

## Meeting Information

**Date:** 3/23/2016

**Location:** Victory Neighborhood Meeting

**Time:** 7pm

**Invitations sent:** by Victory Neighborhood to surrounding neighborhoods and community list

**Number of attendees providing input:** 16

**Staff notes:** Staff was testing how to ask various questions. Listed previous engagement responses under certain questions – found that people did still supply their own but also checked off points that they agreed with. Staff also asked for ideas for a better engagement process and broke into 3 separate groups for the discussion.

## Input and Discussion

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

- 1. People want equitable development-**
  - Connect to neighborhoods west of I-94
  - Make sure developer has a diverse team and sets community input
  
- 2. People want to experience and access the river**
  - > Link up to other regional/resources
  - > Off street trail/ to downtown
  - > Access to the west
  
- 3. People want to restore and improve the river**
  - > consider run off from area, how to mitigate harm

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

1. Additional housing options
  - Balanced, smart mix of housing, retail, business, green space
  - 3 check marks
2. Youth employment and support programs
  - Local things to do- stay in the neighborhood
3. Entrepreneurs/ business
  - Reach out to neighborhood restaurants lease, we have good restaurants who may struggle to get exposure
  - 3 check marks
4. Attract from people from outside the neighborhood
  - If there are amenities that should not be an issue
  - Make it safe and a good value
  - One check mark
5. Generating jobs for adults

- 1 check mark
- 6. Neighborhood retail/ services
  - 3 check mark
- 7. Tax increment revenue for Northside programs
  - 3 check marks

What would bring you to the riverfront?

- Restaurants
- Music on the river / amphitheater (neighborhood engorged with music)
- Land bridge access from north neighborhoods
- Green space
- Bike/ running trails / more trails for youth
- Music/ festivals / bandshell
- Land bridge
- Fishing / kayak access / marina
- Music- think big like Summerfest in Milwaukee, Duluth Bluefest, New Orleans Bluefest, Red Rocks in CO
- Farmers market
- Indoor park/ play area- view of river in winter
- Picnic shelters/pavilions
- Community Center, event space
- Childrens theater
- Free tutoring programs / enrichment programs
- Interpretation center
- Casino

What makes North Minneapolis special and how can we celebrate it on the river?

- Ethnic fairs
- Diversity – events that bring different races and cultures together
- Food
- Access to metro area amenities, housing stock, people
  - o The river
  - o Downtown
  - o Suburbs
  - o highways

### Small Group Discussion Questions

- *The Upper Harbor Terminal is a complex and unusual project. The end result will be influenced by many forces outside of the City and Park Board control and may take many years to implement. How can we have a meaningful community engagement process but maintain the understanding that we don't know what is possible on this site or how soon it can be redeveloped?*

- Kids don't necessarily know what they want. Children don't have access to the internet. New library being opened may be an opportunity
  - Awareness first. Community festivals in community, school PTA's, Camden News, North News, newspapers
  - Point people, key leaders from each race/neighborhood that will give leadership to the process.
  - IDEAS vs REAL (FOR SURE!)
  - Very important not to overpromise
  - Language around it – resumes and timeline, always not precise, more forefront, land bridge – very defined in what is realistic, realistic next steps
- *We want to have an equitable process, and know we need to focus on racial and cultural equity. Share ideas you have on how we can make our process more inclusive and more diverse.*
- Hmong open mic night
  - Three Rivers extension at 53<sup>rd</sup>
  - Reach out to their organizations and cultural leaders
  - Schools and engage kids, schools are very diverse
  - Block leaders
  - Events - Bread and Circus, National Night out, diverse community events, Holiday on 44th
  - Reach out to young parents – social media and word of mouth, info to schools
  - Public open houses
  - On the street
  - Step-up
  - Tables at faith based places and events, contact churches,
  - Neighborhood meetings, ice cream socials
  - Website, social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
  - Ethnic community likes fishing – CARP FEST
  - Have a celebration right where development is going to be

### General Comments Received

- The green color of the parcels seems to say that the entire UHT will be park. Consider a combination of colors to show that some will be development.
- How large is North Mississippi Regional Park? (send response with answers)
- Community appreciates honesty and openness about what is possible. They've been hearing about a land bridge for a long time – but hadn't heard before that it would probably require the federal government to be involved. Staff needs to be careful about what we promise.

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.

| Destinations         | NorthFirst, Sept 29 | AFCAC, Feb 23 | Northside Housing Fair, Mar 12 | Victory Neighborhood Meeting, March 23 | TOTAL |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|-------|
| Trails               | 13                  | 8             | 26                             | 8                                      | 55    |
| Restaurant           | 11                  | 8             | 29                             | 6                                      | 54    |
| Music                | 9                   | 4             | 31                             | 5                                      | 49    |
| Markets              | 7                   | 3             | 30                             | 3                                      | 43    |
| River Views          | 11                  | 5             | 18                             | 3                                      | 37    |
| Water Access         | 8                   | 7             | 18                             | 3                                      | 36    |
| Picnic Areas         | 3                   | 3             | 19                             | 8                                      | 33    |
| Gardens              | 3                   | 0             | 15                             | 4                                      | 22    |
| Planetarium          | 5                   | 5             | 10                             | 2                                      | 22    |
| Festivals            | 4                   | 3             | 7                              | 6                                      | 20    |
| Nature Play          | 7                   | 3             | 7                              | 3                                      | 20    |
| Urban Agriculture    | 7                   | 2             | 11                             | 0                                      | 20    |
| Wetlands             | 5                   | 3             | 11                             | 1                                      | 20    |
| Event Center         | 6                   | 2             | 6                              | 4                                      | 18    |
| Birdwatching         | 4                   | 3             | 9                              | 1                                      | 17    |
| Docks                | 9                   | 2             | 2                              | 3                                      | 16    |
| Taproom              | 6                   | 2             | 4                              | 4                                      | 16    |
| Dog Park             | 3                   | 0             | 12                             | 0                                      | 15    |
| Fitness              | 2                   | 0             | 11                             | 2                                      | 15    |
| Playgrounds          | 3                   | 0             | 9                              | 2                                      | 14    |
| Water Play           | 1                   | 1             | 11                             | 1                                      | 14    |
| Concessions          | 2                   | 3             | 5                              | 2                                      | 12    |
| Open Green           | 3                   | 1             | 4                              | 4                                      | 12    |
| Excursion Boat       | 2                   | 2             | 7                              | 0                                      | 11    |
| Zipline              | 2                   | 1             | 6                              | 2                                      | 11    |
| Movies               | 3                   | 0             | 7                              | 0                                      | 10    |
| Sculpture Park       | 2                   | 0             | 6                              | 2                                      | 10    |
| Fishing              | 3                   | 1             | 4                              | 1                                      | 9     |
| Community Kitchen    | 2                   | 0             | 4                              | 2                                      | 8     |
| Floating Attractions | 5                   | 0             | 2                              | 1                                      | 8     |
| Museum               | 2                   | 0             | 4                              | 2                                      | 8     |
| Art Studio           | 1                   | 2             | 3                              | 0                                      | 6     |
| Climbing             | 1                   | 1             | 3                              | 1                                      | 6     |
| Tours                | 0                   | 2             | 4                              | 0                                      | 6     |
| Skiing               | 2                   | 1             | 1                              | 0                                      | 4     |
| Skate Park           | 0                   | 0             | 3                              | 0                                      | 3     |
| Sports               | 0                   | 0             | 1                              | 1                                      | 2     |