

Category Comparisons: Known Northside comments + All Comments

The team analyzed a total of 360 park related comments specifically tagged by the commenters with 55411 and 55412 zipcodes. This number is known to be an underrepresentation of the true number of comments, as zip codes were not recorded or provided for every comment. From 2015 – early 2017 MPRB did not tag specific comments with zipcodes, although MPRB generally attempted to collect general demographic information from exchanges. If commenters did not specifically tag their own comments with zipcodes, the project team did not make assumptions, although most engagement events were targeted toward Northside residents. Additionally, comments from group work that included many individuals were recorded as summarized comments entered in one entry, lowering the count of those comments in relation to the total.

Built/Natural

Nearly identical findings between known Northside comments and all comments.

	Comment				
	Total	Built (-)	Built (+)	Natural (-)	Natural (+)
Known North	54	11%	24%	6%	59%
All	175	10%	32%	2%	55%

Seniors/Youth

Very similar finding between known Northside comments and all comments, with the majority of the comments focusing on activities for youth. 100% of Northside comments coded in this category positively commented on activities for youth.

	Comment				
	Total	Seniors (-)	Seniors (+)	Youth (-)	Youth (+)
Known North	17	0%	0%	0%	100%
All	77	0%	7%	1%	92%

Local/ Regional

100% of known Northside comments focused on the desire for Local features/activities as compared to 73% in the total comment set. Since only 8 known Northside comments were coded in this category it is possible that some of this difference may be due to the limited number of comments coded in this category.

	Comment Total	Local (-)	Local (+)	Regional (-)	Regional (+)
Known North	8	0%	100%	0%	0%
All	37	0%	73%	6%	22%

Individual/Group

Known Northside comments favored group activities more than all comments by around 17%. Since only a small number of known Northside comments were coded in this category it is possible that some of this difference may be due to the limited number of comments coded in this category.

	Comment Total	Activities for Individual	Group Activities
Known North	9	22%	78%
All	88	40%	60%

Active/Passive

Nearly identical findings between known Northside comments and all comments, with a slightly higher preference (6%) for passive activities in know northside comments.

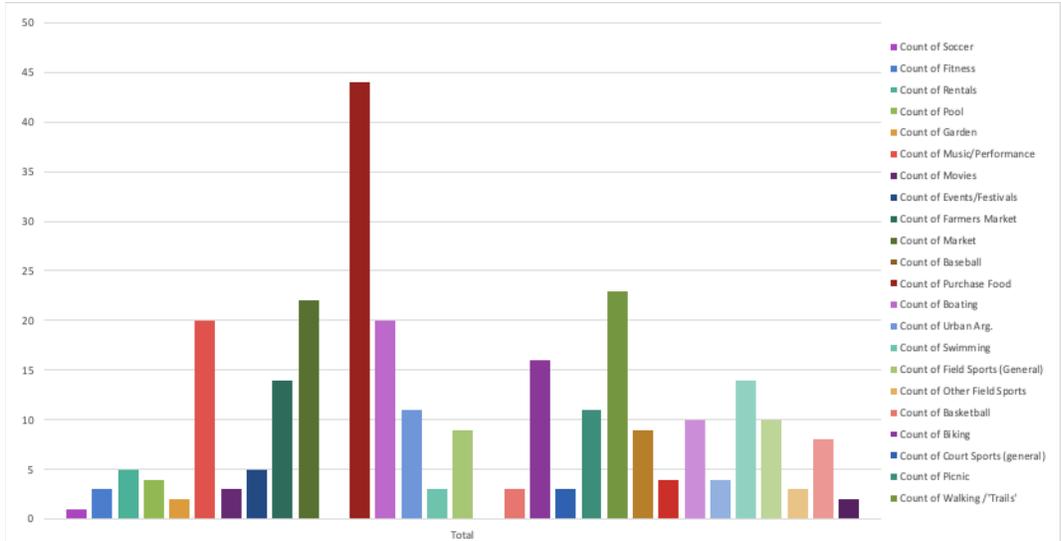
	Comment Total	% Active	% Passive
Known North	16	25%	75%
All	55	30%	69%

Activities/Uses: Know Northside comments

Activity/Uses are nearly identical between known Northside comments and all comments. The only major difference is (ie more than one tier jump) is “Market” which appeared in Tier 3 in the complete comment set but Tier 1 in the “known Northside comment” set.

