

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioners

**FROM:** Jennifer B. Ringold, Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning

**DATE:** December 1, 2010

**RE:** Study Report - Serving Dog Owners of the Sixth Park District near Kingfield Neighborhood and Community Service Area 10

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### **Background**

The first recommendations for an off-leash recreation area program were made to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) by a 1998 citizen advisory committee. This committee recommended establishing six to ten sites in the city. Today, six off-leash sites have been developed within the Minneapolis Park System at Lake of the Isles, Franklin Terrace, Minnehaha Park, St. Anthony Parkway, Loring Park and Victory Prairie. All commissioner districts except the sixth park district have at least one off-leash area.

An initial search for a sixth park district site was conducted in 2001 by the Off Leash Recreation Area Site Study Committee. This community advisory committee was charged with inventorying potential sites in the sixth park district and evaluating the fitness of the sites for the purpose of off-leash recreation. Twenty-seven park sites were identified within the district and 19 were considered eligible for further review. The same criteria were used to rank the 19 sites and a site at Lyndale Farmstead Park received the highest ranking. The committee included the inventory and ranking of sites in its final report, but did not feel that it was their role to recommend a specific site (see Appendix A for report).

In early 2009, a group of Kingfield residents approached the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) Board expressing desire for an off-leash area. The group of residents worked with KFNA to develop an on-line survey and conduct conversations with neighbors to judge interest in an off-leash

recreation area (see Appendix B for comments). Due to overwhelming interest in the idea, KFNA established a Kingfield Dogpark Task Force to research feasibility of an off-leash area along the sound wall between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South. On May 5, 2010, Kingfield’s Dogpark Committee presented a proposal for an off-leash area to the MPRB during open time at the Park Board’s regular meeting (see Appendix C for proposal). The MPRB referred the project to its planning committee and directed staff to work with residents to refine a proposal. The Task Force continued working with park staff on possible sites and a draft budget (Appendix D). They also initiated yappy hours as part of their ongoing community outreach (Appendix B.1). See Appendix E for additional KFNA timeline information.

The MPRB called a community meeting about the proposed dog park on July 22, 2010. Notification for the meeting adhered to the MPRB’s policies and the meeting was designed as a public open house. Over 80 attendees reviewed several presentation boards and asked questions of staff and commissioners. Participants were given the opportunity to indicate their overall support for the dog park using a dot exercise when they entered the open house. Community members were also asked to provide input on two off-leash study areas within the park (see Appendix F for areas) through a survey (see Appendix G for survey). Staff took additional comment from participants during the meeting from those who did not wish to complete a survey. A summary of results of the dot exercise and written response on the survey are below with full comments received at the July 22 meeting available in Appendix H:

<u>Dot exercise results</u>		<u>Survey Data</u>	
Support of off-leash area:	<b>47</b>	Support of off-leash area:	<b>49</b>
Opposed to off-leash area:	<b>30</b>	Opposed to off-leash area:	<b>23</b>
Maybe:	<b>5</b>	Maybe:	<b>7</b>

*(Note, not all in attendance filled out the survey and not all who filled out survey responded to all of the questions)*

<p><b>Zone 1 (Northwest Corner)</b>  <u>“Pro’s”</u>          Area is heavily treed / shady – <b>10</b>          Highly visible area/ safety - <b>8</b>          Area has ample size - <b>8</b>          Area is not frequently used - <b>6</b>          Water - <b>4</b>          Area is adequately lighted - <b>3</b>          Area is easily accessed - <b>3</b>          Plan looks the least costly - <b>1</b>          Close to parking - <b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Zone 1 (Northwest Corner)</b>  <u>“Cons”</u>          Area’s proximity to the streets/ busy corner/ bus stop - <b>24</b>          Should not be in the park at all - <b>11</b>          Size of the area is not adequate - <b>7</b>          Too many children use the area - <b>2</b>          Smell and noise - <b>2</b>          Concerns for neighboring homes - <b>2</b>          The area is too nice for a dog park – <b>2</b>          Dogs would be intimidating for pedestrians - <b>2</b>          Trees at risk - <b>1</b>          Not enough parking - <b>1</b></p>
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**Zone II (35W along sound wall)**

**“Pro’s”**

Area is long enough for quality dog run - **14**  
Area is out of the way, more discreet, less public - **10**  
Area is away from neighboring homes - **6**  
Area is away from traffic - **4**  
Area is a crime deterrent - **4**  
Area is currently under-utilized - **4**  
Closer to home - **1**  
Within walking distance of several neighborhoods - **1**  
Area has the sound wall - **1**  
MLK would start a new revolution of fun: dog racing - **1**

**Zone II (35W along sound wall)**

**“Cons”**

Area is too narrow or too small - **20**  
Negative impact on ball fields - **7**  
Area is too hidden/ safety concerns - **5**  
Negative impact on trail - **4**  
Additional maintenance concerns - **4**  
Lack of shade - **2**  
This should not exist in this park - **2**  
Too close to homes on Stevens - **2**  
Area is in use by higher priority groups - **2**  
Fencing would be costly - **1**  
Parking - **1**  
Too close to Curran's and the aroma of bacon would drive my dog nuts! - **1**

**General comments:**

Off Leash area prioritizes dogs over children and families and recreation areas currently used by other groups - **8**  
Issues with sight, smell and sound of off leash area - **7**  
Park and off-leash area will not be maintained/ cleaned up after dogs - **6**  
Dishonor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - **4**  
Traffic/ Parking - **4**  
Neighboring homes - **4**  
Concerns with size of area - **3**  
Fear of dogs - **3**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board hosted the second public meeting on September 2, 2010 in with 114 community members present. Two smaller study areas, shown below, were presented.



Following the presentation was a 90 minute public comment session. Of those who attended, 41 community members chose to speak and were given each a 2 minute opportunity. Of those who spoke, 19 were in support of the off-leash recreation area, 21 were opposed and one was not able to speak in support or opposition (see Appendix I for comments). In addition, to the opportunity to speak, comment cards were provided to those in attendance to leave with staff at the end of the public meeting. Thirty-three comment cards were returned. Thirty-one of the comment card respondents indicated support for the off-leash recreation area (see Appendix J for comments).

Following the September 2 meeting, staff reviewed sites previously ranked by the 2001 advisory committee, vacant and foreclosed properties, and property owned by the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Public Schools and Hennepin County within the sixth park district. One vacant property equal to one or more acres in size was found on the west side of sixth park district at 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and Chowen Avenue South. Some top ranked properties of the 2001 may be acceptable, but would need additional community input before being developed into an off-leash area.

### **Summary of Key Issues**

Information received or gathered by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) on the proposal for an off-leash recreation area by the Kingfield Neighborhood Dog park Task Force revealed the following:

- 1) Dog owners and their pets in the sixth park district, especially in the Kingfield Neighborhood, are not as well served as other park districts by off-leash areas in the Minneapolis Park System.
- 2) There is strong resident support for and against a dog park at the southeast corner of the 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue S and Stevens Avenue intersection or the northeast corner of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S and Stevens Avenue intersection. July 22 survey responses show stronger support in households with adults between the ages of 18 and 64 that have dogs and opposition in households with individuals 65 and older and no dogs.

### **Staff Analysis of Services for Dog Owners**

Over the past 10 years, off-leash recreation areas have become a popular, positive recreational offering within the Minneapolis Park System. While dog owners of most household types are known to use the areas, they are especially popular with young adults (25-34), families without children and individuals living alone. In general, these population groups are not frequent users of recreation centers or neighborhood parks.

Consistently, the MPRB finds that off-leash areas provide social opportunities for dog owners, have a positive impact on pets and help build strong communities. The MPRB is specifically interested in supporting the leisure time needs of residents including those of dog owners which cultivate well-balanced dogs and help to build strong relationships with their communities. Building from the success of current dog parks, the MPRB has the opportunity to broaden its approach to serving the recreational needs of dog owners.

## Staff Analysis of Kingfield Neighborhood and Community Service Area 10

The Kingfield Neighborhood is within Community Service Area (CSA) #10. The following factors were considered when identifying the need to better support the recreational needs of dog owners in this area:

- **Percentage of Off-Leash Permit Holders:** A 2010 map generated by the Center of Urban and Regional Affairs shows that throughout much CSA 10, primarily zip code 55409, only 16.1% of the households with dog licenses have permits for the off-leash areas (Appendix C.2). When outliers created by access to non-MPRB off-leash areas or small numbers of licensed dogs are removed, the data shows that on average areas near dog parks have a 20% higher number of off-leash permit holders. The averages for areas with and without dog parks are 39% and 19%, respectively. This suggests that increasing the service level of CSA 10 will increase the number of off-leash permit holders in this area.
- **Number of Dog License in Area:** Minneapolis Animal Care and Control 2010 records show that the sixth park district has the second highest number of licensed dogs (1464) in the city of Minneapolis. Zip code 55409, the primary zip code for CSA 10, has 484 licensed dogs. Zip codes are not uniform in size across the city. When they are adjusted for size, zip code 55409 is among those that have the highest number of licensed dogs. Furthermore, two of the adjacent zip codes also have some of the highest numbers of licensed dogs and lower percentages of permits. It is anticipated that improving service to CSA 10 will also help these adjacent zip codes.
- **Demographics:** Across the city, two demographic types seem to be most closely tied to the highest percentages of off-leash permit holders and/or numbers of dog licenses. Areas with the highest percentages of off-leash permits also have higher percentages of individuals between 25 and 34 years old. Areas that have the higher numbers of licensed dogs are similar to areas where households with children most typically represent 21-40% of the census blocks. CSA 10 contains both of these demographics with the northern section containing more than average numbers of 25 to 34 year olds and the south half trending toward 21-40% of the households having children.

Despite the identified need and potential for new off-leash permit holders, finding a location for an off-leash area in the sixth park district and specifically in the Kingfield Neighborhood or CSA 10 has proven difficult. Over the past several years alternative approaches to providing off-leash areas have been used in other communities that may help provide adequate service to CSA 10. Vancouver, British Columbia, for example, provides 33 off-leash areas within the city that are identified by signage and do not include fencing. At specific hours of the day (typically before and after work hours), these areas are available for off-leash recreation. City and Park Board ordinances may need to be adjusted to allow for this type of permitted off-leash area. However, CSA 10 may provide an opportunity to pilot this approach, which could result in several off-leash areas in the CSA.

Aside from off-leash areas, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board may be able to offer additional opportunities that support the leisure activities of dog owners through programming and partnerships at recreation centers and neighborhood parks. These offerings could include social hours, puppy socialization classes, dog obedience training and agility courses. CSA 10 may provide an opportunity to test these programs.

**Staff Recommendations**

- 1) Board of Commissioners approve the composition and charge of a community advisory committee that would begin in mid-January and complete the following:
  - a. Assess community support for an off-leash recreation area at one or more of the top ranked sites by the 2001 advisory committee and other sites identified by the CAC within CSA 10. The top ranked sites from the 2001 advisory committee are listed below.

Site Name	Weighted Score (Max 100)
1 Site 11 – Kings Highway & 39 <sup>th</sup> Street W.	79.43
5 Site 23 – Kings Highway & 40 <sup>th</sup> Street W.	70.79
6 Site 22 – Nicollet Avenue S & 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street E.	69.21

- b. If off-leash ordinances allow or can be easily adapted, assess community support for piloting alternative methods of providing off-leash areas in CSA 10. If support is garnered, the committee would assist with pilot implementation and evaluation.
    - c. Assess community interest in programming for residents and their dogs in CSA 10. Programming offerings may include puppy socialization classes, different levels of dog obedience and agility courses.

