



Minneapolis  
Park & Recreation Board

# Cedar-Isles Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #7

*Water Quality Discussion*

Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# Land Acknowledgement

We collectively acknowledge that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board system is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region.

We also acknowledge that restrictive covenants were used to deny Black, Indigenous, Asian and in some cases Jewish individuals access to property in surrounding neighborhoods. This had an impact on who was and was not officially welcome in this area.

Illustrations by Marlena Myles

# Agenda

6:00-6:20pm

Meeting Introduction

6:20-7:45pm

CAC Discussion on Water Quality

- High-level Water Quality Recommendations
- Discuss priorities and impacts of Water Quality strategies within concepts

7:45-8:00pm

Public Comment Time

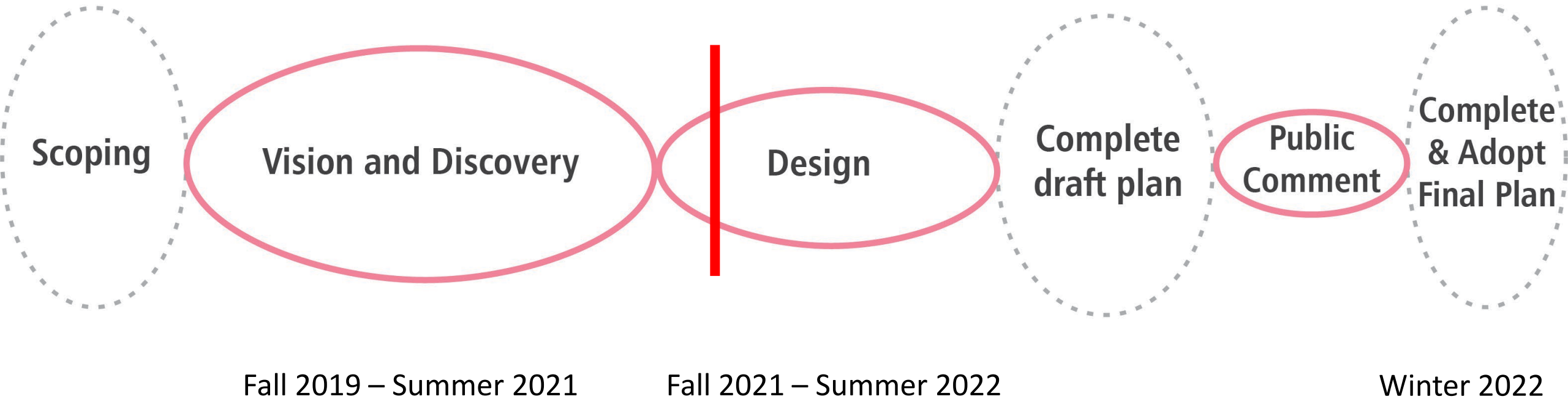
# CAC Group Agreement

1. Assume good intent
2. One conversation: respect the speaker, actively listen
3. Value different perspectives
4. Speak from your experience
5. Be respectful even if you don't agree
6. Step up, step back

# MPRB Public Online Forum Guidelines

1. Stay on “mute” until you are called on to speak
2. Please don't be anonymous – use your real name
3. We are not recording this meeting
4. CAC Members will be invited to speak during the CAC Discussion
5. The public will be invited to speak during the Public Comment Period

# Draft Timeline for Master Plan Process (subject to change)



## DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### **PROTECT**

Restore and invest in natural resource resilience to improve water quality, mitigate flooding and diversify habitat.

### **INVITE**

Prioritize people by welcoming a broader audience. Anticipate future visitors, provide intuitive orientation and focus “gateway” amenities and gardens at arrival nodes.

### **CONNECT**

Create flexible and clear circulation networks (bike, pedestrian, and vehicular) that can adapt over time. Clarify and improve connections between people and the water.

### **TELL STORIES**

Acknowledge a layered history and share authentic stories through interpretation, design and stewardship of the lakes.

### **CELEBRATE**

Honor the many ways all people use parks and create new and equitable opportunities for gathering, programming and use that celebrate the unique identity of each lake.

### **RESPECT**

Maintain current uses and valued amenities while accommodating desired improvements to strengthen relationships with the lakes.