Tier 1 (21 comments+)	Tier 2 (11-20)	Tier 3 (5-10)
Walking/Trails	Farmer's Market	Rentals
Market	Urban Ag	Events/Festivals
Purchase Food	Biking	Field Sports (General)
	Picnic	Fishing
	Music	Winter Activity
	Playground	Views/Views of Water
	Boating	

*Green comments denote activities/uses that are higher in ‘known Northside comments’ as compared to complete comment set.



Theme: Built/Natural

Comments	Theme: Built/Natural
Natural +	
Focus on the river; hydrology, ecology, habitat, nature. Back off from the river as much as possible and restore it's natural functioning as much as possible.	Natural (+)
(Future phases) River front restoration. Leave it alone. I agree with the parking if the other buildings are added but other than that leave it be.	Natural (+)
The plan should be park/river restoration based	Natural (+)
Strive to integrate organizing principles of ecology	Natural (+)
Make more native landscapes	Natural (+)
Native planting areas to create pollinator habitat.	Natural (+)
Restored prairie maybe.	Natural (+)
preservation of wildlife	Natural (+)
When it's time to build, let natural systems and resources be the lead factor in determining functionality of built environment - human use should incorporate sustainably and with climate consciousness guiding all decisions.	Natural (+)
Keep as much open green space as possible	Natural (+)
(Southern half of the site)Leave as open green space.	Natural (+)
The park should focus on providing public riverfront access to people currently living on the Northside. More green space and trails are the best use of this land.	Natural (+)
More green space and draws for use, for example skateboard park, whatever, to draw people out not house people, making the land private.	Natural (+)
Site should dedicate more area to park and open & wild space.	Natural (+)
I would like to see more space dedicated to park, natural areas, open space. I think for such a large area, more should be natural park space.	Natural (+)
Would love to see large areas of tree/shrub/perennial plantings vs. turf areas.	Natural (+)
native plants	Natural (+)
Designed vs. natural water front:Whatever will work - designed will bring more people to the river - but not over built - You do need pockets or a decent size area for that natural feel that we are close to nature	Natural (+)
Designed vs. natural water front:70/30 in favor of natural waterfront areas.	Natural (+)

There should be a boundary of a natural edge to preserve the river banks. Natural (+)

some other recreational uses as appropriate for the environment, and a concerted effort to protect the Mississippi wildlife byway. Natural (+)

I love seeing the river in its natural state. I have canoed the river and would possibly do more of that in the future, but I would mainly like to see the wild byway aspect of the river enhanced. Natural (+)

Upper Mississippi Regional Park! The biggest factors making this area of the river successful is nature and the access that people have to the river via bike and walking paths. I personally use the paths multiple times a week; mostly for biking. When my children were little we would go to the playground, interpretive center, wading pool and picnic grounds near 49th Ave. This park is very popular for all of these amenities, and people like to come to this park for the amenities, especially because they feel like they are in a wild area outside of a city environment. Children can see and learn about wildlife, plants and more. It is not unusual to see Eagles and other wildlife. Natural (+)

Waterfront access in a mainly natural environment. Natural (+)

Designed vs. natural water front: Balance is good - as long as there is an access point, natural water front is wonderful. It would be cool to have a **stage space** with designed water front buffered on either end by natural areas. Natural (+)

Designed vs. natural water front: Natural elements should be included but contained. I just don't feel naturalization of the area is practical. If the area is going to support a large scale music venue, you don't want a huge crowd trampling through a restored natural setting. Natural (+)

More of a "Natural" approach, since this will be better to preserve the environment of the Mississippi River Byway. The Mississippi river much be left in a natural state as this is better for the river. Natural (+)

I wouldn't prefer having a lot of trucks, but a couple might work. I think the emphasis should be on keeping the atmosphere natural. Natural (+)

Nature should be the emphasis; the food venue should be a comfortable shawl to the experience. Natural (+)

I think the number one goal here should be to bring people to the Upper Harbo Terminal and creating a natural environment for the Mississippi River. Natural (+)

I like green space instead of hardscape. ' Natural (+)

Native grass and nature. Fruit trees and berries to pick and enjoy... Natural (+)