**Recommended Timeline**

- December 1, 2010 – Study Report at Planning Committee
- December 8, 2010 – Committee of the Whole Discussion
- December 15, 2010 – Board Action for Community Advisory Committee Composition and Charge at Planning Committee

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Final Report – Off-Leash Recreation Area Site Study, Sixth Park District, City of Minneapolis

Appendix B – Community Input Received by MPRB from Neighborhoods

Appendix B.1 – Results from Yappy Hours

Appendix C – Kingfield Neighborhood Association Dogpark Task Force Proposal

Appendix C.1 – Kingfield Neighborhood Association Dogpark Task Force Proposal Location Map

Appendix C.2 – 2010 Map and Chart of Dog Licenses and Off-Leash Permits

Appendix D – Draft Budget

Appendix E – KFNA Timeline and Background Information

Appendix F – Study Areas Presented by MPRB at July 22, 2010 Public Meeting

Appendix G – MRPB Questionnaire for July 22, 2010 Public Meeting

Appendix H – Comments from July 22, 2010 Public Meeting

Appendix I – Comments from September 2, 2010 Public Meeting

Appendix J – Comment Card Responses from September 2, 2010 Public Meeting

**Appendix A – Final Report – Off-Leash Recreation Area Site Study,  
Sixth Park District, City of Minneapolis**



# OFF LEASH RECREATION AREA SITE STUDY

Sixth Park District, City of Minneapolis

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Dear Commissioner Fine,

Attached you will find the final report of the Off Leash Recreation Area Site Study Committee. You will find in the following pages the inventory and evaluation of potential Off Leash Recreation Areas (OLRA) in the Sixth Park District, as stipulated in the contract with The Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance. Included is the documentation of the process and the results of the evaluation.

As you are aware, the issue of Dog Parks (OLRA's) in the Sixth Park District has been a highly visible, heated issue. The original intention of your predecessor, Commissioner Scott Neiman, was to move the process from the political positions engaged in the issue to a place of rational study- to the best of our abilities- that was founded upon the community's values, not just the values of a minority of people. I believe we have succeeded in delivering a fair process that minimized individual biased and elevated the conversation above individual positions into the realm of community interest.

At the beginning of the process committee members developed a list of process values they wanted to be held accountable for as a group representing citizens in the Sixth Park District. I believe that the committee members did a good job of living within these values, even when the situation conflicted with their individual goals. For the most part, the committee members also felt they lived within the process values. In the appendix of this document you will find the final process evaluation and committee member comments about the process.

As committee members reflected at the final meeting, this was a thorough, open process that worked hard to reflect the community's values in evaluating sites for dog parks.

Sincerely Yours,

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## Process Outline

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), after an RFP process, contracted with Jonathan Bucki of The Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance to facilitate a citizen engagement process with two purposes: 1) Inventory potential sites in the Sixth Park District for Off Leash Recreation Areas (OLRA) 2) Evaluate the fitness of the sites for the purpose of off-leash recreation. MPRB had already established a committee for the purpose of the study and contracted with The Center to work with the existent committee.

The Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance proposed a citizen-engagement process that held these values at its core:

- The public should have a say in decisions about actions that affect their lives,
- Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
- The public participation process communicates the interest and meets the process needs of all participants.
- The process seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected.
- The process involves participants in defining how they participate.
- The process communicates to participants how their input affected the decision, and
- Participants are provided with information they need to participate in a meaningful way.

The original proposal proposed four meetings, interviews with the committee members, and data collection from the community. This work plan was later expanded to include the facilitation of one more committee meeting.

Before the first meeting the consultant interviewed the committee members, and from those conversations, drafted two documents: 1) Committee Process Values 2) a draft list of site evaluation criteria.

At the first meeting, May 31, 2001, the committee discussed the history of trying to establish a OLRA in the sixth park district. Then, the committee adopted by consensus the process values listed here. Review further documentation in the appendix of this report.

- Respectful and Representative of All Voices
- Creates Broad Base of Agreement and Support
- Innovative Process Open to Scrutiny and Input
- Builds on Assets and Desires of Community

Additionally, at the first meeting, the committee chose to include another value.

- Does Not Put Dog Owners Against People Who Don't Own Dogs

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When asked “What do we hope we can say to the community at large when the project is done?” Committee members responded:

- The process was fair.
- Everyone was heard.
- The Park Board and Commissioner support results.
- Everyone’s happy.
- There’s a dog park.
- It creates a win-win situation.
- There is some resolution of hurt feelings.
- That community members had input regarding the evaluation process.

Committee members also committed to keeping in mind these things in mind as they served:

- We represent more than ourselves.
- We can’t ignore the conflict present.
- People with varying opinions need to be respectful
- There will be “unheard” voices.

The committee reworked the site evaluation criteria proposed by the consultant and agreed to work with this list (see appendix for documentation):

- Builds Community
- Attractive, Respects Environment
- Adequate Parking, Doesn’t Disrupt Traffic
- Promotes Positive Use
- Accessible and Walkable
- Provides Handicapped Accessibility
- Insures Users’ Safety
- Protects Community
- Safe for pet owners
- Safe for people living nearby

The committee also committed to collecting data from the community through a survey prepared by the consultant. (See appendix.) The intention of the survey was to rank these values using community input and use relative weights of these values in the evaluation of the sites.

Between the first and the second meeting, it became apparent that there needed to be some resolution to some issues stakeholders of the process. The consultant judged that the committee could not at that time work within the process values it had set for itself, and felt that the committee needed to address some of the issues before the work could continue.

On August 17, 2001, The facilitator held the second meeting as a process check, to consult with the committee on the best way to continue the study given the history, the current reality and the changing political landscape. He reported that he struggled for way to hold the committee accountable to the process values it set for itself and create a process the was credible and valuable to the various stakeholders.

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The committee and the public present worked in small groups to consider options presented by the consultant and came up with what they felt were the best possible options for the committee. After long conversation, these decisions emerged by consensus from the group.

- The study will continue.
- More committee members would be recruited from the under-represented and un-represented neighborhood groups.
- Ideally, the committee would have two representatives from each neighborhood: one who owns a dog and one who does not. (Each neighborhood would have no more than two representatives.) It is important to note that the committee felt that it was important to emphasize that this decision was not to frame the study as dog owner against those who don't own dogs, but as a way to enhance the credibility of the study.
- At the third committee meeting, new members would join for the duration of the study. At that point, the committee believed that they would have been duly diligent in seeking representation and would no longer recruit members.
- Sites would be added to the potential sites list, and at the third meeting the committee would review any proposed new sites and will come to consensus about inclusion on the potential list.
- The third meeting would be the final opportunity to add sites to the list.
- When the committee communicates the committee's work, we would strive for consensus in its presentation. The committee took a stand that the result of its work, living in its process values, should be the bringing together of people, the generation of consensus, rather than creating division between neighbors.

Committee members continued to survey the community to rank the values and gather community feedback.

At the third meeting, September 20, 2001, the committee welcomed new members, increasing their membership. The committee also established two subcommittees; a data subcommittee charged with collecting and reporting survey and evaluation data with the consultant, and a communications subcommittee charged with communicating with the media about committee decisions and process. The committee reviewed the potential site list and narrowed it by consensus. Finding the sites untenable, the committee eliminated from the evaluation sites: 1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 26.

Then, the committee built an evaluation instrument to evaluate the sites and made a decision to continue surveying the community because of low response. At the committee's request, the consultant modified the format of the survey based on committee and community member feedback. (The improved version is included in the appendix.) One committee member agreed to host the survey online to add additional opportunity for community input.

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MPRB staff distributed the site evaluation forms to the committee.

Because of a variety of circumstances, the fourth facilitated meeting with the consultant was rescheduled. MPRB staff hosted a meeting on November 7, 2001. The facilitator was not present for that meeting. The committee met to discuss with MPRB staff site specific technical questions and complete their evaluations of the sites. Community members present also gave feedback about specific sites and the process.

At the following meeting, December 4, 2001, the committee met to review the weighting scale, the survey data, the rankings of the sites.

At this meeting, the committee felt it had, for the most part satisfied its mission. The committee also felt that as a group they would not recommend a single, or a few selected sites. **They felt that their task was the ranking of sites, not the recommendation of a single site.** In this report, therefore, the rankings should not be construed as recommendations. The committee agreed to evaluate one more site, Site 27. The next meeting was set to review the final rankings with the additional site, and the final draft document.

On January 24, 2002, the committee met one final time. They reviewed the final draft of the document, reviewed minor content changes, and accepted it as their final report to the Park Board. They stressed, again, that the rankings did not constitute a recommendation of a particular site. Committee members, in conversation with MPRB Staff and Commissioner Fine felt that the proper delivery of the report was through Commissioner Fine and the MPRB Staff. The committee also expressed their desire to have report distributed to neighborhood associations in the Sixth Park District. Committee members also requested final copies for their use. The consultant promised, also, to mail an electronic copy to committee members.



## Inventory of Potential Sites

Through committee members and other stakeholders, this list was compiled as an inventory of potential sites. After an initial review, the committee came to consensus that some sites were untenable as dog parks. These sites were not part of the evaluation process. Those sites not evaluated were 1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 26, and are noted with a “\*”. They are included here for reference. At the December 4, 2001 meeting, the committee agreed to evaluate an additional site as recommended by the MPRB Staff. It is listed here as site 27.

### 1. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street & Xerxes Avenue South\*

Description: The site is within a neighborhood park. It is a turf area that is adjacent to ballfields.

Location: The northeast corner of Linden Hills park from 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West south along Xerxes Avenue South.

Access: Access to the site would be from either Xerxes Avenue South or 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West.

Parking: On-street parking along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Xerxes Avenue and a parking lot near the park building at 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

Size: Approximately 0.4 acres.

### 2. 45<sup>th</sup> Street West & Upton Avenue South

Description: The site is within a neighborhood park. It is located on a hillside that is currently used for winter sledding. Very steep slope with turf and trees.

Location: The hillside at Beard’s Plaisance that is located between Upton Avenue South and Lake Harriet Parkway West at 45<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Access: Upton Avenue South.

Parking: On-street parking along Upton Avenue South

Size: Approximately 1.3 acres.

### 3. William Berry Parkway & Richfield Road

Description: Low, wooded area. The site is somewhat of an island surrounded by streets near a walking path.

Location: Between Richfield Road and William Berry Parkway at Linden Hills Boulevard. The site under consideration is north of the center pathway.

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Access: from Richfield Road, Linden Hills Boulevard or Will Berry Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Road

Size: Approximately 2.3 acres.

**4. Calhoun Parkway East & Richfield Road**

Description: Currently used for archery. Open grassy area.

Location: Near the intersection of Calhoun Parkway East, Richfield Road and William Berry Parkway.

Access: From William Berry Parkway.

Parking: Parking lot located to the north. Any Regional Parking lot located around Lake Calhoun is available for use.

Size: Approximately 1.8 acres.

**5. William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West**

Description: Grassy picnic area.

Location: At the intersection of Lake Harriet Parkway West and William Berry Parkway, north side of the existing picnic area.

Access: Access from existing pathway that runs parallel to William Berry Parkway.

Parking: Two existing parking lots are within walking distance of the site.

Size: Approximately 1.1 acres.

**6. Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek**

Description: Somewhat open grassy area with some tree cover.

Location: East of Penn Avenue South along Minnehaha Creek.

Access: From Minnehaha Creek Trail.

Parking: On-street parking along 52<sup>nd</sup> Street West and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street West.

