

NEPNA Monthly Meeting Northeast Park Neighborhood Association April 8th, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Called to order: 6:32pm

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Agenda:

- Discussion on tennis courts rehabilitation and upcoming community-wide vote on funding plan modification in May
- Conversation about softball fields and park plans
- Update on neighborhood improvement projects
- Open time for neighborhood conversation

Continued conversation on Improvement Project Dan Elias MPRB planning division:

Conversation directed to Tennis Courts rehabilitation:

Help with Funding and options:

- Talked about a grant for clearing contaminated soil in the ballfields west of Fillmore.
- Tennis courts are expensive due to Tennis court materials.
- NEPNA is looking at getting community approval to donate money to help fund the tennis courts, MPRB is willing to work with NEPNA and the community on including maintaining them.
- \$100,000 preliminary estimate to make them usable, based on contractor walkthrough
- \$1-2 million project for full replacement? which the MPRB does not have funding for atm.
- Currently relocating them is in the 2020 project plan but could be altered if funding is obtained.
- Billy Menz (candidate for park board) Creative funding may be required.

- Park board currently only has funding lined up for the playground and softball fields
- Mandy – recommended the USTA grant? <https://www.usta.com/en/home/organize/grants-and-assistance/northern/USTANorthernGrants.html>
<https://localtenniscourtresurfacing.com/u-s-regions/pacific-northwest/tennis-court-resurfacing-repair-seattle-tacoma-washington/>
- Around the city the problem, 20 Tennis courts are in rough condition.
- Dan E. the conversation with the Park board and Minneapolis Public Board has not been a good stable conversation.
- Laurie, what is the maintenance division continued upkeep plan for the tennis courts.
- Potential Donation? For a contributor to be named on the tennis court, min of 50% of asset donation with no brand logo's supporting donation (Nike)
- NEPNA funds available – to put forth for fix up of the tennis courts.
- Move forward and work with the community to ensure we are being good stewards, looking to talk about and vote in May. An idea of a survey linked to the meeting to help with higher input.
- Send out an advertisement about the desire to use funds for the rehabilitation of the tennis courts and need for community input and approval not just the board.
- **Motion: Submit to North Easter paper to the community with supporting the tennis court rehabilitation with community funding. – Unanimous board approval-** passed with no nays voice vote

Links provided by Dan Elias:

- NEAF Park Improvements Project
Page: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/northeast_athletic_field_park_fields_and_path_improvements/
- NEAF Park Improvements Concept Plan: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/nafpfi_concept_plan.pdf
- NEAF Park Improvements Survey Results: https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/nafpfi_survey_results.pdf

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- If we need to use funds, suggestion to drive toward a dog park – also adding funds to a bigger playground.
- Our funds have to be allocated by 7/1/31, spent by 12/31/21 around \$213k(?)
\$85k funds not yet earmarked
- Dan to follow up on the dog park pilot idea if it could be funded by the neighborhood.

NE Community Center - Heidi: Update:

- https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/parks_destinations/recreation_centers/northeast_recreation_center/
- Rec programs starting next wed 4/14/21 - soccer, preschool (currently full)

Softball fields update and fencing concern:

- Dan Elias stated that the field on 16th Ave is not going to be fenced in per plan! And that a community member had reached out to Dan and Chris Meyer about the fields west of Fillmore and not having complete fencing around
- Fencing potential issue for getting to and from community building.
- Concerns of softball field not being a productive use of community.
- The park board are moving forward with leaving gaps in fencing to provide community access and use.
- **Dan to send an email with the details around the fencing.**

Mural Project – Headed by Kate Lawson:

- The mural project has been approved and the Northeast storage facility is the target to have a mural put up

NE Swag:

- Please review and comment on NE swag – totes, and magnets provided by Katie in a prior email.
Looking to vote in May meeting.
- **In need of new photo for the NE park– standing banner**, more to be discussed in June meeting.
 - **Currently looking for phot submissions. If you have a photo you would like to submit, please do so with**
 - Northeast Park Neighborhood info@northeastpark.org Attn: Christie *Brea Murphy may have photos to be used for a banner on new website

New Web site design – take a look - <http://nobodycanfindme.com/nepna/>

Several votes coming up in the next 2 sessions, Mandy proposed putting them forward to the community using a separate online polling program.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm.