

Meeting Information

Date: 4/2/2016

Location: Community Connections Conference

Time: 8am – 3pm

Invitations sent: Conference was widely advertised by City of Minneapolis

Number of attendees providing input: 50+/-

Staff notes: Talked with many organizations active in North Minneapolis. Members of the public were from many areas of Minneapolis and not centered in the Northside neighborhoods.

Input and Discussion

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

People want EQUITABLE development...

- Plant Black Walnuts – as warmer climates come north, it will be an ideal tree there

People want to EXPERIENCE and ACCESS the river...

- Build density & flexibility as needs change w/ climate refugees
- Build in equity, prioritize affordable housing & mixed use
- A place for people to be able to explore, and space for kids to be able to run
- So it doesn't become so expensive that North Mpls residents can't afford to be there
- Keep it car free so it's safe, clean, esp for kids, seniors, ppl w/ disabilities and keep out car barrier spaces, like parking lots, wide entrance roads
- Focus on land use that promotes walkability first, keeps use high 24/7
- Make sure revenue-generation balanced w/ access for all regardless of \$

People want to RESTORE and IMPROVE the river...

- Build in best practices for stormwater management, species diversity, education and take home ideas, inc. for renters, not just those in houses

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

Youth employment and support programs...

- Outdoor oriented public school

Generating jobs for adults...

Entrepreneurs/businesses...

- Create destination space: music oriented? (live/work/collab housing? Shared recording/instruments?)

Additional housing options...

- Buildings that are intergenerational
- Affordable housing also accessible to families (inc. intergenerational) and seniors/disabilities
- Gentle density: 3-6 stories, apts

Attract people from outside the neighborhood...

- Frequent transit to north/NE/downtown Mpls, inc. for evening events/businesses

Neighborhood retail/services...

- Incubator space like Midtown Global Market

Tax increment revenue for Northside programs...

What makes North Minneapolis community special? How can we celebrate it on the river?

- Lower car dependence
- More inclusion and creative community-generated solutions/place-making

What would bring you to the Riverfront?

- People! If no ppl, I don't feel safe in spaces
- Get diversity of ages, uses, public/private gathering spaces

General Comments Received

- Skate park comment to go here.
- City and Park Board need to provide good paying jobs to offset gentrification effects.

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	Community Connections Conference, Apr 2	TOTAL
Trails	13	8	26	8	10	65
Restaurant	11	8	29	6	8	62
Markets	7	3	30	3	13	56
Music	9	4	31	5	7	56
Water Access	8	7	18	3	7	43
River Views	11	5	18	3	3	40
Picnic Areas	3	3	19	8	4	37
Nature Play	7	3	7	3	7	27
Gardens	3	0	15	4	4	26
Planetarium	5	5	10	2	4	26
Urban Agriculture	7	2	11	0	6	26
Festivals	4	3	7	6	5	25
Wetlands	5	3	11	1	4	24
Taproom	6	2	4	4	6	22
Dog Park	3	0	12	0	5	20
Docks	9	2	2	3	3	19
Event Center	6	2	6	4	1	19
Birdwatching	4	3	9	1	1	18
Playgrounds	3	0	9	2	3	17
Excursion Boat	2	2	7	0	5	16
Fitness	2	0	11	2	1	16
Open Green	3	1	4	4	4	16
Concessions	2	3	5	2	3	15
Water Play	1	1	11	1	1	15
Floating Attractions	5	0	2	1	6	14
Movies	3	0	7	0	3	13
Fishing	3	1	4	1	3	12
Sculpture Park	2	0	6	2	2	12
Zipline	2	1	6	2	1	12
Tours	0	2	4	0	5	11
Climbing	1	1	3	1	3	9
Community Kitchen	2	0	4	2	1	9
Museum	2	0	4	2	1	9
Art Studio	1	2	3	0	2	8
Skate Park	0	0	3	0	4	7
Skiing	2	1	1	0	2	6
Sports	0	0	1	1	2	4