Size: Approximately 1.1 acres.

**7. Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway – North Site**

Description: Open turf area near the Rock Garden/Peace Garden.

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Location: East of the Rock Garden at the intersection of Lake Harriet Parkway East (Roseway Road) and Kings Highway.

Access: From pathway that runs parallel on the north side of Lake Harriet Parkway East.

Parking: Parking lot west of the Rock Garden.

Size: Approximately 1.0 acres.

8. **Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway – South Site\***

Description: Open turf area near the Rose Garden and Lake Harriet.

Location: Northeast of the Rose Garden in the ‘bowl’ south and west of the intersection of Lake Harriet Parkway East (Roseway Road) and Kings Highway.

Access: From sidewalk that runs parallel to Kings Highway.

Parking: Parking lot just west of the Rock Garden off of Lake Harriet Parkway East.

Size: Approximately 1.6 acres.

9. **West Minnehaha Parkway – Humboldt Avenue South to Girard Avenue South – West of Creek**

Description: Open turf area along the creek.

Location: Along the west of Minnehaha creek and West Minnehaha Parkway between Humboldt Avenue South and Girard Avenue South.

Access: West Minnehaha Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along West Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 1.2 acres.

10. **57<sup>th</sup> Street West between Humboldt Avenue South & Girard Avenue South**

Description: Steep slope, groomed turf, adjacent to ballfields, tennis courts, and residential area and an elementary school.

Location: The northwest corner of Kenny Park along 57<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Access: From 57<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Parking: On-street parking on 57<sup>th</sup> Street West. Parking lot near tennis courts.

Size: Approximately 1.0 acres.

**11. Kings Highway & 39<sup>th</sup> Street West**

Description: Sloping area with tree cover and turf.

Location: Located on the northwest corner of Lyndale Farmstead Park, along Kings Highway.

Access: From Lyndale Farmstead Park, Kings Highway and 40<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Parking: Parking lot within Lyndale Farmstead Park. On street parking along 40<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Size: Approximately 1.4 acres.

**12. West Minnehaha Parkway – Dupont Avenue South to Lyndale Avenue South – South Side of Creek\***

Description: Linear site, heavily wooded with very steep slopes. Could possibly use the creek as a natural boundary to the north.

Location: The south side of Minnehaha Creek along West Minnehaha Parkway from Dupont Avenue South east to Lyndale Ave South.

Access: From West Minnehaha Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along West Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 1.7 acres.

**13. Between West Minnehaha Parkway & East Minnehaha Parkway – South & West of Creek\***

Description: The pathway system diverts from the creek in this area. Heavily wooded, both sides of the creek are within the site.

Location: Along East Minnehaha Parkway near Valleyview Place and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street West.

Access: From East or West Minnehaha Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along East Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 2.2 acres.

**14. West Minnehaha Parkway at Pleasant Avenue South\***

Description: Presently the Minnehaha bicycle path moves through the center of the site. The trail may be re-routed during the reconstruction of Minnehaha Trail and this area may become available for another use.

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Location: The south side of Minnehaha Creek from Pleasant Avenue South east to West Minnehaha Parkway.

Access: Access to the site is from West Minnehaha Parkway.

Parking: Limited on-street parking is available along West Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 1.7 acres.

15. Stevens Avenue between 60<sup>th</sup> & 61<sup>st</sup> Street East

Description: Site is not on MPRB property. May be within the interstate right-of-way. The site contains a storm water holding pond.

Location: Located along the west of I-35W along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South between 60<sup>th</sup> Street East and 61<sup>st</sup> Street East.

Access: Access to the site is from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and 60<sup>th</sup> Street East.

Parking: On-street parking is along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South.

Size: Approximately 2.5 acres.

16. East Calhoun Parkway at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West

Description: The shoreline of Lake Calhoun.

Location: Located adjacent to East Calhoun Parkway south of the ECCO Totlot.

Access: Access to the site is from East Calhoun Parkway

Parking: Along 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West and along East Calhoun Parkway.

Size: Approximately 1.2 acres.

17. West Minnehaha Parkway - at 51<sup>st</sup> Street West\*

Description: Wooded area adjacent to the creek.

Location: Located along West Minnehaha Parkway north of Minnehaha Creek at 51<sup>st</sup> Street West.

Access: West Minnehaha Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along West Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 1.9 acres.

18. Minnehaha Creek between Logan Avenue South & James Avenue South

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Description: Turf area adjacent to Minnehaha Creek.

Location: Along the north side of Minnehaha Creek, south of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church between Logan Avenue South and James Avenue South.

Access: Access from Logan Ave or James Ave.

Parking: On-street parking is along Logan Ave. and James Ave.

Size: Approximately 2.1 acres.

**19. East Minnehaha Parkway – at Nicollet Avenue South**

Description: Wooded site along Minnehaha Creek beneath the Nicollet Avenue bridge.

Location: Along East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Avenue South.

Access: Access from East Minnehaha Parkway

Parking: On-street parking along East Minnehaha Parkway.

Size: Approximately 2.3 acres.

**20. 48<sup>th</sup> Street West & Harriet Avenue South\***

Description: Hillside area with turf and trees.

Location: Located at 48<sup>th</sup> Street West and Harriet Avenue South within Fuller Park.

Access: Access to the site is from Harriet Avenue South.

Parking: On-street parking is available along 48<sup>th</sup> Street West and along Harriet Avenue South. A parking lot is located along 48<sup>th</sup> Street West near the park building.

Size: Approximately 0.6 acres.

**21. 56<sup>th</sup> Street West & Penn Ave South**

Description: Buffer zone between the street and the tennis courts and a softball diamond.

Location: Located on the northeast corner of Armatage Park

Access: Access to the site is from 56<sup>th</sup> Street or Penn Ave.

Parking: On-street parking is available along 56<sup>th</sup> Street West and along Penn Avenue South. One parking lot is located along 56<sup>th</sup> Street West near the school building and another along Russell Ave South.

Size: Approximately 1.2 acres.

**22. Nicollet Avenue South & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street East**

Description: Hillside area with tree cover and turf.

Location: Located on the southwest corner of Martin Luther King Park.

Access: Access to the site is from Nicollet Ave. or 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Parking: On-street parking is available along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street East. A parking lot is located along 40<sup>th</sup> Street east near the park building.

Size: Approximately 2.6 acres.

**23. Kings Highway & 40<sup>th</sup> Street West**

Description: Sloping area with tree cover and turf.

Location: Located on the corner of Kings Highway and 40<sup>th</sup> Street West within the boundary of Lyndale Farmstead Park.

Access: Access to the site is from 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

Parking: On-street parking is available along 40<sup>th</sup> Street. A parking lot is located near the park building on Bryant Avenue South.

Size: Approximately 1.3 acres.

**24. Kings Highway & 42<sup>nd</sup> Street West**

Description: Sloping open area with turf and tree cover.

Location: Located between Roseway Road and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street west of Kings Highway and east of the Rose Garden.

Access: Access to the site is from Roseway Road or 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Parking: On-street parking is available along 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. A parking lot is located adjacent to the Rock Garden on the northwest side of Roseway Road.

Size: Approximately 2.2 acres.

**25. 51<sup>st</sup> Street West & Newton Avenue South**

Description: Sloping area with tree cover and turf, adjacent to Minnehaha Creek.

Location: Located on Newton Ave. between 51<sup>st</sup> Street and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Access: Access to the site is from Newton Avenue South or 51<sup>st</sup> Street West.

Parking: On-street parking is available along Newton Ave. and 51 Street.

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Size: Approximately 2.6 acres.

**26. Roseway Road near Rock Garden Parking Lot\***

Description: Tree covered area.

Location: Adjacent to Roseway Road between the two parking lots near the Rock Garden.

Access: Access to the site is from Roseway Road.

Parking: The Rock Garden parking lot is adjacent to the site.

Size: Approximately 0.4 acres.

**27. Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Road**

Description: Low, wooded area. The site is somewhat of an island surrounded by streets near a walking path.

Location: Between Richfield Road and Linden Hills Boulevard adjacent to site # 3 but south of the pathway.

Access: from Richfield Road, Linden Hills Boulevard or Will Berry Parkway.

Parking: On-street parking along Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Road

Size: Approximately 4.9 acres.



## Ranking of Potential Sites

Site Name	Weighted Score (Max 100)	MPRB Staff Picks
1 Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	79.43	
2 Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	78.73	*
3 Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	77.28	
4 Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	75.84	
5 Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	70.79	
6 Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	69.21	
7 Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	69.00	1
8 Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	68.75	
9 Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	68.27	
10 Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	66.44	2
11 Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	64.62	
12 Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	64.18	
13 Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	62.57	
14 Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	61.13	
15 Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	60.78	
16 Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	59.93	
17 Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	59.59	
18 Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	58.63	3
19 Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	54.02	

(NB: At the third meeting, finding the sites untenable, the committee eliminated from the evaluation sites: 1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 26. \* denotes the site recommended for evaluation by MPRB staff at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

## Top Seven Sites – Additional Committee Comments

In their evaluation of the different sites, the committee included these comments. These are unedited comments directly from the evaluation forms.

### Rank Site Name

- 1 **Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West**
  - has been used as OLRA in past
  - only two houses are very close (across 40th to their side yards)
  - one margin would be existing fenceline
  - there is also a parking lot 1 1/2 blocks away
  - large paved parking lot nearby
  - next to winter sledding hill, but another hill one block away separated by other activities by wall
  - this is a rarely used piece of land
  - nicely separated from sledding hill by another hill and path
  - curb cut at corner for street/sidewalks in place. Parking lot close
  - handicapped parking nearby
  - kinda small should be combined with 23
  - access to site from off-street parking lot
  - should combine # 11 & # 23 into one site - path through middle would make handicapped accessible & is lightly used. (leads to rest of park, but cemetery & another park at the other end) sidewalk around perimeter could be used to get around. This area screened from rest of park by cement wall and hill and vegetation
  - Would be a great spot.
  - even with sledding hill, this is my preferred site
  
- 2 **Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.**
  - If sufficient brush and trees can be removed to give a better amount of open space. If soil erodes it may not make its way beyond the area, e.g. into the lake, so probably no problem.
  - Heavily wooded; too little open space available.
  - Off-street parking not available.
  - Could use parking lot at bandshell.
  - Will need to make careful decisions regarding boundaries of site. Neighbors [... fax unreadable]
  - Some terrain of site is very steeply sloped.
  - Perhaps handicap parking could be created.
  - Extensive modification of the site will have to be done to make it accessible.
  - Some of the area is steep but a good portion fairly flat.
  - Heavily wooded site. Some steep slopes.
  - Congestion would be inevitable.
  - Site is too heavily wooded to make a good OLRA. The small open area could possibly be adequate for a fenced OLRA. Erosion of the site's steep slopes might be a problem.
  - The small open area is ideal, but a very small part of the site. Way too wooded.
  - Great site- hopefully area residents will not object too much. Maybe move fence back from homes to make it more "neighborhood friendly."
  - Though I like this site, I'd prefer the site now used as archery practice area. I wonder if these two uses could be exchanged, thus offering a more level site re: accessibility for the dog park.



