

NEPNA Monthly Meeting Northeast Park Neighborhood Association May 13th, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Called to order: 6:32pm

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Introductions:

Community Vote on Tennis Courts –

- Shifting 55k not over 100k, not over but hopefully under.
 - discussion around maintenance, current maintenance is clear weeds,
 - maintenance on tennis courts, is starting to be developed. Voice from recreation park.
 - Damaged prevention keeps tabs on when to put nets up and when to take them down.
 - we as a community need to press to keep 4 courts, maintain, and keep the size.
- On the Parking west side of , asking the courts to be cleared for the games and parking for the courts, Heidi, Mpls does put in a permit to use the sports. They do have exclusive rights use on the courts 3-5pm.
 - Question about - moving the courts to the horseshoe pits, it's in the master plan. Its going to be a solid 10 years to be in the plan.
 - Skate park, earmarked space. Not currently funded.
 - Bike ramp,
 - will it be maintained?

- Please keep the board and benches. Potential fundraiser in the future.
- Plan information from the City:
 - We plan to have up to 2 benches around the play area at this time. If there are additional requested seating options, let me know. Funding would be helpful to add additional seating.
 - Relating to tennis court drainage, MPRB will ensure that any tennis court rehabilitation will slope the courts properly, so stormwater drains off the courts. If additional grading work is required around the courts to ensure that the courts do not take on additional storm water, MPRB will regrade the area around the courts as well, as long as funding allows.
 - NEAF Park Tennis Court Maintenance if Rehabilitated: the NEAF Park Tennis Court would be maintained in accordance with city-wide asphalt court maintenance schedule, with the approximate dates as follows: color coat/crack-sealing/line painting: 7-10 years
 - Full reconstruction: 30 years
 - Maintenance – plan needed to put in place. Who pays for the nets, fencing repair, etc.? lighting? - Potential Fund Raiser for basic items like nets and repair wall project options open to members to complete.
 - https://www.amazon.com/Net-Quad-Stitched-Polyester-Headband-Regulation/dp/B002V3RLJ2/ref=asc_df_B002V3RLJ2/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=312150361099&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=7803128813415819580&hvpone
 - Our school board rep, Jenny Arneson, and her family grew up playing tennis for Edison and now her kids play for Edison High School. She would now the contract details and most likely support the NE neighborhood making this happen.
 - Sadly, the tennis courts that North High used to use in North Mpls have deteriorated and they park board took them out a few years ago.
 - Marcy's tennis courts are well maintained do they have a standard or corporative plan?
 - Can we make funding contingent on a maintenance advisory committee that includes Edison, Yinghua, NEPNA, NE Park & Rec, etc.?
 - Logan Park redid their tennis courts recently and get a lot of use, but Edison can't use they as they only have 2 courts, and the teams need at least 4 to be competitive. South Mpls teams have very nice tennis courts at the Mpls parks that the Washburn and Southwest schools use.
- **Motion to approve funding of tennis court improvement brought forth by Jerry recommended vote: 27 yes... 1 abstain.**

Mural Project – Headed by Kate Lawson:

- Northeast Park Neighborhood Association will be wrapping about 8 utility boxes along New Brighton Blvd and Stinson Parkway. We encourage our neighborhood community to vote on their favorite designs! The final selections will be rank choice from the survey results. The Look Book of designs is here: <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/media/content-assets/www2-documents/business/Minneapolis-Art-Wrap-Design-Look-Book-wcmssp-222704.pdf>

- **Voting will continue for the week and potential to pick the designs**
<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/media/content-assets/www2-documents/business/Minneapolis-Art-Wrap-Design-Look-Book-wcmosp-222704.pdf>
- Murals – Contracted for ten years, connect with two other neighborhoods event to connect June 13th at 1pm _ where? More to come.
- Few artists after curfew, event where the murals will be, what makes each of the neighborhoods
- Bria- submitted photos of downtown – not ideal picture of North East. Potential to submit to a professional photographer, potential to submit to artwork.
- **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

Pending Projects:

NE Swag:

- Please review and comment on NE swag – totes, and magnets provided by Katie in a prior email.
Looking to vote in June meeting.

Web site is moving forward:

New Web site design – take a look - <https://neparkdev.wpengine.com/>

There are a few things on the homepage we'll want to adjust:

- New main image (at least 1500 by 510 pixels)
- The welcome message (We're working to improve...) can be adjusted
- There are a few places that can either have new content or can be removed:
 - Under **Upcoming News & Events** headline
 - Under **Northeast Park Recreation Center** headline
 - Under **Stay Informed** headline
 - **Our Neighborhood** footer section can be customized

Next Month Agenda: • Funding status overview • Vote on NEPNA advertisement materials • Update on neighborhood improvement projects • Open time for neighborhood conversation

Proposed agenda item for next month partnership agreement with NE Park Rec to fund engagement programs.

NEPNA's Home Security Grant Program is now open.

- The grant application is attached. It is also available on the NEPNA Website.
 - <https://www.northeastpark.org/northeast-park-home-security-grant-program-applications-now-available/>
- Please help spread the word to your Northeast Park neighbors. This is a great opportunity to make safety enhancements to your home or residential rental property.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm.

Additional Info on the from Dan Elias: ENEAF Park Dog Park:

- The East of the River Master Plan proposes an increase in dog parks in NE/SE Mpls from 1 to 4 dog parks with new dog parks planned at Audubon, Beltrami, and Marcy to go along with an expanded dog park at Columbia. As you know the master plan takes into account the service levels or distribution of park amenities across all of NE/SE Minneapolis as well as the full system and the plan does reflect a significant increase in dog parks.
 - The Marcy Park Dog Park is planned for construction in 2021.
 - Beltrami Park has capital funding in 2024 and 2025.
- There is no guarantee that the dog park will be included in the first phase of improvements in 2024/25, but there will be opportunities for community engagement during the scoping process to advocate for the dog park.
- There is no dog park included in the Northeast Athletic Field Park master plan. The NE Field Park is unique because it is in the only master plan in the East of the River Master Plan that was recommend by two different CACs and adopted by two different Boards representing years of engagement and planning.
 - The installation of the temporary dog park in a location contrary to the master plan would require a master plan amendment.
- A master plan amendment is a 6-12 month process which includes community engagement beyond the neighborhood organization, and a review of the amenities planned throughout the NE/SE Mpls service area. The amendment would require significant staff time.
 - The schedule for the amendment and the community funding expiration do not align.
 - Park improvements schedule and prioritization are set in the [MPRB CIP](#). To add projects that have short timelines for implementation are very challenging from a staff capacity stand point and do not align with the equity metrics that we use to set project prioritization in the CIP.
 - The proposal to install fencing for a temporary dog park without a master plan amendment, then reuse the fencing for the master plan approved skate park in the future is not permitted and creates many issues:
- The future skate park would need to be designed to an extent to allow for the fence to be properly located,
- Not all skate parks require fencing,
- At a time when the skate park is funded, dog park users would very likely mobilize against the skate park project, and
- MPRB has worked in a formal partnership with City of Skate on skate park master plans, and they have done extensive advocacy for NEAF skate park. To install a temporary dog park would also work against the goals of the partnership.
 1. MPRB staff do not support a master plan amendment process with the goal of allowing for a temporary dog park with community funding.