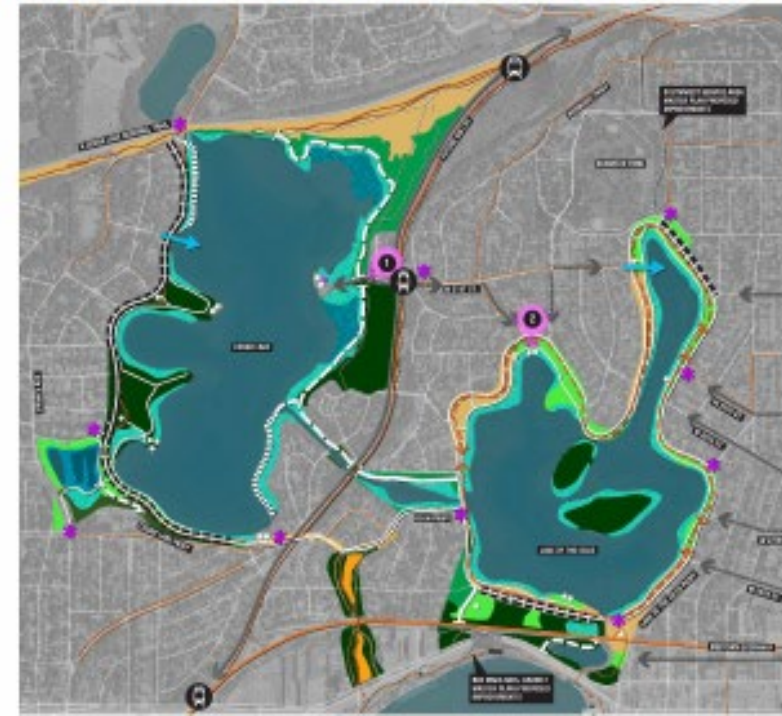
# TWO CONCEPTS

## A: LIVING LAKES



- Expansive rewilding
- Maximum natural water quality improvements
- Distributed gathering areas and activity hubs, sensitive to identity of each lake
- Add new ice skating loop at Lake of the Isles and additional ice rink on Cedar Lake
- Re-imagine mobility options utilizing existing infrastructure
- Narrow Lake of the Isles parkway to accommodate a bike lane
- Reconfigure select portions of Cedar Lake parkway for one-way traffic to increase safety and space for trails
- Increased signage for inclusive welcome

## B: UNIQUE LAKE EXPERIENCES



- Select rewilding
- Some land and in-lake water quality improvements
- Two primary activity hubs, one per lake
- Add new ice skating loop at Lake of the Isles and relocate existing ice rink
- New connections to and between both lakes and reconfigure the existing bike trail on Isles to accommodate two-way traffic
- Reconfigure the parkway to accommodate temporary closures to provide additional programmatic space
- Increased signage at multiple "gateways" for an inclusive welcome

# Broad Overview of Initial Community Engagement Findings

## **Current prioritization of Guiding Principles from survey responses**

1. Protect
2. Connect
3. Invite
4. Respect
5. Tell Stories
6. Celebrate

# General Feedback

- Support for restoration/rewilding strategies
- Concern that there are too many proposed structures in plan
- Concern about impact of plans to the neighborhood
  - Parking
  - Circulation/traffic
  - More visitors
- Concern about parking / ask to address parking
  - East Cedar Beach noted as a top concern
- Support for grouped amenities (activity hubs)

# Circulation & Access

- Support for prioritizing people (walk/bike) over cars (there is also opposition to this idea, as well)
- Support for additional walking/biking connections
  - Support for two-way bike path (also more opposition to this idea than the bike lane)
  - Support for path around Cedar Lake
  - Concern that proposed bike lane not a safe option for bicyclists
- Support for parkway closures, temporary and permanent
  - More opposition to permanent reconfigurations, less so on temporary closures
- Support for existing cross-country ski trails

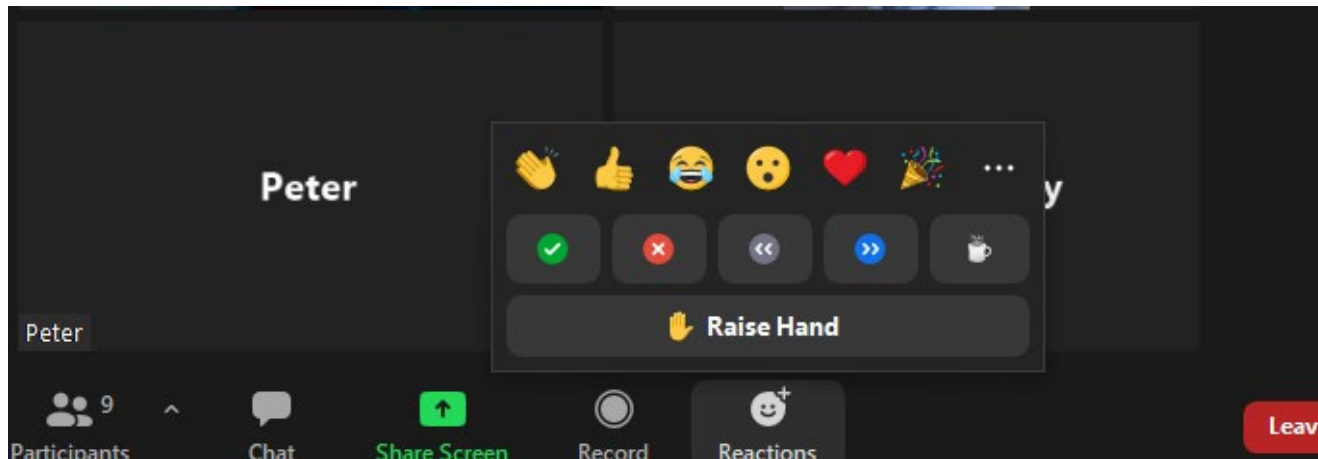
# CAC Discussion Guidelines

## CAC Members

- Cameras on during discussion
- Allow every CAC member a chance to speak
- CAC members raise hand to speak
- Please refrain from using the chatbox for this discussion.

## Members of Public

- Cameras off during discussion
- To share a Hope or Concern, please enter it into the chatbox and note if it's a Hope or Concern.
- Please save comments for public comment time designated at the end of the meeting.



# How to share your feedback

- **Share your feedback verbally:**
  - Up to 1 minute
  - Write "YES" in the chatbox and we will call on you in chronological order
- **Share your feedback through writing:**
  - Write your feedback in the chatbox



**THANK YOU for participating!**

**Questions or comments?**

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