**3 Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.**

- already used as OLRA big dog walking area by Lake Harriet
- trees and shrubs around most borders form natural screening
- Depends on exact placement
- too obvious a space
- both off and on-street parking nearby
- there's another sledding hill one block away
- too close to Botanical gardens
- gently sloping site
- need curb cuts
- [Handicapped parking] Would have to come from Rose Garden -parking area. Somewhat long path
- could designate handicapped parking on nearby parkway
- some areas too steep for winter use
- Depends on exact location
- mix of trees and open space
- large site needs entrance on either end to use all parking. Could handle heavy lake traffic use. Very underused, yet central and convenient site. Boundaries shown on new map should be adjusted.
- This evaluation is based on the intended area not the area on the map. We need to reevaluate the site because the hill was never intended to be a proposed site. The area to the south and west was the area to be considered.
- Would recommend using something less than entire marked area on map. This is my recollection from our meeting. The map shows only the northern most corner and idea at meeting was to use segment along Dupont so as not to interfere with sledding hill.
- The exact location of a site in this area is the question. There are good spots.
- Too many trees
- Neighborhood would never let fly

**4 Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site**

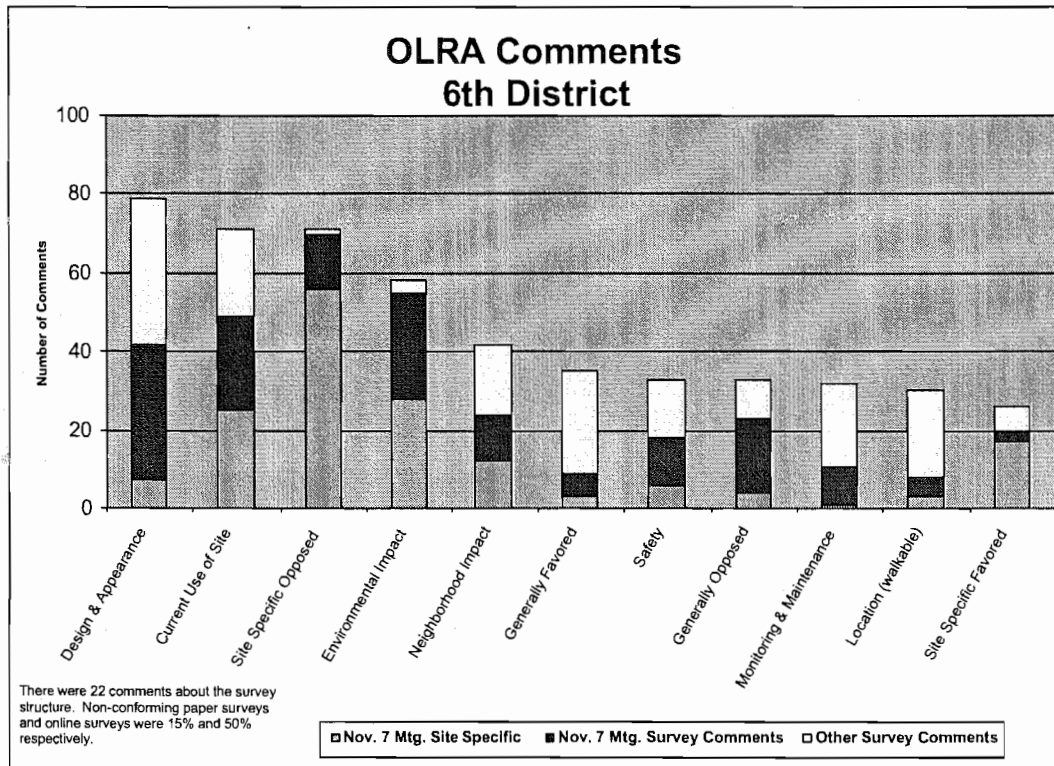
- lots of dogs there now
- too close to Botanical Gardens
- perennial planting on north edge
- no shade
- rock garden is between parking and entrance
- will cause dogs to walk along edge of rock garden to get from parking lot
- neighbors have been complaining for years about 'illegal activity' along the fence line of the cemetery
- would prevent future expansion of botanical gardens
- right in the middle of perennial garden
- on-street handicapped parking could be designated
- barely one acre - too small
- back edge is heavily wooded- limited shade but trees are young
- no shade
- too small for very public, heavy use site unless expanded. Too close to rock garden? (aka Peace Garden!). Very visible from two public gardens.
- a bit small and surely would be opposed by neighborhood

- 5 Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.
  - already used as OLRA
  - paved parking lot nearby
  - another sledding one block away
  - there is another sliding hill 1 1/2 block away
  - flat terrain
  - Accessible entrance and path would be limited to one corner of park
  - paths for handicapped access exist
  - kinda small specially with slope should be combined with # 11
  - edges visible from street but center hidden in bowl
  - good mix of trees and open space
  - parking lot nearby
  - site 11 is a more probable solution
  
- 6 Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.
  - abutts ball field and tot lot
  - would occupy good portion of remaining space in park
  - Nicolette very busy street/ parking lot too far away
  - Would be unsafe if people parked on Nicollet- busy.
  - both off and on-street parking available
  - big enough park room for all
  - This is a heavily used neighborhood park. Soccer fields adjacent and picnic area too.
  - displaces sledding hill only hill available in south/central Mlps (none available across freeway)
  - probably too steep for winter use
  - sloped but not steeply
  - would need curb cut parking lot too far away
  - hilly accessibility would be limited
  - paths for handicapped access exist
  - good-sized site with a mix of trees and open space
  - heavily used park (this area has no designated use though) only park in lowest income area of 6th district
  - certainly a decent option
  
- 7 Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.
  - In my observations this space is largely unused currently. Are there any usages I don't know if?
  - could much brush be cut to allow open areas?
  - Are there any unique types of vegetation or wildlife ther?
  - Heavily wooded, floods in spring?
  - Would need lighting if people used it at night.
  - Would include parking lot at Lake Harriet Bandshell and access by existing walking paths
  - No access from Linden Hills Blvd. Richfield road is one way.
  - wide distance from 2 entrances
  - totally available
  - Easily walkable from Linden Hills and Lake Harriet sidewalk already in place.
  - is there handicapped parking at Lake Harriet? Ramps to walking path.
  - Definitely some wooded areas with paths cut through.
  - Richfield Rd is one way. Would not park directly in front of homes
  - Too close to proposed france avenue site.
  - Isolated!
  - Very steep Very wooded
  - would likely need some tree removal but great possibilities

## Citizen Comments From Surveys

The data subcommittee analyzed all of the comments from the community surveys (including the online survey), as well as the written comments from the community on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The table and chart below represent the data.

### COMMENT SUMMARY- CHART



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COMMENT SUMMARY

Category	Nov. 7 Mtg. Site Specific	Nov. 7 Mtg. Survey Comments	Other Survey Comments	All Comments
Design & Appearance	7	35	37	79
Current Use of Site	25	24	22	71
Site Specific Opposed	56	14	1	71
Environmental Impact	28	27	3	58
Neighborhood Impact	12	12	18	42
Generally Favored	3	6	26	35
Safety	6	12	15	33
Generally Opposed	4	19	10	33
Monitoring & Maintenance	1	10	21	32
Location (walkable)	3	5	22	30
Site Specific Favored	17	3	6	26
Traffic & Parking	6	7	4	17
<b>Total Comments</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>527</b>
Survey		20	2	22

SITE SPECIFIC COMMENT SUMMARY

Site	Description	Favored	Opposed	Total
2	45th Street West & Upton Avenue South	1	5	6
3	William Berry Parkway & Richfield Road	6		6
4	Calhoun Parkway East & Richfield Road	3	3	6
5	William Berry Pkwy & Lake Harriet Pkwy West		4	4
6	Penn Avenue South & Minnehaha Creek	4	18	22
7	Lake Harriet Pkwy East & Kings Hwy - North Side	3		3
9	West Minnehaha Pkwy - Humboldt Ave. S. to Girard Ave. S.		4	4
10	57th Street West between Humboldt Ave. S. & Girard Ave. S.		3	3
11	Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2	3	5
15	Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Street East	6	1	7
16	East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd Street West	3	2	5
18	Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. & James Ave. S.	1	4	5
19	East Minnehaha Parkway - at Nicollet Avenue South		2	2
21	56st Street West & Penn Avenue South		4	4
22	Nicollet Avenue South & 42st Street East	3	4	7
23	Kings Highway & 40th Street West	1	4	5
24	Kings Highway & 42th Street West		1	1
25	51st Street West & Newton Avenue South		39	39
<b>Total</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>134</b>

## Appendix - Committee Evaluation of Study Process

### CONSULTANT'S SUMMARY

Overall, the committee seemed to agree that the process used in this evaluation lived up to the process values of the members. Please see attached for additional comments from committee members.



## Appendix- Site Evaluation Data

## Appendix - Site Ranked by Weighted Criteria Scores

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
<i>ATTRACTIVE SPACE</i>			
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	3.49	61.13	14
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	3.49	78.73	2
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	3.42	60.78	15
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	3.37	75.84	4
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.33	68.27	9
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	3.29	79.43	1
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	3.29	77.28	3
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	3.20	69.00	7
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.14	68.75	8
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	3.04	62.57	13
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	3.04	69.21	6
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	3.04	70.79	5
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.95	59.59	17
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.85	66.44	10
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	2.85	54.02	19
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.66	58.63	18
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.59	64.18	12
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	2.22	59.93	16
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.82	64.62	11

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
<i>COMPLEMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD CULTURE AND ACTIVITIES</i>			
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	3.09	78.73	2
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.85	69.00	7
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.76	79.43	1
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.66	66.44	10
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.57	75.84	4
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.57	77.28	3
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.43	69.21	6
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.38	68.75	8
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.22	61.13	14
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.19	64.18	12
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.19	70.79	5
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.11	60.78	15
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.09	68.27	9
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.09	58.63	18
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	2.02	59.93	16
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.90	64.62	11
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.71	59.59	17
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.71	54.02	19
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.52	62.57	13

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<i>COMPLEMENTS NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.97	78.73	2
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.62	79.43	1
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.58	69.00	7
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.58	77.28	3
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.38	75.84	4
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.33	66.44	10
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.06	69.21	6
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.04	61.13	14
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.04	68.75	8
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.02	58.63	18
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.90	64.18	12
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.90	64.62	11
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.90	70.79	5
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.77	68.27	9
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.69	59.59	17
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.59	59.93	16
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.59	60.78	15
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.55	54.02	19
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.43	62.57	13

<i>MEETS WATERSHED GUIDELINES AND OTHER ORDINANCES</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.39	79.43	1
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.39	64.62	11
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.28	78.73	2
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.24	69.00	7
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.20	69.21	6
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.17	64.18	12
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.17	70.79	5
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.15	75.84	4
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.15	77.28	3
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.04	62.57	13
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.70	66.44	10
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.63	59.59	17
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.63	58.63	18
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.09	60.78	15
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.03	68.27	9
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.03	59.93	16
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	0.91	54.02	19
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	0.87	61.13	14
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	0.65	68.75	8

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<i>FENCE LINE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NATURAL BOUNDARIES</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.22	75.84	4
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.20	78.73	2
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.15	69.00	7
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.15	79.43	1
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.09	58.63	18
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.03	66.44	10
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.03	62.57	13
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.96	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.96	77.28	3
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.89	68.75	8
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.83	60.78	15
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.76	68.27	9
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.74	69.21	6
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.63	59.59	17
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.63	61.13	14
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.63	64.18	12
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.57	64.62	11
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.55	59.93	16
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.50	54.02	19

<i>HAS A BALANCE OF TREES AND OPEN SPACE</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.19	77.28	3
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.15	62.57	13
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.15	69.21	6
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.14	79.43	1
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.03	61.13	14
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.02	60.78	15
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.02	59.59	17
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.96	68.27	9
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.96	70.79	5
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.89	68.75	8
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.74	78.73	2
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.72	64.18	12
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.72	64.62	11
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.57	69.00	7
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.52	59.93	16
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.48	75.84	4
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.44	66.44	10
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.37	58.63	18
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.04	54.02	19

