

Meeting Information

Date: 2/23/2016

Location: AFCAC

Time: 7pm

Invitations sent: by AFCAC and to Northside Neighborhood Organizations

Number of attendees providing input: 20+/-

Staff notes: Meeting was intended as a trial run for some of the questions staff considered asking the community. AFCAC group agreed be a sample community group to test out (and respond) to draft boards and materials. AFCAC meetings are always public; this meeting was advertised by AFCAC and to the Northside Neighborhoods.

Input and Discussion

How can the Park at the Upper Harbor Terminal best benefit the community?

General

- Host wildlife
- Nature experience for city residents and city visitors

Equitable Park Development

- Change large storage building to entertainment and events
- Put the trail in all the way to downtown ASAP
- Improved access over 94 to the river
- For North Minneapolis
- Favor river restoration OVER (added) infrastructure (save \$\$ forever)
- Ensure safe, inviting connections to neighborhoods – yes

Experience and Access the River

- Historical
- Boat races
- Touch the water
- Beaches for boating
- Canoe, kayak rental
- Boating, fishing, swimming

Restore and Improve the River

- More native landscape and habitat
- Natural shoreline and touch the water places
- And the Mississippi river environment
- Yes, yes, yes
- North American Miss. flyway enhancements
- Habitat
- How many 100yr flood events can we expect on the urban Mississippi within the next 20-40 yrs?

How can Development at the Upper Harbor Terminal best benefit the community?

General

- Think @ Howard Kuntsler
- Provide lots of acres of natural habitat (x2)
- Interpretive Signs @ space/wildlife

Youth employment and support programs

- River-related historical education/museum opportunities (yes)

Generating jobs for adults

- River-related/river enhancing jobs
- Riverboat casino 100 million annually
- Jobs for people in the community
- Green industries

Entrepreneurs/businesses

- Non-corporate food vendors/restaurants
- Artists
- Culinary artists
- Artist space hub – new Flow; Art a Whirl
- Film & music festivals
- Casino/Hotel/Entertainment will draw visitors from the Cities and MN

Additional housing options

- Away from the public areas along the river
- Luxury housing
- Market rate and workforce
- Housing bordering park, business border freeway, 24 hour eyes on park

Attract people from outside the neighborhood

- Restaurants from \$ to \$\$\$
- Access for canoes, boats, etc.
- Boutique hotel
- Rowing club – youth & adults
- Ferry boat – thematic (ex: murder mystery), historical relevance
- Access to river opportunities
- Riverboat casino – keep the money local!
- Year round activation

Neighborhood retail/services

- Premier ice cream
- Bike shop
- Small business owned by people from neighborhood
- Canoe, paddleboard rental
- Snowshoe rental
- Park café (Sea Salt)
- Casino + Hotels + Venues = Revitalization

Tax increment revenue for Northside programs

- Create long range investment fund
- What programs? Different uses for TIF \$ - Federal/state?
- But mainly creative endeavors funding mechanism

General Comments Received

- Add wildlife habitat (prairie!)

The goal is to better understand what the community envisions as a successful riverfront destination. The question was asked **"What would bring you to the riverfront?"** Each community member was given 5 dots and each number represents the number of dots placed on each picture and category.

Potential Destinations	NorthFirst, Sept 29	AFCAC, Feb 23	TOTAL
	Total	Board 1	
Trails	13	8	21
Restaurant	11	8	19
River Views	11	5	16
Water Access	8	7	15
Music	9	4	13
Docks	9	2	11
Markets	7	3	10
Nature Play	7	3	10
Planetarium	5	5	10
Urban Agriculture	7	2	9
Wetlands	5	3	8
Event Center	6	2	8
Taproom	6	2	8
Festivals	4	3	7
Birdwatching	4	3	7
Picnic Areas	3	3	6
Floating Attractions	5	0	5
Concessions	2	3	5
Fishing	3	1	4
Excursion Boat	2	2	4
Open Green	3	1	4
Dog Park	3	0	3
Art Studio	1	2	3
Skiing	2	1	3
Movies	3	0	3
Gardens	3	0	3
Zipline	2	1	3
Playgrounds	3	0	3
Sculpture Park	2	0	2
Museum	2	0	2
Fitness	2	0	2
Climbing	1	1	2
Tours	0	2	2
Water Play	1	1	2
Community Kitchen	2	0	2
Sports	0	0	0
Skate Park	0	0	0