood	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Over water access to connect to new and existing river islands	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New neighborhood loop access from Webber park along 42nd Avenue to North Mississippi	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Improved intersections and public realm areas (sidewalks and streetscapes) at park entrances	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Conversion of Interstate frontage road to two-way traffic	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Improved visual connections to the River	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New connection to Upper Harbor Terminal Park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● *
Creation of connected learning nodes and improved overlook areas	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Floodplain forest boardwalk	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Creation of water access points along full extents of park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Expanded trail system (riverfront paths, prairie loop, forest loop, and along Shingle Creek)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

FRAMEWORK	PRIORITY
ACTIVATED LANDSCAPE	Low / Medium / High
Expanded Kroening Nature Center (new building)	● ● ● ● ● *
Expanded programming areas adjacent to Kroening Nature Center (including a forest rope course)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New narrow land bridge over I-94 connecting Alice Rainville Park to North Mississippi Regional Park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Improved active recreational amenities and programming in Alice Rainville Park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Creation of connected learning / programming nodes	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● *
Improved water access and fishing nodes	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Removal of boat landing to create programming area and new location for paddle share	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Creation of a new gathering space (such as a natural amphitheater, shelters, seating (in the area adjacent to Webber park)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Creation of a cultural demonstration / gathering garden (in the area adjacent to Webber park)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Creation of active recreation such as a skills course (in the area adjacent to Webber park)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
New picnic shelters	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Floodplain forest boardwalk with programming node	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
River Stair connection for outdoor classroom space	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Improved trail connections throughout the park (through natural areas and to the edge of the river)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Restrooms?!

GATHERING SPOT - FLAT SPACE?
FLEXIBLE

WHERE'S THE RIGHT SPACE FOR AN
AMPHITHEATRE?

- NATURAL FORM

REMEMBER DARK SKY DESIGNATION

TABLE
ONE

INTERGRATION

WHAT ARE THE CULTURAL CONNECTIONS TO THE
ASSOCIATED SPACES

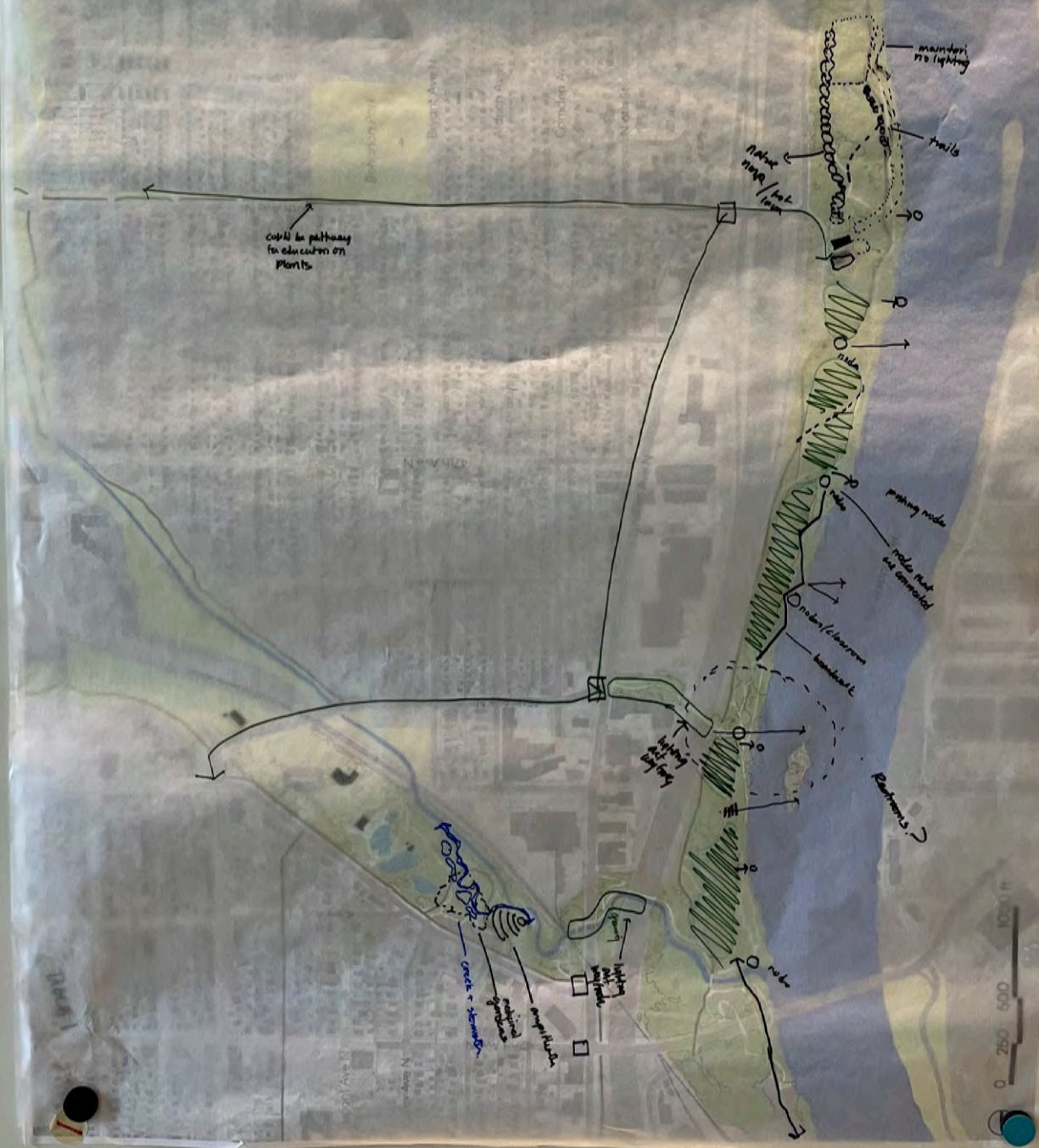
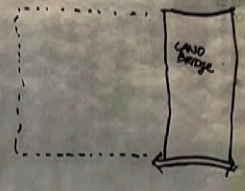
RIVER
CREEK
ETC