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<i>WILL NOT IMPEDE ON UNIQUE VEGETATION OR WILDLIFE</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.22	79.43	1
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.12	78.73	2
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.10	66.44	10
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.10	62.57	13
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.09	59.59	17
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.09	64.62	11
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.04	69.00	7
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.04	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.03	68.75	8
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.02	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.02	77.28	3
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.96	61.13	14
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.96	58.63	18
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.96	69.21	6
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.96	60.78	15
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.89	64.18	12
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.81	75.84	4
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.77	59.93	16
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.40	54.02	19

<i>WILL NOT "STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB"</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.25	78.73	2
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.14	69.00	7
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.08	79.43	1
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.90	77.28	3
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.89	66.44	10
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.81	61.13	14
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.78	70.79	5
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.76	58.63	18
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.70	68.75	8
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.54	75.84	4
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.52	59.93	16
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.50	59.59	17
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.50	68.27	9
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.50	60.78	15
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.37	69.21	6
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.30	62.57	13
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.30	64.18	12
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.11	54.02	19
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.01	64.62	11

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*MINIMIZES SOIL EROSION*

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.17	69.00	7
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.14	66.44	10
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.96	61.13	14
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.96	75.84	4
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.96	64.62	11
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.96	77.28	3
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.86	68.27	9
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.84	79.43	1
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.79	78.73	2
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.74	68.75	8
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.58	69.21	6
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.47	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.41	58.63	18
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.30	62.57	13
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.22	54.02	19
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.22	70.79	5
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.21	60.78	15
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.11	64.18	12
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	0.65	59.59	17

*AVAILABLE PARKING SPACES*

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.59	75.84	4
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.52	77.28	3
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.51	64.62	11
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.46	66.44	10
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.39	69.21	6
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.33	70.79	5
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.26	78.73	2
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.23	64.18	12
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.23	62.57	13
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.20	59.59	17
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.20	79.43	1
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.15	60.78	15
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.13	68.75	8
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.02	61.13	14
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.87	69.00	7
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.87	68.27	9
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.80	54.02	19
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.62	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.51	58.63	18

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<i>WILL MINIMIZE DISRUPTION OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.33	62.57	13
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.29	66.44	10
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.07	77.28	3
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.06	75.84	4
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.94	79.43	1
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.94	69.21	6
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.94	70.79	5
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.94	78.73	2
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.81	64.18	12
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.70	69.00	7
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.70	64.62	11
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.68	68.75	8
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.65	59.59	17
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.58	61.13	14
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.42	68.27	9
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.29	60.78	15
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.22	58.63	18
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.21	59.93	16
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.16	54.02	19

<i>WILL MINIMIZE DISRUPTION OF TRAFFIC</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.06	70.79	5
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.00	75.84	4
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.00	79.43	1
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.94	78.73	2
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.88	77.28	3
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.87	68.75	8
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.81	69.00	7
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.81	62.57	13
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.76	64.18	12
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.75	69.21	6
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.58	58.63	18
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.53	64.62	11
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.49	68.27	9
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.47	59.59	17
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.45	59.93	16
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.29	66.44	10
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.29	60.78	15
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.22	61.13	14
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.03	54.02	19

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<i>WILL BE SAFE FOR OWNERS, PETS AND OTHER TRAFFIC</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.26	77.28	3
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.17	79.43	1
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.17	70.79	5
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.13	75.84	4
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.13	64.18	12
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.08	78.73	2
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.01	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.00	68.75	8
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.87	60.78	15
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.87	62.57	13
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.81	69.00	7
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.75	59.59	17
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.66	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.65	58.63	18
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.62	61.13	14
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.62	69.21	6
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.55	64.62	11
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.29	66.44	10
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.15	54.02	19

<i>WILL NOT DISPLACE ANOTHER ACTIVE USE</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	6.54	69.00	7
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	6.52	78.73	2
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	6.05	58.63	18
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	6.02	79.43	1
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	6.02	77.28	3
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	5.85	75.84	4
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	5.68	59.93	16
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	5.49	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	5.30	68.75	8
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	5.26	61.13	14
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	4.73	64.18	12
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	4.64	64.62	11
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	4.54	59.59	17
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	4.54	60.78	15
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	4.41	69.21	6
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	3.78	70.79	5
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.22	54.02	19
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.92	66.44	10
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.84	62.57	13



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*WILL NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT THE ENJOYMENT OF ADJACENT  
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	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	6.02	69.00	7
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	5.89	78.73	2
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	5.68	79.43	1
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	5.50	66.44	10
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	5.26	59.93	16
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	5.16	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	5.16	77.28	3
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	4.64	75.84	4
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	4.54	69.21	6
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	4.35	68.27	9
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	4.16	58.63	18
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.99	68.75	8
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	3.97	64.18	12
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	3.97	60.78	15
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.94	61.13	14
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.75	64.62	11
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.52	62.57	13
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	2.46	54.02	19
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.27	59.59	17

*TERRAIN ALLOWS ACCESSIBILITY*

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.98	68.27	9
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	3.82	66.44	10
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	3.82	75.84	4
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.68	68.75	8
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	3.68	78.73	2
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	3.65	79.43	1
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	3.53	64.62	11
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	3.41	77.28	3
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.09	54.02	19
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	3.07	59.93	16
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	3.07	69.21	6
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.87	62.57	13
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.87	70.79	5
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.81	59.59	17
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.81	69.00	7
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.71	64.18	12
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.65	60.78	15
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.62	58.63	18
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.37	61.13	14

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	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.87	68.75	8
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	3.82	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	3.82	77.28	3
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.76	68.27	9
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	3.72	75.84	4
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	3.68	78.73	2
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	3.56	61.13	14
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	3.53	79.43	1
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	3.51	64.18	12
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	3.51	64.62	11
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	3.31	59.59	17
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	3.31	69.21	6
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.09	54.02	19
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.98	62.57	13
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.98	58.63	18
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.87	60.78	15
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.61	69.00	7
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.51	66.44	10
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	2.33	59.93	16

**Safe pedestrian access to site**

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	3.87	75.84	4
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	3.81	78.73	2
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.76	68.27	9
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	3.76	64.18	12
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	3.76	79.43	1
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.76	68.75	8
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	3.72	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	3.72	77.28	3
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	3.68	60.78	15
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	3.44	69.21	6
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	3.31	59.59	17
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.31	54.02	19
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	3.21	69.00	7
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	3.21	64.62	11
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	3.20	62.57	13
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	3.04	61.13	14
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	3.04	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.58	58.63	18
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.41	66.44	10

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<i>COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR WHEELCHAIR USE</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.47	75.84	4
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.43	78.73	2
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.42	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.42	68.75	8
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.37	79.43	1
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.37	64.62	11
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.27	66.44	10
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.24	54.02	19
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.24	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.24	77.28	3
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.20	62.57	13
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.12	69.00	7
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.07	69.21	6
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	0.96	60.78	15
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	0.92	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	0.92	58.63	18
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	0.87	64.18	12
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	0.81	59.59	17
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	0.74	61.13	14

<i>COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACCESS (FOR HANDICAPPED USERS)</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.49	78.73	2
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.47	75.84	4
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.43	79.43	1
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.42	68.75	8
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.42	64.62	11
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.37	66.44	10
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.37	68.27	9
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.33	77.28	3
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.28	54.02	19
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.28	70.79	5
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.26	62.57	13
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.17	69.00	7
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.10	60.78	15
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.09	59.93	16
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.07	58.63	18
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.07	69.21	6
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.05	59.59	17
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.05	64.18	12
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	0.92	61.13	14

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	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.37	79.43	1
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.28	75.84	4
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.26	62.57	13
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.20	70.79	5
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.15	64.18	12
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.12	77.28	3
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.11	64.62	11
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.09	68.75	8
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.07	69.21	6
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.03	68.27	9
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.03	78.73	2
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.00	59.59	17
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	0.97	66.44	10
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	0.92	59.93	16
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	0.87	60.78	15
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	0.81	61.13	14
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	0.76	54.02	19
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	0.71	69.00	7
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	0.61	58.63	18

<i>COULD HAVE SURFACED, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PATH FROM PARKING TO SITE ENTRANCE</i>			
	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	1.37	79.43	1
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.37	68.75	8
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.37	77.28	3
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.37	78.73	2
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.33	75.84	4
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.27	70.79	5
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.26	68.27	9
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.26	64.62	11
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.22	64.18	12
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.19	54.02	19
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.17	69.00	7
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.15	66.44	10
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.15	62.57	13
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.15	59.93	16
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.12	59.59	17
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.12	69.21	6
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.12	60.78	15
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	0.92	58.63	18
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	0.69	61.13	14

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<i>ONE ACRE OPEN SPACE (NOT HEAVILY WOODED.)</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.39	66.44	10
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.36	79.43	1
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.36	60.78	15
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.33	77.28	3
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.29	68.27	9
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.23	61.13	14
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.22	68.75	8
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.22	69.21	6
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.22	70.79	5
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	2.16	59.93	16
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.14	75.84	4
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.08	62.57	13
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.02	59.59	17
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	2.01	54.02	19
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.00	78.73	2
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	1.83	64.62	11
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.52	58.63	18
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.45	64.18	12
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.11	69.00	7

<i>NOT STEEPLY SLOPED</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.46	66.44	10
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.39	75.84	4
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	2.36	54.02	19
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.29	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.22	68.75	8
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.08	61.13	14
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.08	79.43	1
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.08	64.62	11
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.00	78.73	2
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.95	77.28	3
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.89	69.00	7
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	1.59	69.21	6
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.54	59.93	16
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	1.39	62.57	13
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.32	60.78	15
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	1.20	70.79	5
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.15	58.63	18
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	1.11	64.18	12
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	0.88	59.59	17

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<i>NOT COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.36	69.21	6
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.29	79.43	1
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.27	64.18	12
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	2.22	54.02	19
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.22	68.75	8
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.20	64.62	11
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.20	77.28	3
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.15	68.27	9
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.14	66.44	10
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.14	75.84	4
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.14	70.79	5
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.08	59.59	17
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.08	62.57	13
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.08	61.13	14
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.08	78.73	2
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.85	59.93	16
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.73	60.78	15
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.39	58.63	18
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.26	69.00	7

<i>ADEQUATE EXISTING LIGHTING IN PARKING AND ENTRANCE AREAS</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.29	64.62	11
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.22	64.18	12
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.16	79.43	1
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.16	69.21	6
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	2.08	66.44	10
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.08	62.57	13
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	2.08	75.84	4
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.08	70.79	5
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	1.87	54.02	19
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	1.87	77.28	3
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	1.85	68.27	9
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	1.82	68.75	8
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	1.78	61.13	14
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	1.73	78.73	2
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.68	59.93	16
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	1.65	59.59	17
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	1.58	60.78	15
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	1.15	58.63	18
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	1.07	69.00	7

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*SOME SHADED AREAS*

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	2.49	79.43	1
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	2.46	78.73	2
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.36	58.63	18
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	2.33	69.00	7
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	2.33	77.28	3
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	2.29	69.21	6
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	2.27	59.59	17
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	2.27	64.62	11
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.23	61.13	14
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	2.22	62.57	13
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	2.08	68.75	8
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	2.02	64.18	12
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	2.02	70.79	5
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	2.01	68.27	9
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	2.01	60.78	15
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	1.77	59.93	16
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	1.73	66.44	10
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	1.64	75.84	4
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	0.97	54.02	19

