

FARVIEW PARK+SITE TOUR / FOLWELL PARK+SITE TOUR / KAYAKING TRIPS / ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOUR / SLOW ROLL MPLS BIKE TOURS

These notes are from input shared during Upper Harbor Terminal site tours and related events during summer 2017, including events at Farview and Folwell Parks that included a bus and walking tour of the site; kayaking trips on the river past the site with young people from North and Northeast Minneapolis youth-focused organizations; community bike rides to and through the site with Slow Roll MPLS; and bus tours to the site.



This engagement was hosted by Juxtaposition Arts adult staff and youth apprentices, with MPRB and City staff and members of the development team. It included questions for conversation and response on large posters, surveys, and small group conversation. The Farview and Folwell Park events included additional activities that invited people to contribute elements they would like to see at UHT to a map of the site, and example pictures of different kinds of public space/park spaces, active recreation, nature and contemplative spaces, and art and performance for discussion. Notes from these activities are included below.

Activities and conversations focused on sharing info about the UHT site and planning process (if attendees were not already aware), inviting people to upcoming events, and asking about:

- if and how you would want to access the river and the site
- what you would want to see in a park and public space along the river, and thoughts about the industrial relics
- your thoughts about a space for live outdoor music, food and markets on the site
- what would make a development at UHT best for North Minneapolis, and what would draw you
- and priorities and concerns that you have about the development of the site.

Categorized comments from these activities are included below.

Overall we engaged with about 100 people during these site visits. Some people shared demographic info, including their zip code, age, and race/ethnicity. A summary of that info is included below. Zip codes, when people shared them, are included with comments below.

Residential zip code (34 people shared this info)

- North Minneapolis Zip (55412, 55411, 55405): 53%
- Other Minneapolis Zip: 35%
- Other Zip: 12%

Age (46 people shared this info)

- Under 18: 54%
- 18-24: 4%
- 25-34: 17%
- 35-54: 15%
- 55-64: 7%
- 65+: 2%

Race/Ethnicity (77 people shared this info)

- Black or African American: 41%
- Asian American: 18%
- Native American or American Indian: 0%
- White or Caucasian: 13%
- Latinx: 0%
- Mixed/Interracial: 28%

INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

MOBILITY & LEISURE

- Bike paths + walking and canoeing
- I want to sit and enjoy it. I want to kayak. Sit in a tube and watch a movie. (55412)
- Want a place to hang out by the river, music, fishing, picnicking, just hang out
- On a nice summer day, I like to drive down there and sit. (55412)
- So many other cities have riverfront that is gorgeous and we have rusty metal and dirt. Why is North Mpls a dumping ground? (55412)
- We (Northsiders) want the same things that people in other parts of Minneapolis want - beautiful spaces, access to the water, places to eat... an all-naturalized space (like in the Above the Falls master plan) is not ok.
- I would like to be able to have events and bar-b-ques, public bathrooms and safety for the children. I want walkways with lights and places to sit in the park. (55412)
- Want to see biking and walking paths along the river, picnic areas that are covered and uncovered. (55412)
- I'd want to bike and walk along the river (55443)
- Bike trail - one across river, too.

FACILITIES

- Will there be a Rec. Center?
- A movie theater.
- In the winter, indoor multi-purpose center. Ice-skating rink, rollerskating rink. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Greenhouse area with good air quality. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Water fountains, actual clean and safe bathrooms

ART, CULTURE, HISTORY

- I'd like to see a mix of performance and art, relaxation and market. (55443)
- Space for live music and performance would be cool! (55443)
- What would make it best for North would be live music, local artists, flower garden, and history. (55443)
- Keep one dome and let people do graffiti on it. Have artists do some of it, and then people can take a short class and then be able to write on it, too.
- Create a history museum on the site, about the river, industry, Dakota -- the whole history of the site.
- I'm interested in this history of the site, going back to Indigenous people. Want to see the history told here somehow. (55443)
- Represent diverse cultures.
- Stage should be flexible, feature local performers, too.
- We have the option to do this different. To truly build a community space WITH the community and honor the land and history. (55412)
- I think music is life giving, healing and a community connector. I would say the question is what kind of music? We should pay heavy attention to the cultures of where we are. All the cultures in mpls should be celebrated and given space. (55412)
- Mariachi music, Native American ceremonies, Hmong New Year, gospel, R&B, Chinese New Year, celebration of cultures, folk, blues, spoken word, classical (55412)
- It's too big. Too much space would be left empty for these brief moments. Lots of lawn that needs to be cut instead of having more public art, trails, and shops.. I think it should be kept smaller and more local there are better uses for the space. (55412)
- Hang art, market, events. I think it's wasted potential to have that much lawn, only used to large events. Yes classes work but it could be so much more, artistic, planned, creative. (55412)
- To make this the best? Don't just get POC POV (people of color point of view). Give them ownership. Find and use black owned business. Hmong owners; Hispanic owners. This is their home. Let them lead. Really lead. Honor the native land. I think it needs to start and launch w/ honoring the Dakota land with a ceremony. Soft launch w/ north residents. Represent the different cultures w/ POC artists, cooks, business owners, musicians. (55412)
- I like history plaques that tell the story of where I am. (55412)
- A performing arts school to go with the amphitheater.

