



**NORTH  
LOOP**  
NEIGHBORHOOD

**North Loop Neighborhood Association  
Parks + Placemaking Committee July Meeting Notes**

**Date: 10/1/2023**

**Time 6:00 pm**

**TractorWorks Building 800 N Washington Avenue**

[Zoom Link](#)

1. 4 of 5 Committee Members in attendance: David Crary, Christy Blake, Grant Johnson, Patty Connelly
  - a. Committee Members Absent: Amber Taft
2. Committee Called to Order at 6:00 pm by Crary.
3. New Members Intro
  - a. Patty Connelly has joined the committee. Patty helped lead the organics initiative to a huge success. Crary recruited her to help lead the organics/recycling/environmental side of the committee.
4. Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Update
  - a. They have a proposed contract with James Rice Park and the 3rd Street Park from Michael Schuester to start spending the park dedication funds. The park board has to approve what they do still, but it will help bypass a lot of the red tape and processes to get things done in those parks.
5. Review of 2023
  - a. Service Saturday
    - i. October's Service Saturday event is a "Dog Day"
    - ii. Crary says the committee has to think of ways to improve these events for 2024, and to start planning next years events sooner rather than later.
  - b. 2024 Goals
    - i. Expanding and fulfilling the role Parks and Placemaking has in Public Art
    - ii. Grant says it would be beneficial for the NLNA to present other neighborhoods with what North Loop is doing, and learn what they are doing as well, and to create an ongoing dialogue.

6. Annual Meeting Goals

- a. The Parks and Placemaking sub-committee will have roughly 2-3 minutes to present at the Annual meeting. Preparations for that will begin imminently.

7. Public Art

- a. The committee is looking for someone who lives in the neighborhood, works in the neighborhood. There's some strategic work that needs to be done upfront in order to make these plans and the vision a reality.
  - i. Jan Elftmann, a resident of the North Loop and a local artist, has been asked to join the committee and help lead the public art initiatives of the subcommittee.
- b. Crary wants the committee to consider that the North Loop is already an art-loving committee, with lots of resident artists, as well as to consider the various funding options.

8. Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm