Criteria and Nomination Form 2024
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Living the Dream” Award
The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will honor an individual, or organization who has demonstrated dedication and service to the MPRB and the lives of Minneapolis residents.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’” This award recognizes and affirms those who have made significant and tangible contributions to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) visions, goals, and strategies and to residents of Minneapolis in the following ways:

- Advocates for a commitment to peace, justice, and reconciliation while following a nonviolent approach to transforming racial, social, and economic injustice.
- Creates venues and opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds to come together and create relationships, develop an understanding of differences, and build community.
- Demonstrates extraordinary community service and leadership by providing or promoting recreation that inspires personal growth and healthy lifestyles for all residents and park users.
- Promotes nonviolence while supporting safe places to play, recreate, contemplate, and celebrate.
- Sets an example of leadership in the community and works to improve the lives of others, particularly the underserved, by applying the values of good conduct, respect, integrity, fairness, and dignity.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Award Committee reviews all nominations and recommends finalists to the MPRB Superintendent
2. The Superintendent and Executive Leadership Team selects the award recipient.
3. The Award Committee will notify the award recipient in December and invite them to attend the January 15, 2024, event as honoree to accept the award.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Profession/Title: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Your Name (nominator): ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________

To complete application, please include the following information about the nominee:
1. A resume or brief biography, and two references.
2. An explanation of the nominee's contributions in building community through one or more of the five actions listed above under selection criteria. Please be as specific as possible about the extent of the nominee’s contribution, including number of years of involvement, who has been influenced by the nominee's work, and what contributions they have made to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.

Please submit application to Tom Godfrey (Community Events Manager), at the below address by December 4, 2023.
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NOMINATE ONLINE AT: https://www.minneapolisparks.org/mlknominationform