

# Upper Harbor Terminal Public Park Space Open House

## Board Results

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North Star Community Rowing, Mississippi Mushrooms, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO), and the city of Minneapolis partnered with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and their Consultants, Perkins & Will, Project for Public Space, The Musicant Group, and Juxtapositions Arts to get input from the community about how the Upper Harbor Terminal can evolve and how the public park space will reflect the Northside. There was a tour provided to the site and there were activities where the participants provided feedback.

### *Activity 1: What's your motivation?*

Where do you like to go for recreation? What makes that place accessible?

- Would like to go to the river, but it is not accessible – 55401
- Playgrounds- 55425
- Transportation to and from
- Place where people can go and have fun BBQ's
- Easy roads / easy access to venues – 55101
- The Y and parks – 55411
- Ease of access – 80247
- Lakes and parks - 55375

Where do you feel most connected to your community?

- Where there are outdoor community concerts
- Places where our kids can learn, hangout after school
- Community centers
- Church
- Local community events – 55378
- Community programs and meetings – 55411
- Support outreach
- Community events – 55425
- Outdoors
- Community meetings – 86247
- Parks, lakes, the River, local coffee shop
- Safe place for teens / young adults who feel included

In what ways to other public spaces make you feel welcome?

- Negatives, no H2O fountains, public restroom (lack of) – 55411
- Open space with multi-use options
- Natural habitats
- Flowers, greenery, maintained landscape
- Inclusive, bilingual signage – 55425
- Includes and openness, diversity – 55344
- Multi – all season use – 55378
- Being informed about parks
- Unique, something special – 80247

What are your favorite activities to do with friends and family?

- Swim
- Concerts, safe play, areas for kids
- Movies
- Movies
- Go out to eat
- Go to concerts
- Workouts, community events – 55411
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- Biking, hiking – 55378
- Games
- Dance – 55411
- Ice skating – 55411
- Swimming – 55411
- Playground, gym, community event
- Celebrate special occasions with family and friends – 55443
- Swimming, birthday occasions – 55411
- Bowling
- Roller blading and skating
- Bike Polo court
- Biking! Eating! Drinking – 80247
- Rowing!

*Activity 2: What's on the menu at Upper Harbor Terminal?*

*Board showed a range of categories where food might be offered and some specific ideas from earlier in the process*

Permanent Food

- Fried chicken – 55443

- Are there going to be bar/grills – 55408
- There is no restaurant currently “on” the river anywhere. Be the first! – 80247
- Local restaurants – 55378

#### Mobile Food

- Allow local biz incubator to develop and prioritize local biz

#### Food production

- Mississippi Mushrooms, Aquaponics, Indigenous agriculture, community gardens - 55378

#### *Activity 3: Just Green Enough vs A Destination Park*

*Board showed a spectrum with a park that is Just Green Enough at one end and A Destination Park at the other. Participants placed a dot where they felt the UHT Park should land along the spectrum and added their comments.*

- Dot at 60% Just Green Enough / Local Park. Comment: Local, get there quicker – 55443
- Dot at 60% Destination Park. Comment: Destination – learn about northside experiences – 55411
- Dot at 55% Destination Park

What could be benefits of park that is “just green enough”?

- Won’t freeze out residents - 55412

What benefits does a destination park have?

- Walkable by neighborhood residents and variety of events – 55412

What are the risks?

- Overdeveloped that no longer meets residents needs and wants – 55412

What might be included in a destination park?

- Sufficient parking – 55412

#### *Activity 4: Natural vs Built*

*Board showed a spectrum with a park that is 100% naturalized at one end at 100% developed and built at the other. Examples of comments from earlier engagement were included at each of the board to show the range of input the team received on the park character and amenities.*

*Participants placed a dot where they felt the UHT Park should land along the spectrum and added their comments.*

- Dot at 63% Natural. Comment: Open spaces, multi-purpose – 55419
- Dot at 55% Built. Comment: Balance – 55443
- Dot at 54% Built. Comment: Balanced – 55378
- Dot at 60% Built. Comment: Communal spaces – 55419
- Dot at 75% Built. Comment: Walkways, barbeque areas, for family friendly – 55411
- Comments at Built end of spectrum: Lake Harriet Bandshell, Concern venue > Plymouth

#### *Activity 5: Experience Mapping*

*Questions: The future of public scape at Upper Harbor Terminal should offer engaging experiences. Think about the time of day and week you are most likely to visit the park in the future. List 3 - 5 things that you would like to do during that time.*

Warm seasons, all times

- Native spaces, community spaces, learning spaces (in/out)

Warm Season, Weekday Morning

- Bike polo

Warm Season, Weekday Evening

- Bike polo
- Bike trails
- Drinking / dining

Warm Season, Weekday Night

- Drinking / dining

Warm Season, Weekend Morning

- Bike polo

Warm Season, Weekend Afternoon

- Bike polo

Warm Season, Weekend Evening

- Biking
- Hiking
- Kayak / canoe

Cold season, all times

- Native spaces, community spaces, learning spaces (in/out)
- Should not be closed because of the winter. Accessible to the people to participate. Park needs to be available - 55443

Cold season, Weekday Night

- Ice skating
- Ice sculpture festival

Cold season, Weekend Morning

- Ice skating, great hills for sledding – 55411

Cold season, Weekend Night

- Ice skating

#### *Activity 6: Waterfront Access*

*We have heard that the public space at Upper Harbor terminal should be a river facing park and should offer a wide variety of ways to experience the water. Board showed a spectrum of ways to access the water from simple (views across naturalized shorelines) to intense (floating park space on the river itself).*

Which of these waterfront features should happen right away and why?

- Flex space – 55414
- Public access, rowing access is happening now from 33rd. First ADA accessible lock may happen in May.
- Flex space – 55378
- Most parks (water) already have a marina. I would recommend the marina – 55443
- Flex space – 55404

Which of these waterfront features should happen in the future and why?

- Views across naturalized shorelines – 55414

- North Star Community Rowing Accessible River Access Point is open to the public – is not a private club. Equitable access to recreational and health benefits of water sports
- Boat access