- Be able to have family reunions here.
- Music and Performance: I like Rock the Garden... could do Rock the River. I like classical music, so the orchestra could come out. I'm fine with First Ave hosting shows here. (55412)
- I want to be able to see the skyline while watching music and performance. (55412)
- Like the idea of an amphitheater. (55412)
- It should be something that doesn't lose the heart of North Minneapolis. (55412)
- It should have a piece of justice/connection to Northside alongside music the entire time. (55412)
- Whatever happens here first will set the tone for the whole thing. It's really important to be really intentional about the first thing that happens: a performance or event where there are different cultures represented. We need to remember this is Dakota land. (55412)
- Having big stars like Justin Bieber and Beyonce; have jazz bands and rock bands; talent shows, rap battles, comedy shows (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Lessons: music lessons, singing lesson, dance lessons. Should be a place where you can learn, too. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Keep the industrial feel to the park. There is sculptural beauty to the relics. (55411)
- I think the First Ave community is the people who come to their shows. First Ave is looking at this development to increase size as well as revenue for First Ave. (55411)
- Before Interstate 94 there were jazz clubs. Jazz and classical musical would make it more sensitive to North Minneapolis. (55411)
- Industrial relics should leave, replace with carnival, parks, food places. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- A pavilion, a place where the community can come together and perform. First Ave operating it, yes - it needs to also be run by the community, too. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Big concerts, and stage area with access for local bands, public gathering space, stage that is accessible, local bands.
- Huge sculptures from local artists.

SHOPS & MARKETS

- I'd like to see a mix of performance and art, relaxation and market. (55443)
- I think it is necessary and important. Especially utilizing northside growers and vendors.
- All of it, especially if you highlight and focus on the gift of diverse cultures. Find people on the north side who are artists and growers and sewers and designers and trying to start a business.
- Be a celebration of culture, Indian Native African Hmong Chinese Kosher
- Market that sells local art, also farmers market. (55412)
- Farmers market. (55412)
- Want to see things like West Broadway. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)

EATERIES

- For food, all cultures' foods, soul food and all. Local restaurants, casual and fine dining, healthy, fast food, outdoor and indoor - variety of restaurants. (55412)
- Food trucks right on the river - invite local farmers to bring food. Food trucks who cook out of Kindred Kitchen, could have a food truck night. (55412)
- Want to see a nice restaurant. (55412)
- (I'm) involved in the Northside food system work, like the idea of a great big farm in the city. (55412)
- Culturally relevant, food markets on Lake Street as a precedent. (55412)
- A variety of food/restaurant options around the site: Mexican food, cafes, food trucks, sit-down restaurants, Ethiopian food, Cake Factory (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)

GREEN SPACES & PARKS

- What would make it best for North would be live music, local artists, flower garden, and history. (55443)
- Native grass and nature. Fruit trees and berries to pick and enjoy. Amazing picnic options. (55412)
- I like green space instead of hardscape. (55412)
- Parks for anyone to play. I see parks where there is exercise equipment where people can exercise without paying (look at Korean public parks). (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Access to more open programmable public space.
- Green houses and community garden for access to healthy food in schools.

WATER & THE RIVER

- I wouldn't swim in it (the river).
- The river looks dirty, it should be clean.
- I want to be able to boat, jet ski, swim, kayak, canoe in the river. A beach area where there isn't anything separating the land from the water. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Boat taxi but with activities on it, you could pay with your Metro Transit card. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Better water access: Fishing and boating dock.
- Ferry back and forth, water taxi.
- Dock and boardwalk.

YOUTH & KIDS

- Jobs for kids. Apps that connect people to the history and story. Story slams. Poetry, dance competitions. (55412)
- Feel safe , free wifi (55412)
- That all this time will be spent getting input. Youth and community members will feel included and then nothing will be included in the plan. That is would just be another

white guys idea. I am concerned w/ what that rejection would do to young people and their desire to be included in the future. (55412)

- I think jobs and job training should happen specifically in north. It gets the community invested, but it also keeps people's jobs close to their home which also strengthens family and keeps kids connected to their community. (55412)
- More youth jobs
- Things to occupy the youth teen nights.
- Youth shelter to keep kids off the street.
- Have youth volunteer and run programs
- For kids, kickball and unorganized sports. Places for kids to play. (55412)

