

# Upper Harbor Terminal Public Park

## Church of Ascension Focus Group #2

Design Exercise and Discussion

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MPRB returned to the Latinx community at the Church of the Ascension located on; 1723 Bryant Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411 and got input on the Upper Harbor Terminal project. There was a site base map and some park amenity cutouts to scale that people were shown to help understand the size of the park. MPRB also offered a shuttle tour – several participants were interested in a tour on a future date.

### *Activity 1: SITE MODELING AND PARK FEATURES –*

*Participants move park features (shelters, fields, courts, gardens, playgrounds, flexible spaces, water play, etc) around on a scaled base map and commented about park amenities they would like to see.*

### Comments:

- People would like to come and use the park space and stay to eat.
- Have a picnic shelter
- A playground is the main thing for kids (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Teenagers like soccer and would use the multi-purpose fields (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Like the idea of community gardens (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Don't overbuild it – keep nice places to view the river (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Create places for art installation (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Splash pads are nice because they are small, and no suit is needed. Please can just use them on a hot day spontaneously. Swimming pools are too large (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Fishing would be great (Brooklyn Center residents)
- Like the idea of a playground – like the photo of the landscape forms playground. Like natural aspects. It looks like a treehouse and would stimulate kids imagination.
- Have a rec center, not like the neighborhood parks, but with staff and programming.
- Encourage water activity and have boat rentals.
- Have boat rentals for schools.
- Need to actively program and lead activities.
- Have supportive features like seating, water fountains, shelter, restrooms
- Need something to do in winter
- A building would support winter use (55411)
- Could there be a place to swim in winter?
- Have wildflowers and lots of nature!
- Have multiple flexible courts so people can play and do many things
- Pools and swimming areas for small and big kids (55411)

- I want a skate park, so they get off of their phones and tablets
- Something for youth at every season – inside too.
- Nice to have open space, like the large indoor church basement. Something for winter gatherings.
- Used to live by the domes, but they aren't very pretty. They are growing plants. Could see keeping – maybe if we painted them.