**Meeting Information**

**Date:** 1/31/2017  
**Location:** MPRB Head Quarters, Mpls  
**Time:** 6pm – 8pm  
**Number of attendees providing input:** 65+

**What are the best ways to get information to you and other community members?**

*Comments on boards and shared with staff*

- Social Media
- Facebook events (easily shared)
- KMOJ
- MPLS Public Schools
- Park sites
- Block Clubs
- North News
- Insight News
- Hire a graphic Designer @ JXTA to create your social media and email blasts and print materials so they are more engaging.

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- Having a community event involving entertainment to show passion and ambition to help motivate the people.

**What is most important to you about the Upper Harbor Terminal Project?**

- **Anti-Gentrify**  
  - Co-develop with North High  
  - Hire people of color from neighborhood  
  - Job Training in conjunction with local school and colleges
- Access to Neighborhood west of I-94
- Lots of Native Landscape (Following the Park Reserve formula- 20% development and 80% natural)
- I’d like to see a place where Northside businesses can start-up expand and flourish
- Food business/ restaurant incubator  
  - Pop-up restaurant model  
  - Building capacity to move to new restaurant
- Wide Range of housing options
• Safety and security for visitors and residents
• Police presence
• House Northside business – not just jobs
• Living wage jobs
• Asset to community – not just fun
• Space for bond shell/amphitheater for local musicians/ theater groups orchestra to perform
• Space for family, friendly restaurants in Lake Calhoun Harriet – also year round restaurant
• River related activities boat, swim, fish, river enhanced activities, restaurants, hotels, boats rentals, bike rentals
• Yes, facilitate development of north side business owners
• Park land for all, tax base to pay for it market rate houses on river important
• Making it entirely available to the youth
• Make accessible to all with transit
• West to East: let’s get some clean air coming from this air- Don’t trade GAF/Northern Metals Recycling for wood fire pits and wood burning saunas, Gas ok.

North Aerial Map

• Near Lowry Ave and 94: Look up I-670 CAP in *Columbus Ohio*
• Better access along Dowling
• Better access along Lowry
• Better access along St. Anthony PKWY
2017 Upper River and Northside Park Related Projects

www.minneapolisparks.org/currentprojects
All current Park Board planning projects are listed under the website above. Sign up for updates, find meeting notes and, take surveys, etc. Some of the larger projects happening in North Minneapolis or within the Above the Falls Regional Park are listed below.
Upper Harbor Terminal
The City and Park Board are working together to redevelop the Upper Harbor Terminal site. The site will include both development and riverfront park. A search for a developer is currently underway. The planning process should begin in 2017 when a developer can join the City and Park Board and staff have laid the groundwork for community involvement.
Webpage: www.upperharbormpls.org
Project contact: Kate Lamers
Phone: 612-230-6486
Email: klamers@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: 2017-2018 planning, possible implementation start in 2019

RecQuest
RecQuest is an assessment of recreation centers and programming in all neighborhood parks in Minneapolis. On the Northside, this project will examine buildings in neighborhood parks such as North Commons, Folwell, Harrison, etc. but not buildings in the larger regional parks such as Theodore Wirth. This project began in 2015 and will resume in 2017.
Webpage: www.minneapolisparks.org/recquest
Project contact: Jamie Neldner
Phone: 612-230-6533
Email: jneldner@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: 2017 planning resumes

26th Avenue Northside Riverfront Park & Pier
The RiverFirst planning process designated the terminus of 26th Avenue North and the river as a place to create an overlook and adjacent park area. The concept design was previously approved; engagement and detailed design should begin in late 2016. Construction is planned for 2017 - 2018.
Webpage: www.minneapolisparks.org/current projects
Project contact: Kate Lamers
Phone: 612-230-6486
Email: klamers@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: 2017 design. 2017-2018 construction

North Service Area Master Plan
The Service Area Master Plans examine outdoor areas in all neighborhood parks. This project will create new master plans for each park that will guide investments over the next 20 - 30 years. North Minneapolis planning should begin in late 2016.
Webpage: www.minneapolisparks.org/current projects
Project contact: Adam Arvidson
Phone: 612-230-6470
Email: aarvidson@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: 2017-2018 planning