Natural -

I think this is not the area where the waterfront should be all or mostly "back to nature" with marshes, sloughs, reeds, etc. That is more fitting for UMRP which is nearby and is overall quite "back to nature". Natural (-)

An up river kayak launch seems like a good offering but I don't think it's practical to try to restore some sort of natural setting to an area that has been industrialized for more than a century. Pavement promenades, piers, fishing decks, steps to the water, with clear pedestrian and cycling areas and connections up and down river that would connect to more natural segments, makes more sense to me for a high utilization destination. Natural (-)

To be realistic, think half green boulevards along walls and half paved to the water. In North, a natural river edge will be polluted and unsafe. We have this in N. Mississippi Regional park and between the mosquitoes and pan handlers, it doesn't work. Natural (-)

Built +

public restrooms Built (+)

Permanent restaurant that draws a crowd similar to Sea Salt or Tin Fish in South Minneapolis along with food trucks or casual cafe with food for before and after shows. Built (+)

All of the above - We do need permanent stages with open fields to draw people not only to the river but to the hopefully restaurants that will be there - to support the businesses. We need all types of music to draw all types of people and different age groups Built (+)

Designed vs. natural water front: This area should be more "designed". NMRP is the one that should have the "natural areas". Built (+)

There should be a wide range of food services ranging all the way from food carts or walking vendors for events to destination restaurants. There could be space for food carts not far from river and restaurants farther back ranging from low price to "destination" types. I am not sure whether I would want food trucks. Places like Sea Salt could be near riverfront with fancy sit down white table cloth restaurants farther back.. It is important to have foods from a wide variety of cultures because the Northside and nearby areas have such diversity. Hopefully we will have some high end housing near the rear of the area behind the public areas and they could support destination restaurants as long as there are people from other areas that also come. Built (+)

A permanent stage with open fields might provide the best bang for the buck as more than just music can utilize the space (state of the city speech, private events) while still maximizing the available green space.

Built (+)

Being able to be on the river - restaurant would be #1 choice, boat rental #2

Built (+)

(Star below the food truck) (Star below the last image) Restaurants and cute lights

Built (+)

Preferred experience of the river: Walking, eating, people watching, having a beer. If bars & microbreweries in the "zone" could sell compostable to-go cups which must be emblazoned with the park logo, purchased through city ~ it could increase popularity while still limiting alcohol.

Built (+)

Adult exercise equipment, library, crafts '

Built (+)

More rec centers '

Built (+)

There's not much for teens to do but some type of community center would be perfect '

Built (+)

Arcade, wifi, rec. center, burrowed (?) vending, better lighting machine (?), better bathrooms '

Built (+)

Built +

I'm a little disappointed that only 15 acres out of the total 48 is going to be park land. I don't think that is enough green space and I worry about the environmental impact of all the development.

Built (-)

A simple park with a trail along the river, open fields for soccer or other sports, and restrooms would be the best use of this land. Please don't clutter it with large buildings that will remain mostly empty and fall into disrepair.

Built (-)

I think the most important thing to do with this area is to protect the river environment and return as much of the river to a wild state as possible. I hope it does not become the location of high priced housing for a few, but rather a beautiful riverfront that is accessible to all people.

Built (-)

A mix between shares use pathways with a boardwalk (no asphalt trail) and waterfront access in a natural enviroment with crushed lime seont and boulders along the mississippi river. We already have many paved recreation trails around our city lakes. This area should be enjoe the Mississippi River and not as much for bicycling and roller blading.

Built (-)

Interest in UHT: I live and work in 55412. Also, it's an awesome river and I hate how industrialized it is around here.

