

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting # 3

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan

October 4, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00pm
Lynnhurst Community Center

CAC members present: Betsy Brock, Cory Schaffhausen, Devin Olson, Jonathon Heide, Lesley Lydell, Martha Grant, Mary McKelvey, Michael Jishke, Rebecca Johnson, Richard Duncan, Richard Nyquist, Ryan Seibold

CAC members absent: Caitlin Ross, Jessica McKenna, Jim Tincher, Michael Torres

Approximately 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Staff, consultants, and speakers present:

Adam Arvidson (MPRB), Madeline Hudek (MPRB), Vanessa Dikuyama-Zapata (MPRB), Bryan Harjes (Consultant-HKGI), Rita Trapp (Consultant-HKGI), Jody Rader (Consultant-HKGI), Tiffany Schaufler (MCWD)

1. OVERVIEW OF MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

An overview of the master planning process was given. The diagram presented clarifies what the project team is doing and what the CAC's role in the planning process. It was noted that CAC meetings #1 and #2 were the 'Kick-off' and the 'Discovery and Assessment'. The CAC is now in 'Visioning'. It is understood that the CAC will continue to ask questions. In the next CAC meeting, there will be initial concepts to review and comment on. The role of the CAC is to provide feedback and work with the project team to evolve the concepts. Ultimately, the goal is to have recommendations from the CAC. When the planning process moves to the 'Approvals' stage, there will be less of a role for the CAC members. Participation will still be encouraged through meetings and public hearings.

2. REVIEW/CLARIFICATION OF CAC#2 ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

During CAC#2, a lot of information was presented at once. During this meeting, additional questions and follow-up topics were gathered in a 'parking lot' list, for the project team to research further. The CAC#3 meeting packet included additional information that responded to these questions. CAC members were asked whether there were follow-up questions to the materials provided in the packet.

- Clarification was sought relative to national designation, particularly whether the designation would make a difference for repair grants. This will be clarified with others on the consultant team. CAC members asked whether or not designation could be part of a recommendation. Staff noted that it would be on the table.

3. OVERVIEW OF PHASE 1 OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It was noted that outreach has occurred through a variety of events, an online survey, and the Social Pinpoint website. The results from the survey monkey survey were briefly reviewed. It was noted that

Of the responses provided during the exercise, a number of themes emerged:

- Safety
- Community
- Connectivity
- Balance of Nature + Experience
- Access
- Activity
- Interpretation

See Attachment A for a full summary of responses provided during this exercise.

5. SEGMENT CONCEPT FRAMEWORK (EXERCISE)

After reviewing the results of the corridor-wide visioning exercise, the small groups were then assigned one of the four segments. Each group was asked to focus on their segment to identify the following:

- What makes this segment unique?
- What areas should receive additional design focus?
- What ideas are there for the focus areas?

Each group worked individually for 20 minutes and then presented their thoughts to the larger group. The larger group was then able to contribute additional thoughts to the segment.

See Attachment B for a full summary of responses provided during this exercise.

6. NEXT STEPS

CAC members were invited to add the Experience Your Creek event on October 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Posters were made available for distribution.

It was noted that over the next few months the consultant team would be developing concepts for future consideration by the CAC. Given the upcoming holidays, it is anticipated that the next CAC meeting will occur in January of 2019.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.