



**Coalition for Elliot Park Meeting
Tuesday April 9th, 2024 @ 2-3:30pm**

Attendance:

Mike Jones, Emma Pachuta	MPRB
Jessica Focht-Perlberg	EPNI
T. Doobay, Maryam Gaafaa	Aeon
Kurt Swanson	Jericho Road Ministry
Kevin Davy	Catholic Charities
Hudson Peters	Bethlehem College + Seminary
Susan Jagodzinski	Resident (Elliot Twins)

Notes:

- This mtg: sharing out community updates, debriefing ETBP Lunch and Learn, and working on events calendar
- Shannon updates on Coalition funding: Addendum identifies Elliot Park in City budget, don't know full amount yet (hopefully will know next month) – *funding for public safety + activity support*
- **MPRB + EPNI** community sessions scheduled (4/11 and 4/23) to solicit feedback (*MPRB also has funding available for Elliot Park improvements + possibly activity*)
- **CC** Kevin met with Jordan Robertson and Paul McCabe for introductory meeting to create resource pool (communications), also met with Shane Zahn from DID to get connected to other networks, potential for connecting with MPD thru Carla
- **Aeon** *Wondering where people can go after hours?* Aeon and CC see brunt of loitering due to camera placement, will continue conversation with MPD
- **Jericho Road/City Joy** Supporting EPNI park clean up (4/20) + Engaging with National Night Out (8/6) at Bethesda Baptist (eventually becoming Community Center as current parish moves to another location)
 - Jericho Road will be primary tenant of Community Center, providing services (food, resources, assistance), June event + open house for local businesses
- Rumors of Elliot Twins apartments being free, people piggyback-entering and squatting in unleased apartments, increase in private security at residence
 - **Aeon** working on call to HCMC security/others for 'back-up' until MPD arrives

- **EPNI** combining Land Use and Vitality committees to get ball rolling on community-building walking group (2nd Wednesday 6:30-8pm at Elliot Park Rec Center)- partnering with Catholic Charities on training
 - Tree Planting (5/11) + Neighborhood Day (*wanting to know if any orgs can be present/volunteer, needing outdoor activities/lawn games*)
 - EPNI annual social (5/20) + Board elections- several resident seats open
- **ETBP/HCMC** Adventurama (6/8) will have a stop at NCU, East Town board will be set up in person

Debrief ETBP Lunch + Learn:

- Lots of conversation around coffee hour (alternating each org as host) as a “Meet Your Neighbors” at Elliot Park Rec Center – *ask is taking one Wednesday biweekly thru summer (May-September), sign up will be sent out + costs (if any)*
- Shannon following up on potential concert- *would lunchtime be interesting to day employees/residents? Working with Mike Fox on 2nd movie this summer*
- Summer Kickoff BBQ may need to be rescheduled due to Youth Kickoff (6/20)
 - 6pm and Park close are times to pay attention to (*planning to speak to this more at next mtg*)
- Potential for graffiti art series: lesson/workshops + temporary installation could encourage interest for place without requiring presence, supports preexisting art culture of Skatepark- *would need to engage with people from this world*
- Food truck programming could begin early, including Mpls Public Schools truck (need to investigate parking and permitting) – *MPRB following up on and Aeon speaking with East Village Grill*
- *When should the Calendar be public?* (Next month, MPRB events will be solidified, ideally so will coffee hours, concert, etc.), *Andreina can create live calendar digitally + share out*