Sheridan Memorial Park
Although Sheridan Memorial Park is part of Above the Falls Regional Park, the Sheridan neighborhood (SNO) regards it as their neighborhood park. Picnic and playground improvements will be constructed with a federal grant and local funds. Community meetings will begin in March to create plans that will possibly be constructed in the fall of 2017 or early 2018.
Webpage: Not up yet
Project contact: Deb Bartels
Phone: 612-230-6438
Email: dbartels@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: Winter 2017 Design, Spring 2018 Construction

Great Northern Greenway
The Great Northern Greenway connects the northern half of Minneapolis with a bicycle / pedestrian corridor. More than just a travelway, the goal is to have the Greenway be a destination that knits communities together through green gathering spaces, public art, and alternative transportation.
Webpage: www.minneapolisherifront.org/riverfront-initiatives/great-northern-greenway/
Project contact: Kathleen Boe
Phone: 612-746-4987
Email: kathleen.boe@minneapolisriverfront.org

Mississippi River PaddleShare
Similar to Nice Ride, check out a kayak from one location and return it to another. Paddle one way and bike, drive, or bus back along the upper Mississippi River. Kayak up to 3.9 miles along the upper riverfront with several options for where to begin and end your trip.
Webpage: www.paddleshare.org and www.rivertripplanner.org
Project contact: Susan Overson
Phone: 651-293-8436 or 1-844-694-6489 for problems with equipment

Scherer Brothers Site (Halls Island and Parcel D)
MPRB staff are working to determine the next steps regarding potential development of the Scherer site Parcel D. Options will be presented to the MPRB Commissioners at a future Board meeting. The public will be notified as soon as the discussion is scheduled. Any options presented will consider the role of ongoing community engagement.

The Halls Island plan includes a habitat-rich island of nearly 4.4 acres, a pebble beach, boat rental and storage for paddlers, a park-supportive cafe pavilion, and terraced gathering spaces to be programmed throughout the seasons. MPRB is seeking permits for initial construction phases.

Wirth Adventure and Welcome Center
MPRB and the Loppet Foundation are partnering on a new adventure center with an event lawn, mountain and cross country ski trails, and relocated tubing and boarding hill. The all season building will serve users of the adventure center and golf course and include food, ticket counters, rental shop, training rooms, offices, meeting rooms, and restrooms.
Webpage: www.minneapolisparks.org/current projects
Project contact: Beth Pfeifer
Phone: 612-230-6466
Email: bpfeifer@minneapolisparks.org
Timeline: To be determined
# Community Engagement Plan

## Goals:
- Better project
- Community support
- Build ongoing relationships

## The Need:
- Spread the word as widely as possible and make online interaction possible
- Encourage ongoing dialogue among a focused group
- Specific outreach to traditionally under-represented communities
- Continuing engagement once planning or construction is complete

## The Challenge:
- Government emails only moderately effective
- Meetings can be burdensome
- Meetings may not be attractive even with translation and interpretation
- How a project develops is as important as the initial plan

## Recommended Approach:
- Work through existing organizations and information channels to get information out and input back in
- No appointed Community Advisory Committee
- Create events with food and a purpose specifically to make connections
- "Test" ideas during the planning phase

## What to Expect:
- Facebook events and advertisements, ads on local radio stations and in local newspapers
- Regular informal gatherings at a different community location and time
- Visits to local churches, mosques, schools, and other places where community members gather
- Support local businesses and organizations when creating meetings and events for planning purposes

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**Public Comments from MPRB**
Open House
2017-01-31

Use Community Grant-making process for awarding micro-grants to community culture groups to conduct engagement for Upper Harbor Terminal.
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**Equitable Land Use Practices**

- 2.a. Environmental health, economic prosperity, and social vitality impacts and benefits of land use along with economic development are assessed.
- 2.b. The development site meets environmental standards on clean air, water, and soil without increasing soil toxicity, air, and water pollution.
- 2.c. Land use increases community ownership such as a community land trust or ownership by local community-based organizations.
- 2.d. Design should be human scaled, incorporate complete streets principles, and maximize the potential for alternative transportation options.
- 2.e. Development maximize access to emerging amenities such as education, housing, jobs, business, and green space.
- 2.f. Mixed use zoning supports economic opportunity which prioritizes long term or permanent affordable housing, small businesses, and commercial development.
- 2.g. Land use within site or within adjacent neighborhood improves the livability of local neighborhoods with streetscaping, public space, and green space.

