

**Meeting Notes**  
**North Minneapolis Greenway Outreach Steering Committee**  
**November 3, 2014, Sumner Library**

**Meeting attendees:** Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways), Laura Kling (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition), Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota), Tim Springer (Independent Consultant), Bill Dooley (Cycles for Change), Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Sandy Loescher (north Minneapolis resident), Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability), Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department), Anthony Johnson (Minneapolis Health Department), Louis Moore (Major Taylor Bicycling Club), Will Lumpkins (North Mpls Resident/NRRC), Manami Bhattacharya (U of M student), Steven Nguyen (U of M student), David Kang (Independent Consultant).

**I. Announcements**

- a. Introductions and Greetings led by Sarah Stewart

**II. Safety and the Greenway**

- a. Safety and the Greenway –A presentation looking at greenways around the nation, and implications on safety. By. Manami Bhattacharya & Steven Nguyen, students at the U of M School of Public Health.
  - i. Steven and Manami completed literature review looking at how the installation of greenways and green spaces affect safety in the adjacent areas, as well as strategies and design features that promote safety on greenways. The literature review was conducted in response to community concerns about safety on the proposed north Minneapolis greenway.
  - ii. Typical crimes on the Midtown Greenway include burglaries and rocks being thrown at cyclists; some of these crimes are likely associated with the way the fact that the greenway is built in a trench. According to the Midtown Greenway Coalition, however, crime on the greenway is lower than crime rates in the city overall.
  - iii. Based on reviewing studies of greenways in several cities across the country, the overall conclusion of the literature review is that safety and crime either improve or stay the same after greenways are installed. Informal interviews of a resident living near the 37<sup>th</sup> Ave greenway as well as officers at the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct indicate that crime rates might be lower or the same if a greenway were built.
  - iv. Strategies and design features for improving safety including things like lighting and community monitoring of the space; research shows that greenways are customizable to the requirements of the local area.
  - v. The literature review and a brochure will be published on the City website when they are complete.

**III. Debrief Retreat and Explore**

- a. “What does it mean to be a committee member?” Led By Ebony Adedayo
  - i. 2-3 Minutes to write down responses on a post-it note and post on board.

Grouping of the responses in no particular order are as follows:

    - Be a defined group (Reflect diversity of the community; demographically both opposed/in favor, committed to engagement vs. advocacy)
    - Someone who attends meetings (Can't make it send a rep, read notes)

- Someone dedicated in moving the process forward when the committee has enough findings (Survey results, ideas, etc.)
- Spreading the word about the Greenway participating outside the cmte. meetings (Using your connections, engagement, neighborhood, agency, advocacy groups, churches, interested parties)
- Taking on tasks and being accountable (Comes up with ideas, participates, does what they are asked to do)
- Committee member should promote community voice (Facilitate the facts, devoted to improving health disparities in N. Mpls, healthy space on the north side, advocate for the best possible Greenway)
- Educate self about N. Mpls greenway benefits for constituents
- Final decision might be good to have a representative from Cmte (Political participation).

#### IV. Committee Structure

- a. "Who is chairing this? What are the thoughts on having community led (residents) instead of agency led?
  - i. Finding a strategy for bridging the gap for having a rule or a structured approach, or deciding on whether to have a relaxed or laid-back approach?
    - A mission statement that presents the committees goals
    - All should believe we are on the same page, and decide on one thing (Rule/Structured)
    - Putting together a relaxed or laid-back approach would entail a loose structure where people feel they could come to a greenway meeting.
    - As far as structure these would be a really good starting point.
- b. Getting more accomplished outside of our regularly scheduled committee meetings.
  - i. Proposing Communications/Outreach/Technical Subgroups for those committee members interested in getting work done to meet participation needs.
  - ii. What could be the subgroups structure? Subgroup could be doing the work then coming back and submitting a proposal to the Greenway committee members at regular monthly meetings.
  - iii. Reasons for establishing the subgroups:
    - Communications have been lacking, and we have been responding to immediate needs.
    - Outreach has technical questions which need to be answered which have not been fully communicated.
    - Outreach/Communications/Technical purpose would be broadening our outreach to a larger population for the on-going work on the committee (significant engagement, political involvement, advertising (widely-read in N. Mpls).
  - iv. Ebony A. passed out sign-up sheet for the subgroups. All those interested wrote their name down voluntarily for participation outside of regularly scheduled Greenway meetings. The list are as follows:
    - **Communications Committee Subgroup** – Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department); Laura Kling (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition); Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota); Anthony Johnson( Minneapolis Health Department); Ebony Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability)
    - **Outreach Committee Subgroup**—Bill Dooley (Cycles for Change); Laura Kling (Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition); Will Lumpkins (North Mpls Resident/NRRC); Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways); Ebony

Adedayo (Alliance for Metropolitan Stability); Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department)

- **Technical Advisory Committee Subgroup**-- Bill Fellows (Minneapolis Public Works), Sandy Loescher (north Minneapolis resident); Matthew Hendricks (Twin Cities Greenways); Sam Rockwell (Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota); Sarah Stewart (Minneapolis Health Department)

**V. BAC resolution**

- a. At its October meeting, the BAC passed a resolution recommending funding for the construction of a pilot segment of the north Minneapolis greenway in the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program.
- b. The committee members felt like it would be important for the committee to decide at what point the committee itself could make a recommendation about whether or not a greenway and/or a pilot project could be funded. These discussions will be ongoing; no decisions need to be made about the next funding cycle at this point.

**VI. Survey Report**

- a. Sarah asked for volunteers to review the survey report she's developing; Will Lumpkins and Laura Kling volunteered to review it. Anyone else interested in reviewing it should contact Sarah.

**VII. Closing/next steps**

- a. Laura asked what next steps she should be doing after this meeting. All committee members should look for more information about the subgroups that are forming so they can participate in the groups that are of interest to them; members should also reach out to other people and organizations they think would be interested in participating in the subgroups or in the overall committee.