Built (-)

Theme: Local Regional

Comments	Theme: Local/Regional
	Local+
The park should focus on providing public riverfront access to people currently living on the Northside. More green space and trails are the best use of this land.	Local (+)
We have Target Center, Target Field, US Bank Stadium, TCF Stadium, Saints Stadium for the big music venues. We do not need another. We need something that would be affordable for the folks living in North Minneapolis not expensive things that only those living in the suburbs can afford. Think ALIVE ON THE DRIVE mentality not blockbuster. Think HARRIETT BAND SHELL. Think ROCK THE GARDEN. More small events with variety. Green space, small restaurants. Locally grown produce, healthy choices. Mississippi Regional park could have a southern annex...and this could be the space.	Local (+)
Affordable for the folks in the neighborhood. Specialty restaurants using local produce. For sure, do not get rid of the Mississippi Mushroom production, but expand on the product. A mushroom restaurant. A combination of sit-down restaurants, take-out and food trucks. Fresh, healthy foods...no State Fair fried food junk foods. Ethnic foods representing the people who have lived in North Minneapolis...the diversity of the neighborhood should be represented.	Local (+)
Local theatre groups, etc. A scheduled rotation such as at Lake Harriet	Local (+)
Priorities are that it is clean, healthy, family and friend-friendly. I wish we had a cleaner/healthier community! and that people actually cared. / Concerned about violence '	Local (+)
Food about the local culture '	Local (+)
Local garden '	Local (+)
Local garden '	Local (+)

Theme: Public/Commercial

Comments	Theme:Public/Commercial
	Public Facilities/Activities
More green space and draws for use, for example skateboard park, whatever, to draw people out not house people, making the land private.	Public Facilities/Activities

Create Public boat slips. Kayak lockers or some soft of way for kayakers to temporarily store their kayaks while enjoying UHT	Public Facilities/Activities
(southern half of the site) Areas for farmers markets and art shows and craft fairs. Anyway to help the local community members share their talents and art and other work and an opportunity to sell that for extra income.	Public Facilities/Activities
Space for schools or businesses to rent or open space for relaxation.	Public Facilities/Activities
There are all types of get togethers for wide ranges of people (such examples as Star Trekers, robotics, the possibilities are endless). Some would attract me and other s wouldn't. And itwould be other things that would attract others and not me. I would go 1 to 3 times a weekdepending on the attractiveness of what was going on	Public Facilities/Activities
Classes, workshops, meetups. Craft Fairs. We do not need big venues.	Public Facilities/Activities
Larger inclusive use!	Public Facilities/Activities
Let schools and parks use for practices (rehearsals)	Public Facilities/Activities
I'd like a space where you can just relax: anyone of any culture or religion, they can hang out and feel at home.	Public Facilities/Activities
Public parks, walking trails '	Public Facilities/Activities
Space to hang out with family, park with fun activities '	Public Facilities/Activities
Commercial Facilities/Activities	
A bicycle shop, a fountain,	Commercial Facilities/Activities
I wonder if there is any room for a marina of house boats, too.	Commercial Facilities/Activities
Permanent restaurant that draws a crowd similar to Sea Salt or Tin Fish in South Minneapolis along with food trucks or casual cafe with food for before and after shows.	Commercial Facilities/Activities
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Being able to be on the river - restaurant would be #1 choice, boat rental #2	Commercial Facilities/Activities
(music venue uses) Movies in the park, picnics, city day camp options, possibly as a rentable venue for parties/weddings	Commercial Facilities/Activities
(Star below the food truck) (Star below the last image) Restaurants and cute lights	Commercial Facilities/Activities
If there is a row of restaurants selling takeout food ~ people will sit by the stage to eat.	Commercial Facilities/Activities
Preferred experience of the river: Walking, eating, people watching, having a beer. If bars & microbreweries in the "zone" could sell compostable to-go cups which must be emblazoned with the park logo, purchased through city ~ it could increase popularity while still limiting alcohol.	Commercial Facilities/Activities
If you could get an artisanal bakery, with windows into the kitchen, information on milling history, that would be cool (and smell amazing). Actually, the same goes for a craft brewer (honoring grain belt). Maybe a skate park.	Commercial Facilities/Activities
Food hub, bike shop, a mini market to buy fruits and chips and etc. '	Commercial Facilities/Activities

Theme: Active/Passive

Comments	Theme: Active/Passive
	Passive
Space for relaxation along with the ability to go onto the water.	Passive Activity
Space for schools or businesses to rent or open space for relaxation.	Passive Activity
Preferred experience of the river: Easily accessible in a casual manner	Passive Activity