**Equitable Economic Development Practices**

- 3.a. New capital and investment opportunities are created to promote local small business development, arts/cultural-based businesses, and entrepreneurial opportunities.
- 3.b. High quality, diversified, and employee intensive businesses are created to sustain a strong economic base and provide job opportunities for the full employment of a diverse set of skills.
- 3.c. Neighborhood business opportunities are prioritized through innovative approaches to financing and property contracts.
- 3.d. Project uses local workforce/education programs to connect residents to project construction jobs and long term employment within the project.
- 3.e. Local community is given preference when hiring consultants, contractors, and developers as a strategy to address disparities.
- 3.f. Public funding criterial rewards applications who ensure that their workers having living wages jobs with benefits and the right to organize for labor agreements without fear of retaliation.
- 3.h. Design includes environmentally responsible and resource efficient materials and processes throughout the project's life cycle.
Share your thoughts on the Equitable Development Scorecard and Principles

**Equitable Housing Practices**

- 4.a. (This goal should be refined and become more specific after an analysis of demographic and market conditions.) Ensure that at least 50% of units are available for extremely low, very low, low, and moderate income families in order to create a mixed income neighborhood. Define different demographics that housing may appeal to, and mix housing for different incomes and sizes of families, particularly large families, rather than creating separated areas. Create a long term plan to allow for some units to remain affordable. Provide units that offer the option of ownership and explore options such as a community land trust and other creative ways to make some of the ownership units affordable.

- 4.b. All new housing is built with energy efficiency, and explores energy generation, to reduce utility bills for the residents. All housing is free from environmental hazards.

- 4.c. Affordable housing is located near amenities (health and social services, transportation, education, and quality job opportunities) that promote walkability, livability, and community.

- 4.d. Consider how new development may impact adjacent neighborhoods and the possibility of displacement if property values rise. Actively strategize to prevent displacement of nearby residents.

- 4.e. Housing accommodates physical/developmental disabilities by incorporating Universal Design.

**Equitable Transportation Practices**

- 5.a. Development infrastructure provides safe, attractive, and convenient access to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit systems with Complete Streets principles incorporated into the design.

- 5.b. Provide a holistic package of alternative transportation infrastructure, programming, and education to encourage familiarity and comfort with options.

- 5.c. Priority is given to bicycle and pedestrian circulation. Parking facilities accommodate bicycle daily use and storage and do not limit access by pedestrians. Bicycle parking is provided near front doors and elevators in highly visible and safe locations.

- 5.d. Attractive, comfortable, accessible transit facilities are available, or future facilities are adequately planned for.

- 5.e. Presence of wayfinding and systems information for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

- 5.f. Development promotes traffic calming and pedestrian safety through building and public realm design tools.

- 5.g. Outdoor public realm infrastructure is accessible to all abilities through the incorporation of Universal Design. Provide clear signage, convenient accessible parking, and safe travel ways.

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**Recommended use of the Scorecard:**

1) Score each bullet point on a scale of 1 - 5 with 1 being low and 5 being high (good).

2) Determine highest possible score

3) Determine acceptable range of scores for this project

**Please edit, add comments or tell us your thoughts.**

Once the scorecard is refined with your input, it can be used during the planning process to help evaluate how well the development plan is meeting the goal of an equitable project (recognizing that it likely will not be possible to achieve all of the goals at 100%).
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2012 - 2013 Above the Falls Master Plan Update
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- Re-focus the city toward the river
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Regional Park Key Community Input:
- People want to EXPERIENCE and ACCESS the river
- People want to RESTORE and IMPROVE the river
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City Plan Guiding Principles:
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- Create linkages to neighborhoods and parkway system
- Support environmental restoration
- Link the upper riverfront to the Grand Rounds system
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2015 - 2016 Engagement so far . . .
- North First
- Above the Falls Community Advisory Committee
- North Side Neighborhood Council
- Northside Housing Services
- Victory Neighborhood Meeting
- Community Connections Conference
- Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
- HAMAA & Lao Assistance
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