Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting One

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
East of the River Park Master Plan

10/17/2017 6:00 – 8:00pm
Bottineau Recreation Center


YDT members present: Suadi Mohamed, Nora Nederloe, Yakuub Ali, Ellie, Traxler-Men, Entisar Bedasso

Approximately fourteen members of the general public attended the meeting:

Staff, consultants, and speakers present:
Adam Arvidson, (MPRB), Carrie Christensen, (MPRB), Radious Guess, (MPRB), Siciid Ali, (MPRB), Zoe Hollomon, (MPRB), Alex Gonzalez (UofM Student), and John Slack, (Consultant)

1. Introductions
   The first Community Advisory Committee (referred to in this document as CAC #1) was called to order on 6:10 pm by Carrie Christensen. The CAC and Youth Design Team (YDT) members were all asked to introduce themselves, share which neighborhood or association they were from and representing and define what park in NE/SE that they use/are the most connected too. Following the CAC introductions were introductions from the guest attendees, Minneapolis Park Board Staff, and Consultant Team.

2. Welcome
   Carrie Christensen, thanked all attendees for their commitment and expressed excitement and appreciation. Carrie gave a brief history about MPRB Service Area Master Plans and reiterated the need to plan for the current and future generations. The CAC Chair, Cordelia Pierson, also welcomed the committee members and general public.

3. Project Overview: What is East of the River Service Area Master Plan
   • A power point presentation was provided highlighting the project organization.
   • In the PowerPoint presentation we discussed the project overview and the role of the CAC, Youth Design Team and other project team members.
   • Zoe Hollomon presented the background on the Youth Design Team and discussed their role in the project.

4. Four Corners
   Radious Guess led the four corner exercise. The CAC and Youth Design Team were asked to answer the four following questions and then share their responses with another member of the CAC/YDT.
   • What do you know about your name?
   • What brings you to this space?
What does collaboration look and feel like to you?
Describe a time when you felt like an outsider – what was that experience like?

5. **Ground Rules/Group Agreement**
   Radious Guess and Zoe Hollomon led the ground rules agreement conversation. The following represents the responses from the CAC membership.
   - Step up, Step back
   - Speak from your own experience
   - Keep things to the point and be conscious of time
   - Listen, avid yes but value other perspectives
   - Being present, one microphone and one conversation, respect the speaker
   - Cell phone quiet and step away for calls
   - Always use a calm voice
   - Be clear about focus, stay on task
   - Be respectful
   - Stay open to new ideas
   - Assume good intentions
   - Try to respect some ones opinion even if you do not agree with them

6. **MPRB 101**
   Adam Arvidson, lead a presentation about the MPRB mission, policies, funding sources, equity metrics, CIP, NPP20, etc. Questions asked by the CAC during the presentation.
   - What is meant by park inventory?
   - How many square miles of parks are there in the City?
   - What is information technology?
   - Can we access this presentation for people to access at a later date?
   - What are some of the metrics behind selection of projects for neighborhoods with more racial diversity?
   - What is the relationship between CIP and NPP20?
   - When did the NPP20 start?

7. **Public Open Comment Time.**
   No comments received from the public in attendance.

8. **Overview of planning process and community engagement.**
   John Slack, Sicid Ali and Carrie Christensen provided a summary of the planning process, overall project schedule and an update of recent pubic engagement events attended by the project team. Carrie Christensen asked for additional ideas from the CAC membership of other upcoming community events that the project team could attend to illicit input from community stakeholders for the East of the River master planning project. The following is a list of immediately approaching, upcoming events that were not on the list presented that were identified;
   - Marcy Fall Fun on the 27th
   - Other ethnic festivals in NE/SE park (Polish Fest, Ukrainian Fest)
   - Latino soccer group (play pick-up games at Beltrami)
   - Edison High bus stop
9. Engagement Activity
   Siciid Ali and Carrie Christensen led the CAC and YDT thru a visioning exercise. First, CAC and YDT were asked to fill out the project postcard with thoughts on a park in the service area and second, were asked to select images that identify each individual’s top three park amenities.

**Announcements and Next Steps**
- Have CAC and YDT members conduct a parks tour together in the Spring
- CAC Summit: October 28 from 9:30-12:30 at MPRB Headquarters
- CAC #2: November Date TBD
- Community conversations: please reach out if you have ideas or would like to invite us to a group that you are part of.

**Adjourn**

*Handouts: agenda, PowerPoint presentation*