* DEMO GARDEN OF INDIGENOUS
PLANTS AVAILABLE FOR HARVESTING *

IMPROVE RIVER VIEWS / ACCESS

NATURE CENTER 1 - COMMUNITY FOCUSED

- (A) cultural interpretive signage + wayfinding.
- (B) flexible space - for all cultures to use for events, or gatherings.
- (C) nature ringia course.
- (D) connection to river.
- (E) restoration of site.



could be pathway for education on plants

maintain no lighting

trails

park lawn

parking area

rubble that is removed

rubble classroom

handball

Restroom

nature ringia

trails

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0 250 500 1000 ft

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PRIORITY -

ECOLOGY, ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

- ↳ NATIVE VEG INCREASE
- ↳ DELIBERATE PLANTING

SEEING THE RIVER

- ↳ PANORAMA
- ↳ VIEW LINES & ACCESS
- ↳ KROENING TO PAVILIONS

SHAWGUC CREEK

- ↳ ACCESS AND VIEW
- ↳ WATER SHED + STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

42ND BRIDGE

- ↳ WELCOMING, LESS SKETCHY
- ↳ SIGNAGE
- WELCOME FOLKS FROM THAT BRIDGE
- ↳ VIEW LINES TO CITY AND PARK
- ↳ UNSAFE, WEIRD → SIGNAGE, MARKS YOU ARE SAFE, ENTERING A DESTINATION

~~HOW TO CONNECT PARK~~

- CONNECTING PARK
- ↳ VIEWS + CONNECTION
- ↳ 42ND + LAND BRIDGE

MAKE BRIDGES MORE FUN

SOUTH END OF PARK HIGH PRIORITY

- SEAMLESS
- LAND BRIDGE ON LOWER 42ND?
- ↳ AT VERY LEAST NEEDS TO BE WELL LIT, WELCOMING

UNDERPASS

- EVERY ENTRANCE SHOULD FEEL SAFE
- ↳ RAISE THE STANDARD

DRIVING SIGNAGE

- LAND ACQUISITION
- N + S OF UNDERPASS

- ↳ WIDEN, CROSS LYNDALE TRAFFIC CALMERS

- 45m DISMOUNT
- BECOMES BIGGER ENTRANCE + MORE OF A GREEN LOBBY DOOR

CREATE NODES

TRANSIT CONNECTIONS

- GREEN CORRIDORS ON TRAIL CONNECTIONS

- ACTIVE REC Q
- LAND BRIDGE ALUMINUM

PADDLE SHARE BOTH ENDS OF PARK

- 500 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN?
- MAKE TRAIL ACCESS POINTS