Purpose (charge) of the CAC: Be Knowledgeable, Be an Engaged Representative, Develop Master Plan, & Prioritize Plan
Presentation Outline

1) Project Background
2) Community Engagement Process
   a) How did Racial Equity inform the process and plan?
3) Concept Plan and Key Features
4) Phasing and Estimates

Open Public Hearing
In a nutshell:

- **Location:** MPRB District 5 - Musich, lower South Service Area, Wenonah Neighborhood, Nokomis East Neighborhood Org (NENA), Council Ward 11 - Quincy

- **Demographics:**
  - Age (older): 27% under 25 (city 35%), 43% 25-49 (25-54: 47%), 30% over 50 (18% over 55)
  - Race (white): 75% white (city 60), 10% Hispanic (10%), 8% African (18%)
  - Income (lower, esp. w children): median family (30-49k, 2nd lowest of 5 ranges in city, but fam w/ children in lowest income range)

- **Funding:**
  - 2012 Cap Levy for PG, site
  - 2015 bonds athletic field, site
  - 2016 bonds athletic field, site
  - 2017 bonds and levy athletic field, site
  - Total $4.25M
Existing uses:

- **Athletic fields (11)**
  - Adult Softball (9, 2 are lit, most 250’ 2 are 300’+, 1 o.f. fence)
  - Youth baseball (330’, o.f. fence)
  - Football (not programmed)

- **Community Features**
  - Playgrounds (2, but one nearly fully removed)
  - Wading pool
  - Basketball court
  - Picnic tables
  - Parking total (152, ind. ADA)
  - Restroom/storage bldg. (2 M, 2 W)
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**Restroom Building Historic Assessment:**
Potentially Eligible for National Register

![Bossen Shelter and a typical restroom and warming shelter](image)

**Phase 2 Environmental Assessment:**
Complete, awaiting report
Preliminary outreach: meetings with racial equity and neighborhood organizers, meetings with NENA staff, CAC chair and with Spanish speaking CAC members

CAC Site Tour: Saturday, February 7 (a sunny day!)
Three CAC meetings (Feb, March, April)
Three PAC Meetings (Citywide Athletics, Operations, Forestry, Maintenance, Customer Service, Recreation, Community Outreach)

Electronic Outreach (website, gov delivery, survey monkey mindmixer)
Outreach to neighbors and nbhd. service providers) Mail and Paper surveys
Resident Spanish and Somali speakers surveys and focus group
Families with school age children (Wenonah/ Keewaydin PTA, carnival, Keewaydin middle school students) Surveys, meetings and activities

Direct Contact: Overall 220 (updated) face to face contacts, over 2000 mail and electronic contacts
CAC Charge (knowledgeable, engage community, master plan, prioritize):

- **Become knowledgeable** about the project and its scope and advise MPRB staff and consultants throughout the planning process.
- **Contribute to broad community engagement** by acting as primary contact for represented communities, and by enhancing the project’s interaction with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Make recommendations to the MPRB Commissioners for an updated Master Plan for Bossen Field Park which strives to meet both citywide recreation and neighborhood recreation needs, and ensuring sustainable, accessible, safe and welcoming design.
- Make recommendations to the MPRB Commissioners on prioritization of improvements to the park so that they can be implemented in phases.
CAC meeting #1

Intro to process, charge and park baseline information

Additional Outreach (generally prior to meeting, though some continued after it): Survey Monkey baseline survey, door to door baseline and NENA surveys (translated in Spanish and Somali), PAC March 5.

Themes on why people used the park include:
- **Residents** used the park for quiet enjoyment.
- **Non-residents** were involved in sports activity.

Common theme: self-directed activity and children's play

Themes on what most needed improvement include:
- **Residents** requested wading pool and picnic area improvements
- **Non-residents** preferences were evenly spread over the rest of the park, including ball fields and parking.

