

# HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF SCHERER SITE PARCEL 'D'

# Scherer Site Parcel 'D' Development Community Advisory Committee

## **Project Overview**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) intends to work with a private development team to develop the Parcel 'D' portion of the former Scherer Site at Hall's Island. Development of this site is envisioned as an activator for the future Hall's Island Park and a way of connecting local businesses and organizations to the park and riverfront. The planning process will be guided by a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) appointed by various neighborhood associations, elected officials, and MPRB staff.

# **Community Advisory Committee**

## What is a CAC?

Community Advisory Committees provide volunteer opportunities for stakeholders to share insight and resources and serve to build and sustain relationships between the community, partner agencies, and the MPRB. Members of the CAC are expected to represent the views of regional park users and to work collaboratively with each other and the public to provide comprehensive recommendations to the Board about the project.

## Responsibilities of CAC members:

Through this process, CAC members are expected to become knowledgeable about the project and its scope, understand and represent the park and recreation needs of the community and park visitors and act as community liaisons for the project. Members will participate in public CAC meetings, advise MPRB staff and consultants throughout the planning process, and recommend to the Board of Commissioners a preferred concept plan for development of Parcel 'D'.

#### MPRB Promise:

The MPRB will work with the CAC and stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate recommendations to the maximum extent possible.

## Time commitment:

The total time commitment for CAC members is estimated at 20-40 hours. Meetings will occur in the evenings from November 2016 through May 2017. The CAC will have five official CAC meetings about two hours each.

## Appointment process:

All completed CAC applications will be forwarded to all the appointers. Applicants may be contacted directly by an appointer to discuss the project and interest. All those who apply will be contacted if they are appointed.



## More about the project:

In 2010, the MPRB and the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, along with creative partners The University of Minnesota College of Design and Walker Art Center, launched an international design competition to address the area of the Mississippi River extending from the Stone Arch Bridge, north 5.5 miles to Minneapolis' city limits, including land along both sides of the river.

The competition culminated in 2011 when MPRB established the Minneapolis Riverfront Development Initiative (MRIDI) as an interdisciplinary, comprehensive and integrated planning endeavor to follow through with the promise of the competition: to connect citizens and visitors with the new multi-functional Upper Riverfront parks. The "RiverFIRST" vision emerged from MRIDI as a 20-year vision for Mississippi-riverfront parks that builds on our community's rich river heritage and passion for parks, nature and wildlife to create places on "America's fourth coast" where neighborhoods and businesses can grow and people from near and far can experience one of the four great rivers of the world through world-class recreational and cultural activities.

Following stakeholder engagement process and a standard 45-day comment period, the Board approved the RiverFIRST vision in March 2012 and authorized staff to pursue next steps including contracting with Tom Leader Studio (TLS) and Kennedy & Violich Architecture (KVA) design team for schematic design work on select RiverFIRST projects, including the former Scherer Bros. lumber yard.

After adoption of RiverFIRST, MPRB also created the Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan (2013 ATF Park Plan) to further guide development and identify near term regional park priorities - again identifying the Scherer Bros. site as a priority.

Funding for the Parcel 'D' development is expected to be through private development and a ground lease of the site

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<a href="https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park">https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park</a> care improvements/park projects/current projects/scherer

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# HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF SCHERER SITE PARCEL 'D' Scherer Brothers Site - Parcel 'D' Development **Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Application**

The appointed CAC for the Scherer Brother Site Parcel 'D' development shall:

- become knowledgeable about the project and its scope;
- understand and represent the park and recreation needs of the community and park visitors;
- act as community liaisons for the project and participate in all public CAC meetings;
- provide input to MPRB staff on the proposed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a private development team;
- make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners supporting staff selection of a preferred development team
- represent community interests to the development team to be incorporated in a concept plan for development of Parcel 'D';
- provide feedback to MPRB staff and consultants throughout the development planning process;
- recommend to the Board of Commissioners a preferred concept plan for development of Parcel 'D'

(Please print if you are filling out a paper, rather than on-line, application. Use the backside of the form for longer answers) Address: City, Zip:\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: Primary Phone: Please describe your interest in volunteering for the CAC and how your contributions could help the project? Please briefly describe any past experience with and/or how you have shown commitment to promoting diversity in the areas of: \*Race/Ethnicity \*Immigration experience \*Age \*Gender/Gender identity \*Sexual orientation \*Disability CAC meetings are scheduled for the following dates from 6:00-8:00 pm: 11/10/16, 1/23/17, 2/22/17, 4/6/17, 5/9/17 Are you available to attend each meeting? Yes No If no, please circle dates unavailable to attend. Who is your park commissioner Don't know Wielinski (Dist 1) Olson (Dist 2) Vreeland (Dist 3) Tabb (Dist 4) Musich (Dist 5) Bourn (Dist 6) Which neighborhood do you live in?

Submit by: 10/20/16

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