Have lots of benches in front for people to just chill.	Passive Activity
Both an amphitheater with park benches ~ on the scale of the Lake Harriet bandshell and buskers for everyday.	Passive Activity
Food and places I can sit and chill '	Passive Activity
A place where teens can hangout and have fun. Having a park would be nice for people to have a time and moment to study and other things '	Passive Activity
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On a nice summer day, I like to drive down there and sit. '	Passive Activity
Play area, sports area, places to sit, visit with friends- wifi availability '	Passive Activity
More green space and draws for use, for example skateboard park, whatever, to draw people out not house people, making the land private.	Active Activity
Make it possible for park visitors to use the river, not just look at it. Needs to include river recreational access, not just river viewing. (Docks, ramp, etc.)	Active Activity
The addition of a fitness park (as an example - https://fitness.playcore.com/)	Active Activity
People need to move, sports, anything where you can move your body '	Active Activity

Theme: Age

Comments	Theme: Age
	Youth +
playground for children	Youth (+)
Prioritize areas for kids out stay out of trouble and be activated. Sports, little boys and girls specifically, educational, true histories, self confidence, care, and sustainability.	Youth (+)
Multi-use: walking and biking path, boat, canoe, kayak access, docks for fishing Fishing, fishing, more fishing! Teach kids to fish....	Youth (+)
A great outdoor classroom space for local schools.	Youth (+)
A huge play area for kids along with big tire swings. '	Youth (+)

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Summer events to preschoolers '	Youth (+)
Jobs for kids. Apps that connect people to the history and story. Story slams. Poetry, dance competitions. '	Youth (+)
There's not much for teens to do but some type of community center would be perfect '	Youth (+)
Family oriented '	Youth (+)
Yes I work with young adults, they need outlets and space. Events and space that caters to their needs and resources '	Youth (+)
Teen nights '	Youth (+)
For kids, kickball and unorganized sports. Places for kids to play. '	Youth (+)

Theme: Individual/Group Activities

Comments	Theme: Individual/Group Activities
Something that involves the individual on different levels. Perhaps a boardwalk with historical plaques, a music venue, a sports area	Activities for Individuals
Kayaking/canoeing. As a place for people to sit, while writing, reflecting	Activities for Individuals
Space for schools or businesses to rent or open space for relaxation.	Group Activities/spaces
A combination - need walking, biking trails but also areas that accommodate larger groups to bring people to the river.	Group Activities/spaces
Allow schools to put on shows.	Group Activities/spaces
Walking paths and biking paths, somewhere to fish, somewhere to just hang out with their friends. '	Group Activities/spaces
come with friends and kick it, food places close to the park '	Group Activities/spaces

Priorities are that it is clean, healthy, family and friend-friendly. I wish we had a cleaner/healthier community! and that people actually cared. / Concerned about violence '	Group Activities/spaces
Relaxing with friends, market, food vendors, music '	Group Activities/spaces

Theme: Arts/Culture

Comments	Theme: Arts/Culture
Arts and Culture	
love idea of arts and crafts markets and green space. Mental health and green space are very important.	Yes
Strive to integrate organizing principles of art & culture	Yes
I hope that any musical venue development would be scaled to aesthetically contribute to the natural riverfront, and not overwhelm it. That goes for any of the developments that would occur in this place. I think the first two pictures represent a smaller venue idea, but because they are in the midst of cement and urban backgrounds they do not fit. Small, but natural would be ideal - somewhat like the setting on Nicollet Island. The third image is best, but a bit too developed outside of the music venue area. The final picture, with the huge metallic sculptures is atrocious!	Yes
I would not want to see this section of the river become a major entertainment venue location. Small summer concerts	Yes
We need a performance space that would serve 1 or 2 thousand people regularly. It would be good to have a site like Lake Harriet where there are performances every night during good weather. The idea to have concerts of 10,000 would be nice but I don't think the permanent seating should be that large because that would probably limit the use of the site for other activities, and there would probably not be enough large concerts to justify the loss of so much space that could be used for other activities. However, if it is built as a structure rather than just built up earth, there could be amenity businesses housed under the seating. There may be a way where the seating area (if the seats were removable) wouldn't use up too much space that could be used for other activities and could be used some way in winter for sledding. etc If we could get regular crowds of 10,000 and it could be places in an area that would not interfere with maximum use of the area it would be okay. However, if there are charges it might greatly cut into the number of Northsiders who could use it regularly.	Yes

