

## **NRRC Meeting Notes**

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## **North Mpls Riverfront Development History, Existing Conditions, Expected Happenings**

- Alicia gave overview
- FMR, restoration, advocacy work
- NRRC seat of AFCAC→ Will look into
- Lock closed, ATF, UHT

## **NRRC Insights and Overview**

- Bike lanes→ need more that are NOT on the river
  - already 2nd St and W river parkway, need more to connect the rest of North
- Connections back to neighborhood→ highway crossings
  - fresh coat of paint
  - dress up chain link fences
- 26th greening up streets→ could be a model for other crossings
- Create pedestrian bridge out of railroad bridge (Star Trib uses?)
- NRRC in transition
  - only a couple staff, looking for more, looking to re-structure
  - More committees→ get more in order→ maybe an environmental justice subcommittee
- Disconnected→ I-94
- Broadway pizza→ invest in community more and put up a deck or patio overlooking the river which would be awesome
- “NE Safe Zone” (the buffer created by industry and 94 between NE and the heart of North Mpls)
  - get people to come to the rest of N mpls, not just a sliver of it
  - make everywhere inviting and people comfortable in
- Lid on freeway? (Hawthorne)
  - Land bridge?

## **Partnership and Connections**

- Connect CURA with Will→ History of the north side, insights and helpful information for research
- Need to celebrate the river and its history more in projects→ possibly tie Will into events and get a historical perspective in the projects/events
- Get businesses ENGAGED→ send businesses in NRRC Will's way→ connect
- Continuing NorthFirst→ connect and reach out that way

## **Communications**

- e-newsletter→ about once a month
  - Asada Brown

- Send info or updates to Will, he can get them sent out
- Other updates and info we want to share→ send to Will
  - Will can distribute to members and neighborhood
  - Specify WHO you want to get information (community as whole, board members, businesses, etc)
- Social Media
  - NRRC Neighborhood Engagement facebook page
- Will has a button machine!

Phone call with Martine – new ED – in April 2016:

We need improved:

- Safety
- Greening
- Chain link fence on the bridge
- Bike infrastructure
- Freeway entrance/exit
- Wayfinding
- Lighting on the bridge
- Crosswalks