Community Engagement Assessment

Please fill out this form if your project, program, or initiative includes community engagement. All Community Engagement Assessments should be filed as Petitions and Communications with the MPRB Board of Commissioners and submitted to the MPRB Engagement Portal on SharePoint.

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Division/Department: Design and Project Management, Planning Dept.

Level of Engagement: Inform

Project, Program, or Initiative Name: 2019 Rehabilitation Projects

Project Description (100 words recommended):

In 2016, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis approved ordinances to reverse years of underfunding in neighborhood parks. The 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20) is a long-term initiative that will transform the neighborhood park system with the following measures:

- Protect current levels of MPRB funding.
- Dedicate an additional $11 million annually, through 2036, in NPP20 funds for increased maintenance, rehabilitation and capital investments in neighborhood parks.
- Allocate NPP20 funds using a data-driven, criteria-based system to help address racial and economic equity.

The resulting 2019 neighborhood park rehabilitation projects are as follows:

- East Phillips Park Lighting: Project refeeds two pedestrian light fixtures to improve safety and visibility in the park.
- ADA Improvements – Doors & Operators: Replace front entrance doors at select recreation center locations (10) and install hard-wired power door operators at front entrance doors at select recreation center locations (21) for accessibility improvements.
- ADA Improvements – Accessible Routes Phase II: Provide accessible route improvements, including accessible parking stall improvements, to the front entrance doors at 3 to 6 recreation center locations.
- ADA Improvements – Farview and Matthews Restrooms: Project will provide three new individual accessible restrooms at both recreation center location.
- Corcoran Furnace Replacement: Project will install five new furnaces at the recreation center, as well as work to the building’s exhaust fans.
- Luxton Exterior Renovations: Project will replace the roof and exterior siding on the recreation center.
• Exterior Electrical Improvements – Audubon and Bryant Square: Conduit will be installed to replace existing direct-buried electrical lines, and improvements will be made to exterior park lighting, including replacements to LED lighting.

Regional park rehabilitation maintenance is funded through regional park operations and maintenance funds. Operations and maintenance funds are allocated based upon the condition of Regional Park assets and their need to be maintained.

The resulting 2019 regional park rehabilitation projects are as follows:

• 2019 Plank Trail Improvements: Approx. 92 lineal feet of plank trail will be replaced to provide safe conditions for use and promote accessibility.
Review the criteria to determine the level of engagement that your program, project, or initiative falls under. Provide an explanation of how your project meets the criteria in the Justification section below.

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<th>Level of Engagement</th>
<th>Inform</th>
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<td>Engagement Goal</td>
<td>To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative.</td>
<td>To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions.</td>
<td>To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions.</td>
<td>To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions.</td>
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<td>Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement</td>
<td>• This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only. • This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service.</td>
<td>• This project takes place in a park that has been master planned. • This a new city-wide initiative or program. • This is a new public policy or public policy update. • The outcome is likely to change based on community input.</td>
<td>• This project requires a CAC. • This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing master plan or public policy.</td>
<td>• This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization.</td>
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<td>MPRB Promise</td>
<td>MPRB will keep you informed.</td>
<td>MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.</td>
<td>We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible.</td>
<td>The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership.</td>
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<td>Examples of project types</td>
<td>Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab</td>
<td>Approved master plan design implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping</td>
<td>Master plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations.</td>
<td>Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects.</td>
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This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.
Justification (100 words recommended): Please explain how your project meets the criteria in the Engagement Grid on pg. 2. Provide a justification for each criterion corresponding to the Level of Engagement that will guide your project.

Rehabilitation projects fall into the inform category of the assessment for several reasons. Rehabilitation projects repair, restore or replace a wide range of park facilities and amenities that are not part of capital improvement projects. These projects provide much needed maintenance to keep our facilities operating.

The rehabilitation projects will not interfere significantly with access to the parks during construction; all impacts will be mitigated by detouring or directing park users around the work areas. None of the other improvements will result in changes to the level, location, extend or type of facility and service at the facility impacted by these projects.

For projects, programs, or initiatives that fall under the Inform category of engagement: what are your planned methods for informing the public? (i.e. posting on a project website, GovDelivery email blast, flyer onsite, multi-lingual and/or graphic information) You do not need to answer this question if you are completing a CE Plan.

Staff will maintain a project webpage and have posters and/or signs around the project area(s) to communicate with the public about the project. Posters and signs will include information how to sign up for email updates. Major updates will be communicated via GovDelivery email.