*WOULD NOT COMPROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC PATTERNS*

	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	5.20	79.43	1
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	5.03	75.84	4
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	5.03	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	5.03	77.28	3
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	4.88	78.73	2
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	4.72	69.21	6
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	4.39	62.57	13
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	4.06	64.62	11
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	3.99	64.18	12
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	3.84	69.00	7
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	3.70	59.59	17
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	3.70	66.44	10
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	3.61	59.93	16
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.58	68.75	8
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.41	68.27	9
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.41	54.02	19
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	3.25	58.63	18
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	3.25	60.78	15
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	3.07	61.13	14

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<i>WOULD NOT CREATE CONGESTION AROUND SITE</i>	Indicator Score	Total Score	Overall Rank
Site 23 - Kings Highway & 40th St. W.	5.03	70.79	5
Site 24 - Kings Highway & 42nd St. W.	5.03	77.28	3
Site 11 - Kings Highway & 39th Street West	4.88	79.43	1
Site 7 - Lake Harriet Parkway East & Kings Highway - North Site	4.73	75.84	4
Site 22 - Nicollet Ave. S. & 42nd St. E.	4.55	69.21	6
Site 27 - Linden Hills Boulevard and Richfield Rd.	4.52	78.73	2
Site 3 - William Berry Parkway & Richfield Rd.	3.99	69.00	7
Site 5 - William Berry Parkway & Lake Harriet Parkway West	3.90	62.57	13
Site 2 - 45th St. West & Upton Avenue South	3.84	59.59	17
Site 9 - West Minnehaha Parkway - Humbolt Avenue South to Girard Ave. S.	3.74	68.27	9
Site 10 - 57th St. West between Humbolt Avenue South & Girard Ave. S.	3.70	64.18	12
Site 18 - Minnehaha Creek between Logan Ave. S. and James Ave. S.	3.58	68.75	8
Site 4 - Calhoun Parkway East 7 Richfield Rd.	3.55	66.44	10
Site 21 - 56th St. W. & 42nd St. E.	3.41	64.62	11
Site 25 - 51st St. W. & Newton Ave. S.	3.41	60.78	15
Site 15 - Stevens Avenue between 60th & 61st Sts. E.	3.25	59.93	16
Site 16 - East Calhoun Parkway at 33rd St. W.	3.09	54.02	19
Site 19 - East Minnehaha Parkway at Nicollet Ave. S.	2.93	58.63	18
Site 6 - Penn Avenue South at Minnehaha Creek	2.89	61.13	14



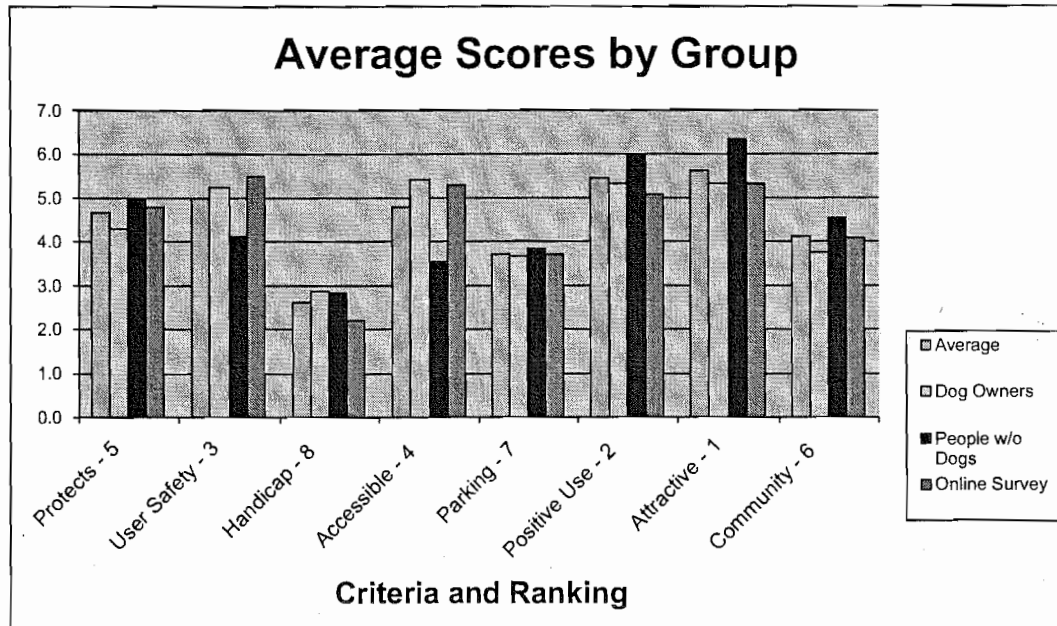
## Appendix - Summary of Survey Data

### CALCULATING CRITERIA RANKING

	Protects User Safety	Handicap Accessible	Parking	Positive Use	Attractive Community
Average	4.7	5.0	2.6	4.8	3.7
Dog Owners	4.3	5.3	2.9	5.4	3.6
People w/o Dogs	5.0	4.1	2.8	3.5	3.8
Online Survey	4.8	5.5	2.2	5.3	3.7
<b>RANK</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

### CALCULATING WEIGHTED POINTS

	Protects User Safety	Handicap Accessible	Parking	Positive Use	Attractive Community
Average	4.7	5.0	2.6	4.8	3.7
Percent of Possible	0.1301	0.1385	0.0733	0.1326	0.1034
<b>WEIGHTED POINTS</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>10.3</b>



(In all, 223 conforming surveys were returned. On the web, 79 were completed. One hundred forty four (144) conforming paper surveys were returned by mail. Given the conditions of the distribution, a response rate cannot be accurately calculated.)

## Appendix - Site Evaluation Indicator Weights

<b>Builds Community</b>	<b>11.41</b>
Attractive space	3.80
Complements neighborhood culture and activities	3.80
Complements neighborhood history	3.80
<b>Attractive, Respects Environment</b>	<b>15.66</b>
Meets watershed guidelines and other ordinances	2.61
Fence line would be consistent with natural boundaries	2.61
Has a balance of trees and open space	2.61
Will not impede on unique vegetation or wildlife	2.61
Will not "stick out like a sore thumb"	2.61
Minimizes soil erosion	2.61
<b>Adequate Parking, Doesn't Disrupt Traffic</b>	<b>10.34</b>
Available parking spaces	2.59
Will minimize disruption of residential parking	2.59
Will minimize disruption of traffic	2.59
Will be safe for owners, pets and other traffic	2.59
<b>Promotes Positive Use</b>	<b>15.14</b>
Will not displace another active use	7.57
Will not adversely impact the enjoyment of adjacent property or parkland	7.57
<b>Accessible and Walkable</b>	<b>13.26</b>
Terrain allows accessibility	4.42
Walkable to site for many	4.42
Safe pedestrian access to site	4.42
<b>Provides Handicapped Accessibility</b>	<b>7.33</b>
Could have opportunity for wheelchair use	1.83
Could have opportunity for access (for handicapped users)	1.83
Handicap parking close to site	1.83
Could have surfaced, wheelchair accessible path from parking to site entrance	1.83
<b>Insures Users' Safety</b>	<b>13.85</b>
One acre open space (not heavily wooded.)	2.77
Not steeply sloped	2.77
Not completely isolated from other activities	2.77
Adequate existing lighting in parking and entrance areas	2.77
Some shaded areas	2.77
<b>Protects Community</b>	<b>13.01</b>
Would not compromise neighborhood traffic patterns	6.50
Would not create congestion around site	6.50
<b>Total Possible Points:</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Appendix - Evaluation Instruments

## Appendix - Study Process Values

### **Respectful and Representative of All Voices**

- Everyone's voice respected
- Representative of neighborhood & community voices
- Process unbiased to a particular outcome
- Fair to all involved

### **Creates Broad Base of Agreement and Support**

- Ignites political will and imagination of Minneapolis Parks & Rec. Board
- Builds on the work already done
- Work and actions of the committee provide for future action
- Citizens demonstrate support for findings

### **Innovative Process Open to Scrutiny and Input**

- Notifies neighbors of potential sites
- Provide "tools" for collecting feedback from citizens
- Innovative process
- Presents accurate information to citizens and committee members
- Well-documented, timely information
- Thoughtful and deliberate
- Expedient

### **Builds on Assets and Desires of Community**

- Builds community, doesn't divide people
- Demonstrates demand for off-leash areas
- Uses criteria of the committee
- Process not dominated by individuals or groups

### **Does Not Put Dog Owners Against People Who Don't Own Dogs**

## Appendix - Committee Member List

FirstName	LastName	Neighborhood
Ellen	Walthour	Armatage Neighborhood Association
Rita	Franchett	Armatage Neighborhood Association
Joey	Babay	Calhoun Area Resident Action Group
Jean	Johnson	East Harriet- Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Joann	Guillery	East Harriet-Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Leon	Greene	Fulton Neighborhood Association
Terry	Kita	Fulton Neighborhood Association
Julie	Humiston	Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Sarah	Duniway	Kingfield Neighborhood Association
Constance	Pepin	Linden Hills Neighborhood Association
Renee	Williams	Linden Hills Neighborhood Association
Heidi	Niziolek	Lyndale Neighborhood Association
Barbara	Daenzer	Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association
Paul	Lohman	Lynnhurst Neighborhood Association
Lynell	Voigt	Tangletown Neighborhood Association
Dennis	Jon	Tangletown Neighborhood Association
Mary	Ubl	Windom Community Council

## Appendix - Site Maps

(These maps were created at the request of the committee by the MPRB Staff.)



	Respectful and Representative of All Voices		Created A Broad Base of Agreement and Support	
	(4 Strongly Agree, 3 Agree, 2 Disagree, 1 Strongly Disagree, * No Opinion.)			
1	3	Not sure that the process demonstrated demand fo off-leash area.	3	
2	4		3	
3	4		4	
4	4		3	Felt slightly insulated because of complexity of our results.
5	4		3	
6	4		3	
7	3	Perhaps in future projects, ideally, more survey's would be returned if a different method of surveying was used. However, I well know that would have involved mega hours from committee.	*	Who knows if Park and Rec is impressed. It appears to build on pas and hopefully provide for action. Our results took citizens into account so there is some support.
8	4		3	This is debatable, especially item #1. [Ignites political will and imagination of MPRB]
9	4		4	
10	3	On occasion, committee members were not respectful of Park Staff, community or other committee members.	3	Committee members came to a better overall understanding at the end of the process.
11	1	People were continually interrupted. I was told by one committee members that a suggestion I made was "ludicrous."	3	During the meeting that Jonathan missed, one committee member verbally attacked Belinda, accusing her of conspiring against his interests.
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.5</b>		<b>3.2</b>	



	Innovative Process Open to Scrutiny and Input		Built on Assets and Desires of Community	
1	3		3	
2	4		3	
3	4		4	
4	4		4	
5	3		3	
6	3		*	
7	4	The questionnaire was not a way to conduct a referendum. The citizen feedback was as usual people interested and vocal opinions.	4	This process did not demonstrate demand for OLRAs.
8	4		3	
9	3		3	
10	3	I wish the process could have gone a little faster.	3	A few people dominated the process at first, although that subsided towards the end.
11	2	Expectations about using the tools were vague. Visitors frequently commented they were not informed.	1	People were very divided. The process was dominated by vocal (sometimes rude) supporters of dog parks.
Average	3.4		3.1	

	Did Not Put Dog Owners Against People Who Don't Own Dogs	
1	3	
2	4	
3	4	
4	4	
5	4	I didn't know who had dogs and who didn't!
6	3	
7	3	
8	3	
9	*	
10	4	I never felt pressured one way or the other for or against dog owners. No effort was made to resolve the inherent conflicts and to require that committee members refrain from interrupting and criticizing.
11	2	
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.4</b>	

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The Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance  
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Minneapolis, MN 55404

### Off-leash Recreation Area Study Survey—Mpls. 6th Park District

*Please give us your input!* As a customer of Minneapolis Parks & Rec, we want to know what you value in an off-leash recreation area for pets. Please rank the following criteria, 1-8 (most important to least important for you) , and let us know what other criteria we should consider as we evaluate potential sites in the 6th Park District.