OTHER PRIORITIES & CONCERNS

- Priorities: beautification and transformation (55443)
- Concerns: keep crime to a low without over policing (55443)
- What type of public park would this new park be?
- Will this just be like another northside park?
- How long would this process take?
- Will they use my feedback to help design the site?
- Mixed income homes, townhouses, all types of housing. I would love to live there. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- Affordable housing for seniors - not just more luxury North Loop housing. (55412)
- Redo Gold Medal Park in North, but without the expensive condos. Make them affordable. (55412)
- I'm not against development i'm concerned about development that tears down and move down everything before it was there. (55411)
- Overall, my priorities are safety, responsible use of the money. Make it nice, accessible for people, and fun. (55412)
- Concerns: this is our land - don't put up big, expensive gated communities. (55412)
- Concerned about safety of unaccompanied kids at river edge
- Find a way to make sure all N. MPLS residents chime in on what they want.
- Local musicians should be involved in planning. I am a musician and would like to be involved. Benefits should be shared by community.
- The whole city should share just like River Place.
- No shooting. No fighting. No drugs.
- Safe transportation, like a shuttle bus. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- More community activities, to involve everyone on the Northside.
- Performance and arts+relaxation+market (balance)
- Gentrification, rent raising. Property values going up.
- I think it should be a place for everyone: arts, music, sports... (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)
- I'd like a space where you can just relax: anyone of any culture or religion, they can hang out and feel at home. (55404,55408,55401,55411,55306)

- Accessible, diversity, open to everyone.
- Safety: lighting and police patrol or staff patrol.
- NO trash and drugs

Sticky Notes and Map Notes

What does North Minneapolis need that could be provided at Upper Harbor Terminal?

1. Mixed opportunities (performance+relaxation+markets)
2. Didn't know river was there.
3. Go to wading pools in Webber for water play
4. New park- would like water and (can't read writing)
5. Want something named after Prince.
6. Want to see art like sculpture garden
7. Want to see a spaceship + alien playground
8. Big field for gymnastics
9. Football field
10. Inside basketball
11. Clean pool
12. Domed field
13. Camping
14. Live music- People wouldn't go. Too busy. Food- I would go.
15. Movies in a park would be popular
16. Would love either, single family or multi family housing if it is affordable. Like the idea of mixed incomes together.
17. Like live music + affordable housing - all in the details.

Performance Space pictures

18. Street dance space/breakdancing. Yes-4
19. Music in the park, No-1 Yes-1
20. Large outdoor event, No-9 Yes-6 How often would a space that big be used? Parking?
21. Drumming street performance, Yes-1 No-1
22. Movies in the park, Yes-5 No-1
23. Small scale performance space, Yes-2 No-1
24. Terrace seating, Yes-3
25. Public pianos, No-1
26. Musical playground, Yes-2

Leisure and Relaxation Spaces

27. Nature paths/ Lots of greenery, Yes-7
28. Hammock park, Yes-5
29. Fishing, Yes-1
30. Waterfront views/ extension over the water, Yes-13
31. Mini library in the park, Yes-1

32. Interactive architecture, Yes-9
33. Rivers edge sculpture/ meditation, Yes-3

Active Spaces

34. Aerosol art, Yes-3
35. Arcade, Yes-1 No-1
36. Fair/carnival Grounds, No-3 Yes-1
37. climbing, Yes-5
38. Seesaw, Yes-5
39. Playground, Yes-2
40. Ice skating, Yes-4
41. Snowboarding, Yes-2 No-1
42. Skatepark, Yes-4
43. Forest slide, Yes-8
44. Splash pad, Yes-6
45. Street dancing, Yes-1
46. Canoeing, Yes-1
47. Sidewalk/ interactive piano, Yes-5
48. Ping Pong, Yes-1

Map Notes

Park-

- Playground
- Sledding
- Skateboarding
- Trampolines
- A swim area
- Ropes course
- Sculpture park
- Compost bins
- Community gardens
- Food at the park
- Pool for all ages
- Skateboarding areas
- Skate park
- Picnic area

Sports-

- Track
- Basketball (court)
- Baseball
- Football
- Spaces for tennis, basketball, soccer...

- More things for sports

Other Athletics-

- Skateboarding
- Running
- Iceskating
- swimming

Activities-

- Sauna
- Stage
- Fishing
- Ice rink and skiing in winter
- Fitness classes

Places-

- Grocery stores, co-op
- Restaurants
- Groceries
- Community center
- Go karts, Arcade area, Theme park

Nature-

- Forest- more trees
- Garden
- Clean water/sitting area

Food-

- Food truck
- Outdoor dining
- High end restaurants
- Ice cream shop

Shops-

- Video game stores
- Toy shop
- Hair store
- Nike outlet, Resale stores

Opportunity-

- Community space
- Jobs for young people
- School/ education

- More programs, more engagement

Other amenities

- Bike lanes
- Dog park