Common theme: Bathroom improvements

All park users shared a common desire for
- soccer/ flexible field space
- picnic shelter/ area
- nature/ gardens
CAC #1 and 2: Add and Borrow Cloud (things we like)
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CAC #2: Preliminary 3 Concepts

Lawn Games: Concept A

Gardens: Concept B

Swings: Concept C
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**CAC #2: Concepts**

**Stakeholder Feedback:**

**PAC, Athletic and others**

*Concept B was strongly preferred.*

*Proximity of Pinwheel in South “where it impacted people less.”*

**Latino Neighbors**

*Concept C was strongly preferred.*

*Proximity of Open Field Space was a key feature, close to residents, easy to access without crossing the park, visible.*
CAC #3: Proposed Design

SYNTHESIS-KEY DESIGN INFORMANTS OVERALL

- Two basketball courts
- Picnic shelters/picnic area
- Extended walkways
- Parking on 58th (not on 31st, not expanded on 30th)
- Open field space (unreserved) proximity to 31st
- No youth soccer on Baseball Field
- Keep existing building

SYNTHESIS-KEY DESIGN INFORMANTS NE CORNER

- Combination of features
- Scaled back Gardens
- Swings (porch swing, hammock)
How did Racial Equity Inform the project and the concept plan?

**Project scope and charge** approved before pilot established. **Balance Community and Citywide athletics** implies equity.

**Additional preplanning:** Staff training with Julie Nelson and meeting with local groups. Use of Mpls toolkit, developed outreach tools targeted to reach communities of color nearby.

**Tools:** Door to door and small group meetings outside CAC process. Use of translation and interpreters for flyers, surveys and meetings to minimize language barriers (MPRB, Professional, NENA, and Google).

**Process:** Use of stakeholder feedback qualitatively; generally park needs and desires overlapped, only at prelim concepts was there a different preference.

Racial Equity training helped identify important decision points, such as when a different concept preference occurred. This decision was considered carefully. Thoughts behind preferences, weighing desires of underserved communities, then finding a solution which would benefit all park users.
2015 Community Based Design Concept

2007 Concept without Community Input
What about Soccer Fields?

- Desire of the Latino community we have met with is for the ability to use the park, to have unreserved field space.
- Typical use is informal soccer play, with multi ages, spring through fall.
- At this time, our soccer programs don’t match the community desires in many ways (season, formality, language).
- If we put permanent goals in, the space will be a reservable field, Demand in the system is much higher than space available; community use will be lost.

Potential Solutions

- Staff have committed to work with neighbors on a solution for movable goals.
- Staff have committed that these open field spaces will not be entered in Activenet as reserve-able fields.
- Staff are also working on building capacity to serve non-English speakers to assist with registration and other communication needs.
- Staff are working on identifying programs of interest to communities of color.
CAC Design Resolution

The CAC resolution supporting the Concept C1-Flow with slight modifications to the NE corner and open play fields.

- The Bossen Field Master Plan CAC Resolves to accept plan C1 as presented with recommendation that the NE corner is further tweaked, exploring more opportunities with nature and picnicking and to support what the community would like to see in NE corner rather than niche ideas. (unanimous)

- Amendment: Recommendation for a serious exploration on how to accommodate soccer nets for usable space in the open field spaces in the plan for neighborhood use. (unanimous)
**CONSTRUCTION FUNDING AVAILABLE BY PHASE**

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**CONSTRUCTION FUNDING BUDGET:** $3,486,800

**PRELIMINARY CONCEPT COST ESTIMATE**

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Funding gap ($2.2M) may be sourced from grants, donations or future CIP funds or scope reductions.
**Concept C-1 phase 1**

**Major Improvements:**
- Playground
- Pair Softball Fields
- Building Upgrade

**Fields Available:**
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

**Fixed item estimate:**
$859,980

**Flexible item estimate:**
$29,700
Concept C-1 phase 2

Major Improvements:
- Quad Softball
- Parking
- Maintenance Bldg
- Open Play
- Picnic Shelter

Fields Available:
1, New Pair Softball
Fields-subject to turf grown-in
Concept C-1 phase 3

Major Improvements:
• Concessions/Restroom
• Baseball Field
• Splash Pad
• Gardens and Swings

Fields Available:
New Pair, New Quad - subject to turf grow-in

Fixed item estimate: $0
Flexible item estimate: $2,321,000
The CAC resolution regarding the funding prioritization for the improvements (unanimous).

- The Bossen Field Master Plan CAC Resolves to support the phasing plan presented at meeting tonight (unanimous).

- Amendment: To include lighting for the pair of softball fields to the resolution (in the funded phases). (7 in favor, 6 opposed)
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Public Hearing

Resource information:
South Service Area Fields
## Preliminary Phasing: Fixed Items

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Resource information: Nokomis/Hiawatha Master Plan Concepts