Are you a resident of Park District 6?  Yes  No  Don't Know  
 (approximately between 35W and France Ave, Lake Street and The Crosstown)  
 Are you a dog owner?  Yes  No

*What should we keep in mind in the process of evaluating sites?*

(Please rank 1-8, most to least important to you.)

- Protects Community
- Insures Users' Safety
- Provides Handicapped Accessibility
- Accessible and Walkable for Users.
- Adequate Parking, Doesn't Disrupt Traffic
- Site Design Promotes Positive Use
- Attractive, Respects the Environment
- Builds Community

Other:

Please Return This Post Card ASAP!

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**OFF LEASH RECREATION AREA—SITE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT— PAGE 1/2**

Site Number:

Address:

<b>BUILDS COMMUNITY</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Attractive space					
Complements neighborhood culture and activities					
Complements neighborhood history					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>ATTRACTIVE, RESPECTS ENVIRONMENT</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Meets watershed guidelines and other ordinances					
Fence line would be consistent with natural boundaries					
Has a balance of trees and open space.					
Will not impede on unique vegetation or wildlife (to the best of our knowledge.)					
Will not "stick out like a sore thumb."					
Minimizes soil erosion.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>ADEQUATE PARKING, DOESN'T DISRUPT TRAFFIC</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Available parking spaces	10+ spaces	8-9 spaces	5-7 spaces	less than 5	
Will minimize disruption of residential parking.					
Will minimize disruption of traffic.					
Will be safe for owners, pets and other traffic.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>PROMOTES POSITIVE USE</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Will not displace another active use, such as: (check only one box!) athletic fields sledding hills picnic areas pathways play areas park buildings tot lots wading/swimming pools basketball/tennis/volleyball/horseshoe courts					
Will not adversely impact the enjoyment of adjacent property or parkland.					

I need to know:

Notes:

**OFF LEASH RECREATION AREA—SITE EVALUATION INSTRUMENT—PAGE 2/2**

Site Number:

Address:

<b>ACCESSIBLE AND WALKABLE</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Terrain allows accessibility.					
Walkable to site for many.					
Safe pedestrian access to site.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>PROVIDES HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Could have opportunity for wheelchair use.					
Could have opportunity for access.					
Handicap parking close to site.					
Could have surfaced, wheelchair accessible path from parking to site entrance.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>INSURES USERS' SAFETY</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
One acre open space (not heavily wooded.)					
Not steeply sloped.					
Not completely isolated from other activities.					
Adequate existing lighting in parking and entrance areas.					
Some shaded areas.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>PROTECTS COMMUNITY</b>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Would not compromise neighborhood traffic patterns (pedestrian, car, etc.)					
Would not create congestion around site.					

I need to know:

Notes:

<b>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION NOTES:</b>
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# OLRA- Site Selection Study Process Evaluation

**Please Return by January 24, 5:00 pm**

The Center for Policy, Planning, and Performance- Fax 612-874-0253- 2344 Nicollet Ave. South Suite 330, Mpls MN 55404

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement to the following.

## ***I believe the process was Respectful and Representative of All Voices***

- Everyone's voice respected
- Representative of neighborhood & community voices
- Process unbiased to a particular outcome
- Fair to all involved

**Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    No Opinion**

**Comments:**

## ***I believe the process Created A Broad Base of Agreement and Support***

- Ignites political will and imagination of Minneapolis Parks & Rec. Board
- Builds on the work already done
- Work and actions of the committee provide for future action
- Citizens demonstrate support for findings

**Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    No Opinion**

**Comments:**

## ***I believe the process was an Innovative Process Open to Scrutiny and Input***

- Notifies neighbors of potential sites
- Provide "tools" for collecting feedback from citizens
- Innovative process
- Presents accurate information to citizens and committee members
- Well-documented, timely information
- Thoughtful and deliberate
- Expedient

**Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    No Opinion**

**Comments:**

**I believe the process Built on Assets and Desires of Community**

- Builds community, doesn't divide people
- Demonstrates demand for off-leash areas
- Uses criteria of the committee
- Process not dominated by individuals or groups

**Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    No Opinion**

**Comments:**

**I believe the process Did Not Put Dog Owners Against People Who Don't Own Dogs**

**Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree    No Opinion**

**Comments:**

**Please reflect on the design and facilitation of the process.**

(The following is intended as feedback on my performance as a facilitator. Comments below this line will not be included in the final report of the project. These will be used for my performance evaluation and learning.)

What worked well for you?

What did not work well for you?

What could the facilitator work on?

Any other comments/suggestions?

**Appendix B – Community Input Received by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board from Neighborhoods**

1) Online Survey

**Appendix B Kingfield Neighborhood Association Task Force On-Line Survey Responses**

How valuable would a dog park in Kingfield be to you?

NO

	I'd use it frequently and would be willing to donate time and/or money to its construction.	105
	I would use it occasionally and would be willing to donate time and/or money to its construction.	34
	I may use it, but wouldn't want to put time and/or effort into getting it built.	22
	I'd never use it and would hate to see any one's time and my tax dollars being spent on it.	46
	I do not have a dog, but think it is a good idea and am not opposed to it.	92
	Total	299

2) Open Time

**August 4, 2010**

Brook Lemm-Tabor, 1xx West 38<sup>th</sup> St. read a letter of support for an off leash area at Martin Luther King Park from the Tangletown Neighborhood Association. A copy of the letter is placed on file.

Yohanas Fraser, 3936 Clayton Ave S. spoke in support of an off leash area at Martin LutherKing Park, and asked that attention be placed in determining its location.

**August 18, 2010**

Tisel Elizabeth, 4155 Garfield Ave S. spoke in support of an off-leash dog park at Martin Luther King Park and listed reasons as to why she thought there should be one.

Jennifer Dejonghe 4433 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S. asked that there be a neighborhood dog park and proposed Martin Luther King Park as a location because of her and her children's frequent use of the park.

**October 13, 2010**

Rebecca Horton 46xx Nicollet Ave S, member of the Kingfield Off Leash Dog area task force spoke in support of respectful dialog amongst the neighborhood regarding the topic, and in support of a combined park with renewed memorial.



## 2) Letters of Support

### *Bryant Neighborhood Organization*

May 6, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter serves as a statement of support from the Bryant Neighborhood Organization in reference to a proposed off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King Park.

It is our belief that the proposed designation of an off-leash area will serve as a positive asset to the many dog owners in our neighborhood who would access this area via the 40<sup>th</sup> street pedestrian and bicycle bridge. Neighbors who would merely offer a quick greeting in passing by would now have a common place to gather and establish a sense of community.

In fact, a group of residents from Bryant, Kingfield, and Tangletown reached out to our board this past winter, sharing a plan that uses the 35W sound wall. We agreed that this space is under used and an excellent place for a dog park, as it does not face the residential side of the park, a key detail in making the project work for everyone involved. Furthermore, the core team of residents researching the dog park proposal has done extensive planning on how to provide ball players and fans adequate fencing and space to continue their activities. They have responded to community concerns, such as dog waste, by organizing a clean up at Minnehaha off leash park, which was very successful.

Even in these beginning phases of planning, we already see a positive impact from this core planning team of residents. All of their support is a result of grass roots organization. Members have organized a web site and an account on Facebook, on which you will find extensive, welcoming communication. This group has a positive, can do attitude. They are happy to acknowledge challenges, and work to find solutions. They truly want this to be everyone's park. The attendance and support at the April 27<sup>th</sup> public forum is another small example of their efforts.

Though we strongly support the original plan that was proposed to us which had the off-leash area along the sound barrier wall, we will note that we do have some concerns about a variation which designated an area along the Nicollet Avenue side of the park. The NW corner did not receive the same level of support as the area along the sound wall. This was partially due to the perceived impact of dog barking near the residences along Nicollet Avenue, but also the negative impact on the dogs due to the distraction and noise of being so close to this high traffic corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Scott Belcher*  
*Bryant Neighborhood Organization*



Tangletown Neighborhood Association  
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July 29, 2010

Charlie Dean  
4637 Nicollet Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Re: Off Leash Dog Park

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for taking the time to present the plan for an off leash dog park at Martin Luther King Park to the Tangletown Neighborhood Association Board at our June meeting. Following discussion of this issue at our July meeting, the board voted to support the creation of a dog park at MLK Park. Among the reasons expressed for support were: a. Tangletown residents can walk their dogs to this park, rather than getting in their cars and driving long distances on the highways; b. the park creates an alternative to unlawful off-leash use at neighborhood parks; and c. the park can provide opportunities for people to get to know other neighbors.

We wish you good luck in pursuing this concept.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Mitchell  
President, Tangletown Neighborhood Association

Appendix B.1 Kingfield Neighborhood Association Task Force Yappy hour		6/19/2010										
How did you hear about Yappy Hour?	Are you a FB friend of Kingfield Dogpark?	Do you have an off leash license?	Which off leash areas do you use? Likes/dislikes.	Why no off leash license? Would you get one for MLK?	Have you spent time @ MLK? What for/why not?	How often use off leash area @ MLK park?	Household: adults	Household: children	Household: dogs	Neighborhood	comments	
SW Journal, FB, KFNA e-news	y	y	Minnehaha. Like shade, dislike driving		No, no children	3-4 times/wk	2	0	2	Bryant	I have lived in my home in Bryant for 10 years. I have never used MLK I would use it several times a week if there were an off leash park. A dog park within walking distance is long overdue.	
core team	y	n	Isles (in past); too far away	haven't gotten around to it	daughter's activities, voting and caucusing	1-2 times/wk	2	0	4	KF		
KF newsletter	y	y			No	Daily	2	0	1	KF	Waiting for MLK dogpark, looking forward to more Yappy Hours	
task force	y	n		yes, x 4	Walking thru w/dogs, reading	3-4 times/wk	2	0	4	KF		
KF news	n	n		just got dog today!	yes	never	2	2	1	KF		
SW Journal	n	y	used to use Mhaha & Airport		yes	Daily	2	0	1	KF		
task force	y	n		If driving, go to MAC park, which is free	yes	3-4 times/wk	2	0	4	KF		
KF news	n	y	Mhaha--room to walk		yes, playground	Rarely	1	1	2	KF	My dog is picky about dog parks	
not sure	y	y	river to airport		yes, tennis, basketball, walking dog	1-2 times/wk	1	0	1	KF		
paper	n	n		yes	yes	3-4 times/wk	2	0	1	Powderhorn		
email	n	y	haven't yet		yes, politics	once/week	2	0	4	KF		
FB	y	n		None real close	No	1-2 times/wk	1	0	1	Lyndale		
Art Fair	y	n		yes	no	once/week	3	0	1	Lynnhurst		
SLR	n	y	Isles. Like shady; dislike dusty		yes, all the time	3-4 times/wk	2	0	5	KF		
Mark Ruehle	y	n		I live in Crystal	no	never	2	0	2	Crystal		
Friend	n	n			no	Rarely	1	0	2	Fulton		
My moms	n	y	Airport: like grassy space, dislike bees. River: like rough rocky terrain & river, dislike tent worms		use kiddie pool, play on equipment, brother's baseball games	1-2 times/wk	2	2	1	KF	Wrought iron fencing is unnecessary, will take up time and money and be just as useful as a chain link fence	
KF newsletter	n	n		yes	pool & equipment w/granddaughter		2	1	0			
Spouse		y	Mhaha/Miss. River. Love it: walking, woods, beach, water, lots of space		yes, dog walk, playground and pool when kids younger, rec. soccer	1-2 times/wk, maybe more	2	2	1	KF	Go! (to Park Board) Speak! Fetch! (the go-ahead) Run! Run! Run!	
Work @ odds & ends	n	n			am from CA		1	1	1			
SW Journal, KF newsletter	n	y	Mhaha Falls; love the trails and room for dogs to run		yes, tennis courts	3-4 times/wk	2	0	1	KF	Thanks for organizing this	
Sidewalk Dogs	n	y	Eden Prairie		no, live in EP	Rarely	2	1	1	Eden Prairie		
Spouse	y	y	Mhaha: love the size & river but hate getting in the car		yes, used to throw ball with dog in baseball diamond, bring kids to play and sled	3-4 times/wk	2	2	1	KF	If the large dog area remains @ 40th & Nicollet, I hope there is adequate & ornamental fencing--and it would be great to remove any obstacles in that area (i.e. large sculpture)	
Farmers Market	n	n		I only dog-sit	yes, social events, recreational activities, pool, tennis etc		1	2	varies	KF		

