



**Coalition for Elliot Park Meeting
Tuesday June 4th, 2024 @ 2-3:30pm**

Attendance:

Mike Jones, Emma Pachuta, Mike Fox, Lizzie	MPRB
Wako	EPNI
Patrick Bayle, Keith Kozerski, Jessica Meyerson	Catholic Charities
Tom Hayes,	HCMC
Patty Smith, Tony Smith, Buddy	Aeon

Upcoming events:

- Coffee with Neighbors – Catholic Charities hosting tomorrow, 6/5
- *Feedback from Aeon: Connections to housing resources, bringing staff to reflect questions people may ask, marketing will lead to more attendees*
- Adventurama + Jazzclectic at Elliot Park, 6/8 (concert starts at 2pm)
- Affordable Housing in Downtown Panel, 6/26 3:30-5pm
- EPNI Tree Watering Party(s) start 6/8, Clean-up walks start Tuesday 6/11, Joint Committee Meetings next week (discussing Elliot Village Apts)

Notes:

- Shannon has resigned from MDC (including ETBP), will be on through June and willing to support beyond (until her next position) – will be attending July meeting
- Community Forum with HCMC, CC, Aeon may be postponed to July (EPNI needing additional sign-ons)
 - CC and Aeon cannot do June, would likely need to do August (not receiving Wako's emails, he will look into)
- Carla Nielson working to plan another public safety officials forum in late July
- Shannon shares connection to Jared Hanks, Modern Day Me, with the idea of a 6-8 week graffiti/street art class with Elliot's skatepark
 - Individual designs in class + holistic final project/reveal on either storage or basketball courts
 - Will continue conversation with MPRB, *is an RFP applicable (permanence, sponsorship, timeline, etc.)?*

- National Night Out, August 8th – Wako would like to collaborate with CC, Aeon, + HCMC on possibly two location/events
 - Need to fold in RS Eden?, Using Park/Rec Center is central and accessible
 - Wako would like to register to possibly collaborate with MPRB too
- Summer Kick-off BBQ, 6/17 at the Park – set-up and tear-down would be great to have help **arrive any time after 5pm, check in with front desk (no need to sign-up)**, back up for inclement weather is 6/18
- EPNI has new Board members that will be introducing themselves to the neighborhood/resident involvement is increasing (incl. members representing CC and Aeon)

Next Steps:

- *Should meetings in the future will only be 1 hour?*
- Ideas for the future of the Coalition:
 - Resident Art Showcase (originally Aeon organized indoors at Cambria or NCU) could become a community-wide event in Spring
 - Wako plans to continue monthly meetings, but would like to see more communication around potential collaboration, info-sharing, etc.
 - Hoping that ETBP will continue to be involved, Jessy/Andreina may not be explicitly involved depending on how org restructures
- Future funds could contribute to security network + communications between orgs
- Park seems quieter/cleaner/busier, less police intervention due to proactive approach – Parks police noticing dip in crime due to Metro Transit's patrol
 - MPRB and Xcel lighting and signage has yet to be installed due to staffing shortages, hoping it will be revisited soon