COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN
Project Title: Currie Park Phase 1 Improvements

MPRB Division: Planning
Project Manager: Daniel Elias

As required by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Code of Ordinances, every construction or redevelopment project undertaken within the MPRB Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to have a community engagement plan. The plan serves as a guide for the community engagement process through the multiple phases of planning and project development. The plan may be modified as circumstance warrants during project duration. Substantial modifications are to be communicated to stakeholders and the MPRB Board of Commissioners.

Project Description

The Currie Park Phase 1 Improvements project will be guided directly by the South Service Area Master Plan that was approved by the MPRB Board of Commissioners on September 28th, 2016.

The project will unfold in three general phases:

- **Phase 1: Project Scoping**
  - What can the overall project budget afford from the Currie Park Master Plan?
  - Are there additional funding opportunities for the project?

- **Phase 2: Design**
  - Based on the project scoping, improvements will be designed.

- **Phase 3: Construction**
  - Construction will take place in 2019.

In general, if the overall project design is consistent with the Board approved master plan, no public hearing will be required for site plan concept approval. However, a public hearing will be required for specific improvements within the approved master plan that include detailed design efforts beyond the guidance of the approved master plan. For example, a new playground, shelter, or sports dome/admin building at Currie Park will require a public hearing.

It is expected that the playground at a minimum will come before the board in a public hearing and for approval in 2018.
Funding for this project includes the first phase of improvements to Currie Park guided by the master plan. Most of the funds are provided through the 20-year Neighborhood Park Program (NPP20) with some additional Park Dedication funding included.

Additional funding partners will be explored to maximize the funding already secured.

### Project Funding Source(s)

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<td>2018 CIP Park Dedication</td>
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### Engagement Recommendation

**Level of Engagement: Consult**

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<td>To provide stakeholders with factual, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project.</td>
<td>To obtain stakeholder feedback on project analysis, alternatives, or decisions.</td>
<td>To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project decisions.</td>
<td>To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project solutions.</td>
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Anticipated Project Outcomes
The primary outcome will be to implement improvements as guided by the Currie Park Master Plan. Because currently available funding of $2.85M is not sufficient to implement the entire master plan ($7M), efforts will be taken to implement a first phase of improvements guided by the community, key stakeholders, and the MPRB project advisory committee.

Stakeholder Roles and Responsibilities
All stakeholders are expected to work collaboratively to inform and review the design process and take an active role in the education of MPRB staff and community members. Stakeholders shall provide input toward final project recommendations for approval by the Board of Commissioners. Participants are expected to engage in the process in a manner that promotes respectful civil discourse and enhances mutual understanding of all stakeholder viewpoints. Any requests for public or project information should be directed to the project manager.

Identification of Project Stakeholders
Currie Park Phase 1 Improvements will touch, in some way, every person who lives, works, or visits Currie Park. Therefore, the various groups and public outreach methods will attempt to involve, engage, and notify as many people as possible. Special attention will be paid to ensure that recent immigrant groups, those living near the poverty line, and persons of color are engaged in the project.

Project Advisory Committee
Staff will convene a PAC of MPRB staff representing all necessary departments. The PAC will provide technical insight into the planning, design, and construction associated with the project. The PAC will assist with project scoping and design review at various phases.

The PAC will include members from the following departments:
- MPRB Environmental Stewardship Division (Forestry, Asset Management, Environmental Management, Trades)
- MPRB Community Outreach and Access
- MPRB Marketing and Communications
- MPRB Recreation Division (Athletic Fields)
- MPRB Park Police
- MPRB Planning
- MPRB Commissioner AK Hassan (District 3)
  - Commissioner Hassan will be notified of major project milestones.

Technical Advisors
Staff will utilize other resources outside MPRB as needed to provide additional review and technical insight into the process. Staff may meet with these advisors in small groups or individually, as schedules and needs warrant.
- MN Department of Transportation
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- Metro Transit
- Nice Ride
- Others as appropriate

*Community Stakeholders*
Staff will engage with key community stakeholders that have a special interest in Currie Park. Staff may meet with these stakeholders in small groups or individually, as schedules and needs warrant. Community stakeholders may assist in guiding MPRB staff to fully engage with the local community.

- West Bank Community Coalition
- Cedar-Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization Program
- Pillsbury United Communities
- Minneapolis Councilmember Abdi Warsame – Ward 6
- Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin – District 3
- Others as appropriate

*Outreach and Research Methods*

1. **Direct Community Engagement**

  MPRB staff, consultants, and partners will engage directly with community members through attendance at meetings and events, organizing open houses, and collaborations with neighborhood organizations and community service organizations. The exact type of engagement will vary by project phase.

  *Phase 1: Project Scoping:* Direct engagement will focus on gathering feedback to properly scope the Phase 1 Improvements project. Collaboration will occur with project partners, including neighborhood organizations and community service organizations, to expand the contact list for future engagement.

  *Phase 2: Design:* Direct engagement will focus on providing project updates and information. Engagement focus will be on attendance at existing community, park, organization, and partner events. MPRB staff will primarily go to where the people are. Staff will work with community partners to determine appropriate venues and events.

  *Phase 3: Construction:* Direct engagement will focus on making the community aware of construction impacts. Additionally, alternative recreation opportunities will be communicated on-site and on the project web page.

2. **Public Hearings**

  In general, if the overall project design is consistent with the Board approved master plan, no public hearing will be required for site plan concept approval. However, a public hearing will be required for specific improvements within the approved master plan that include detailed design efforts beyond the guidance of the approved master plan. For example, a new playground, shelter, or sports dome/admin building at Currie Park will require a public hearing.
3. **Social/Digital Media and Website**

MPRB staff will maintain an up-to-date project website and will use news releases, the GovDelivery email subscription service, and other digital media, as appropriate, to keep stakeholders up to date on the project. Planning staff will work with Community Outreach and Communications staff to determine when/if to translate digital media (see below).

4. **Language Translation**

MPRB Planning staff will work with MPRB Community Outreach and Access staff to determine translation and interpretation needs. MPRB Community Outreach and Access staff, established neighborhood organizations, and community service organizations will be asked to advise on what materials should be translated and when/if to provide interpretation services at events. Based on the staff experience on the South Service Area Master Plan, Somali, Oromo (Ethiopian), Korean and Vietnamese translation and interpretation may be needed.

**Project Schedule**

- Phase 1: Scoping – 2017 Q4 through 2018 Q2
- Phase 2: Design – 2018 Q2 through 2018 Q4
- Phase 3: Construction – 2019 Q2 through 2019 Q4

**Resources**

A portion of the funding dedicated to staff time and consultant fees will be utilized for public engagement. In addition, the project budget includes costs of mailings and other notifications.

**Evaluation Summary**

Following project completion, the project manager will analyze the effectiveness of the engagement process from both stakeholder and organization points of view and will provide a brief summary statement. The summary statement will indicate how the process advances policy goals, and will assist the Board and staff in evaluating and informing an ongoing community engagement process.

**Summary Statement**: *Statement pending plan completion.*