



Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting # 2

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan

August 30, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Nokomis Community Center

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

CAC members absent: Caitlin Ross, Jessica McKenna, Mary McKelvey, Richard Duncan

Approximately 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Staff, consultants, and speakers present:

Adam Arvidson (MPRB), Bryan Harjes (Consultant-HKGi), Sarah Evenson (Consultant-HKGi), Jody Rader (Consultant-HKGi), Regine Kennedy (Consultant-106 Group), Maren Hancock (Consultant-Interfluve), Jonathan Kusa (Consultant-Interfluve), Paul Hudalla (City of Minneapolis), Tiffany Schaufler (MCWD), Erin Kaye (Consultant- 106 Group), Radious Guess (MPRB), Ying Lee (MPRB)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. UPDATES

Michael Torres is working with Minneapolis Bike Parks to set up some pop-up events. Set up some Bike Park demos at Open Streets earlier this summer. Reached out to Sharina Gibbs from Pop Up Parks and set up two days (September 12 and 18) to do a bike park demo on one of the 34th Ave tennis courts along the creek and the Nokomis basketball court.

3. MPRB RACIAL EQUITY 101

Ying Lee presented and led the CAC members through an exercise, creating an Equity Commitment Wall.

4. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Topics covered included Historic and Cultural Resources, History of the Creek, Natural Resources, Infrastructure, Connectivity, and Recreation.

5. NEXT STEPS

A date for CAC Meeting 3 should be scheduled within the next 2 weeks, looking 3-4 weeks out.

Next meeting- summary of the community engagement, recap of any questions from existing conditions summary & visioning for the corridor

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- Discussion on NRHP eligibility versus listing: eligibility allows the Park Board to be at the table for discussions that may impact it, but the fact that it's not listed means that there's no "federal hook" limiting what can be done if there's federal funding involved.

- HWS Cleveland initially wanted the E-W connection of the Grand Rounds to be down Lake Street, but the MPRB settled on the Creek rather than Lake Street.
- Would the improved rain prediction method prevent something like the 2014 flooding? No- it would not necessarily prevent flooding during a 100 year storm. It depends on the current state of the creek (how much space it has to accommodate flooding), and the capacity of Lake Minnetonka, in addition to the precipitation.
- 250-300 cfs is the max creek flow.
- Working on upstream solutions is an approach that MCWD is using (and will be considered as a part of this plan as well).
- City of Minneapolis has a policy not to make flooding worse downstream when it implements mitigation projects.
- Many considerations, but they aim to protect houses that experience frequent and sustained flooding.
- Will the work at Arden Park have any impact on this project? No.
- 54th Street near Upton just had a lot of trees planted (this is a good thing).
- 50th Street near the bunny was part of the historic creek route from the late 1800s- you can see in the flood maps that this area is still inundated in the 500-year floodplain.
- It's been decades since any sanitary sewer was discharged into the creek.
- Request for future information on the benefits of vegetation and tree/plant variety along the creek.
- What is the projected lifespan of some of the BMPs? It can be expensive to maintain the BMPs (lifecycle costs are often more expensive than the construction).
- Can you manage some of the runoff up-stream (at the source) in order to prevent flooding downstream?
- Would like to see crash data for each of the intersections- we can get this from MnDOT.
- MPRB has just completed an accessibility analysis of infrastructure along the creek.
- Bathrooms have a big impact on comfort, safety, and accessibility (also water fountains).
- Recreation-wise, projects that are in progress (as a part of the southwest service area master plan) will be considered in this plan as they are completed.