A permanent stage with open fields might provide the best bang for the buck as more than just music can utilize the space (state of the city speech, private events) while still maximizing the available green space.	Yes
Local theatre groups, etc. A scheduled rotation such as at Lake Harriet	Yes
Permanent stages with fields for gathering. It would be nice to have music, theater, etc. going on simultaneously. I think an amphitheater would be too loud for the surrounding neighborhoods (this isn't the Gorge).	Yes
Theater groups! Shakespeare in the park, high school groups, choirs, etc	Yes
Lots of "make spaces" for people to do art, music, sculpture, electronics, etc.	Yes
The space could allow for a pretty large scale, but I would like to see a variety of uses available (picnic/playground) I would envision a scale similar to the Harriett bandshell. Permanent stage with moderate open field space - amphitheater would be great, or an permanent over water stage. Build it, we will come.	Yes
Playground, music/theatre/movies in the park. A ballfield would be a nice option. We would probably be in the 1/month ballpark given our proximity to Theo Wirth and Webber	Yes
Art Fairs,	Yes
Movies, live theater,	Yes
Lake Harriet Bandshell ~ I'd love to see one of those domes turned into a stage. The entertainment is free and you can sit by a pretty lake. The parking stinks.	Yes
Live salsa or zouk	Yes
Allow schools to put on shows.	Yes
I think it should be a place for everyone: arts, music, sports... '	Yes
They want to have art everywhere and a farmers market. '	Yes
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I think it should be a place for everyone: arts, music, sports... '	Yes
Programming, arts / athletics '	Yes
Park trails, parks, art museums, theaters '	Yes
We should have art we can play on and all we really have is basketball. '	Yes
Socially relevant to issues our community faces. Artists who reflect the struggle '	Yes
Youth programming like basketball camp, beat production, dance battle, art, poetry, community events '	Yes

Theme: River Use

Comments	Theme: River Use
	Yes
Create Public boat slips. Kayak lockers or some soft of way for kayakers to temporarily store their kayaks while enjoying UHT	Yes
excited about it [park?] being large. Being near the water is important to well-being.	Yes
Being near the water is important to well-being.	Yes
Would like to see a fishing pier.	Yes
I wonder if there is any room for a marina of house boats, too.	Yes
(Southern half of the site) Create a canoe and boat launch site.	Yes
access to river activities such as canoe and kayak rentals	Yes
Make it possible for park visitors to use the river, not just look at it.	Yes
Needs to include river recreational access, not just river viewing. (Docks, ramp, etc.)	Yes
Would also like to have actual access to the river to launch/dock	Yes
Waterfront access in a mainly natural environment.	Yes
be able to Practice gymnastics, do a cartwheel and jump in the water	Yes
Possibly swim (if that's possible), be able to have more docks '	Yes
Walking paths and biking paths, somewhere to fish, somewhere to just hang out with their friends. '	Yes
Fishing is a big deal to them and they feel like that if they have somewhere to fish they would hang out all day '	Yes
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.'	Yes
One way I would like to experience the river is we should have a walkway across the river '	Yes
Sit in a tube and watch a movie. '	Yes

Theme: Access

Comments	Theme: Access
	Yes
Focus on the river; hydrology, ecology, habitat, nature. Back off from the river as much as possible and restore it's natural functioning as much as possible.	Yes

it'd be great if there could be some type of elevated board walk over the river that could be a shared use path that connects Ole Olson Park with Upper Harbor trails. Connecting Upper Harbor river front with Ole Olson should be in Phase 1 in some form....The trails are the most basic element and should be done for baseline connectivity...this could be an oonerf too or some type of bike/ped facility.

Yes

I have concerns about overall traffic management at the UHT for music events and I have the same concerns for this use as well.

Yes

I've lived in Camden since 1969 and Upper Harbor was always an off-limits place. It always felt "we the people" weren't allowed to go near the river ~ and I've always hated that. Adding I-94 separated it more, it became the industrial zone. Having more buses on Dowling & Lowry that go to Second St and a bike & pedestrian path with a NON-MOTORIZED bridge over the freeway somewhere in the middle (34th - 36th) would help make feel like part of the neighborhood.

Yes

Better public transit connections would improve access

Yes

Theme: Connections

Comments

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Connect to Ole Olson Park