SW Journal	n	y	Isles. Like totally fenced in. Dislike long (!) drive--very winding/bad traffic/tough parking		no	3-4 times/wk	1	0	1	Windom	I am so pleased by the community interest in a dog park
KF newsletter	n	y	The one by the river: open space and water		yes, playground & kite flying	1-2 times/wk	2	3	1	KF	
email	y	n		probably	yes, walking dogs	1-2 times/wk	1	0	2	KF	
FB	y	y	Isles. Like wooded; dislike short fence		yes, walking dogs	3-4 times/wk	2	0	2	KF	
FB	y	y	Mhaha: large size & scenic beauty		no	once/week	2	0	2	CARAG	
friend	n	y	Mhaha: water & nature feel		no, nothing really appeals to me	3-4 times/wk	2	0	2	Powderhorn	
Sarah, in the area	n	y	Mhaha: great to run by the river. Isles: love wood chips, sense of community, safe.		a little, playground	1-2 times/wk	2	1	1	48th & Chicago area	
FB	y	y	Isles		no, no reason to	3-4 times/wk	1	0	1	KF	Let me know how to help
The TV with the built in typewriter thingie	y	y	Isles		no	1-2 times/wk	2	0	1	KF	
Pampered Pooch website	n	n		We don't go to dog parks; wat at lake harriet or neighborhood	no	1-2 times/wk	1	0	1	Linden Hills	
FB	y	n		our dog doesn't do dog parks	walked dogs	my clients would love it	2	0	1	Longfellow	
FB, sign postings	y	n		I would, didn't know it was necessary	yes, it's near	3-4 times/wk	2	0	1	KF	I take bus & public transit. Having a dog park in a neighborhood would be good for me and my dog.
email	y	n		I would if MLK park had an offleash area	YES	3-4 times/wk	1	0	1	KF	
newspaper, SW journal?	n	y	Mhaha--like: the river, huge! Dislike: driving		yes, hanging w kids, events	once/month	1	0	1	Powderhorn	
KF news	n	y	Isles-large area		yes	3-4 times/wk	2	1	2	KF	
	n	n		once I get a dog	Play w daughter once/week, spent a lot of time there growing up		3	1	0	KF	
Alix Kendall on Ch. 9	n	n		Too spendy, I have 3 dogs	yes my kids play there	1-2 times/wk	2	2	3	Central	
FB	y	n		St. Paul provides free off leash parks. Mpls charges high license fee and off leash park fee. Would like to see this go away.	yes	depends on price	1	0	1	Powderhorn	
KF newsletter	n	n		yes, because it is down the street	No	once/week	1	0	1	East Harriet	
FB	y	n		not a park close enough; yes I would	Only for meetings	1-2 times/wk	2	0	1	KF	
KF newsletter	n	n		Yes	Yes, softball	3-4 times/wk	2	1	1	KF	
Farmers Market	y	y	airport		yes	1-2 times/wk	2	0	3	KF	
friends	y	n			yes	once/week	2	3	1	KF	
a sponsor	n	n		Yes. I don't currently bring my dog to any park.	No	Rarely	2	6	1	Longfellow	
friends	n	n		I don't have a dog			2	0	0	Seward	I'm here in solidarity

**Appendix C – Kingfield Neighborhood Association Dogpark Task Force Proposal**

**MPRB**

**Project Development Proposal**

**ML King Dog Park**

May 5, 2010

Organization/Group:

**Kingfield Neighborhood Association**

**Dogpark Task Force**

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**Description of proposed project:**

This proposal is for establishment of an off-leash dog park in Martin Luther King Park, to include two enclosed areas (one for small dogs and one for all dogs), with multiple entrance/exits. The proposed site totals approximately 1.1 acres in area, and is situated along the east side of MLK Park, between the existing tennis bubble, ball fields, and the sound wall owned by MnDOT, making use of the new 35W sound wall as the eastern boundary. MnDOT has expressed support and the approved Urban Partnership Agreement for landscaping along the soundwall has already been designed with an off-leash dogpark in mind. Other appropriate areas in MLK Park could also be considered as alternate sites as long as the overall size of the off-leash areas remains at or above, 1 acre, including the NW corner of the park. See attached graphic.

Basic features of the established off-leash areas would include double-gated entrances/exit areas with ornamental fencing on all street sides, lighting, water, benches, signage, and other additional amenities as agreed on by both the Park board and the Kingfield Dogpark Task Force. The facilities will be built and maintained by MPRB, with the assistance and support of the KFNA Dogpark Task Force and organized users of the Dog Park.

**Facilities affected by the project or program:**

A paved asphalt path does cross through the proposed dog park area. This path would not need to be removed, but an alternative path would be constructed as part of the project, to link the pedestrian bridge to the path that currently crosses the center of the park, thus continuing access for bikers and walkers across the park. No other facilities or programs are affected by this project as the space is unused currently for recreational purposes. There may be other infrastructure issues to be considered, such as existing irrigation system, current snow removal practices, drainage, etc in the proposed eastern location. The NW corner includes a building used by YouthLine staff, picnic/eating area, a path, bus shelter, utility boxes, and public art.

## **How does this project benefit the park board and further its mission?**

*The Off-Leash Dog Park would address the MPRB Mission in the following ways:*

1. *The ML King Dog Park would provide a place for many residents to gather regularly to engage in a community building activity.*

The proposal has received overwhelming support from dog owners from the surrounding neighborhoods, including Kingfield, Lyndale, Tangletown, Bryant, Regina, East Lake Harriet, Central, and Field, who would regularly walk their pets to the King dog park. This would result in residents building relationships with other dog-owners from diverse neighborhoods, as well as building support for the facility as a whole.

The neighborhoods adjoining ML King Park have the second highest number of licensed dogs in the city, but an unusually low rate of purchase of off-leash licenses, likely due to the lack of an off-leash area in Park District 6. We believe that a dog park at MLK Park would result in an increase in purchase of off-leash licenses, and we know it would result in an increase of use of MLK Park.

2. *The ML King Dog Park would provide a place for many residents to gather regularly to engage in a healthy activity that promotes well-being.*

The establishment of the dog park would increase positive social interaction for dog owners; promote walking and outdoor activity; and increase safety and security for all users of ML King Park. The well-being of M.L. King Park would be enhanced by a regular presence of numerous adult neighbors using the eastern edge of the Park from 40<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets, an area that has long been seen as unsafe, and to be avoided.

3. *The ML King Dog Park would bring neighbors who are not current users into ML King Park*

As MPRB strives to provide opportunities for all people, the dog park would create a place for underserved constituencies, including adults without children, who are not currently served by the park's programs and opportunities.

*The Off-Leash Dog Park Would Help Fulfill the MPRB Vision in the Following Ways:*

1/ **"..premier destination that welcomes and captivates residents and visitors."** The off-leash dog park at King would quickly become a destination for neighbors from both sides of 35W. Neighbors would regularly come on their own with their dogs, and would invite visitors to join them for an outing to their neighborhood park. This would be a walking destination in most instances alleviating any added parking concerns.

2/ **"..part of daily life and shape the character of Minneapolis."** The off-leash park at King would change neighbors' use of their local park, making King Park a more vibrant community gathering place.

3/ **"..recreational resources cultivate outstanding experiences, health, enjoyment, fun, and learning for all people."** **"..connecting people to the land and each other."** Many neighbors who do not know each other now will have a year-round reason to regularly meet and share a common good experience

with their pets and neighbors. They will get out and walk the Park in all seasons, experiencing the natural beauty of the four seasons, and sharing news and stories from their neighbors.

4/ **“..safe, and meets the needs of individuals, families, and communities.** The character of use of the off-leash dog park, and the number of neighbors who will use this area, will result in M.L. King Park becoming safer both in reality, and more importantly to the neighborhoods, in perception. There is a clear need expressed by the residents of the Kingfield and surrounding neighborhoods for a place to take their pets where they can safely and legally run and play.

5/ **“..residents are proud stewards and supporters of an extraordinary park and recreation system.”** Those who regularly use this off-leash area will become strong supporters of King Park and the MPRB that provides the opportunity to allow their dogs to run and play ball, as well as their children.

**Statement of Need:**

The need for an off-leash area in District 6 is demonstrated both by statistics, and by the strong support this proposal has generated among residents and dog owners from the neighborhoods surrounding ML King Park. District 6 is the only remaining Parks district without a single off-leash area, even though it has the second highest number of licensed dogs in the city. The unusually low rate of purchase of off-leash permits in the surrounding area demonstrates pent-up demand. (See attached map.) The KFNA Dogpark Task Force has identified hundreds of supporters of this proposal and potential users of the dog park residing in the surrounding neighborhoods.

A dog park in ML King Park would:

- Increase community interaction between residents
- Bring new users to the park
- Serve a diverse population
- Improve safety in the neighborhood and park
- Encourage enjoyment of green spaces within the city
- Increase purchases of off-leash permits to help maintain this and other dog facilities

A number of potential sites have been examined and discussed with residents, MPRB commissioners and MPRB staff over the last 16 months. We are proposing the site we believe best responds to the needs and concerns of all users, but we understand that the particulars of the sites, boundaries and amenities will continue to be shaped by analysis and discussion with MPRB staff and Commissioners, as well as by continuing public input.

**Estimated project or program cost:**

Estimated at \$45,000—to be analyzed/determined by MPRB staff.

**Funds available from Organization:**

KFNA Dogpark Task Force is willing and able to participate in raising funds needed for amenities or elements beyond the basic installation/construction costs.

**Estimated Operating or Maintenance Cost:**

Estimated at \$3000 annually—to be analyzed/determined by MPRB staff

**Funding sources:**

We understand that off-leash license revenues are to be used for establishment and maintenance of off-leash areas. We believe that establishment of this off-leash area will increase those revenues.

**Proposed timeframe:**

ML King Dog Park to be established and in use by fall of 2010.

**List of permits or variances need from other agencies:**

MNDOT

**Commercial, private or public proposal:**

Public

**Has your organization presented a proposal before?**

No.

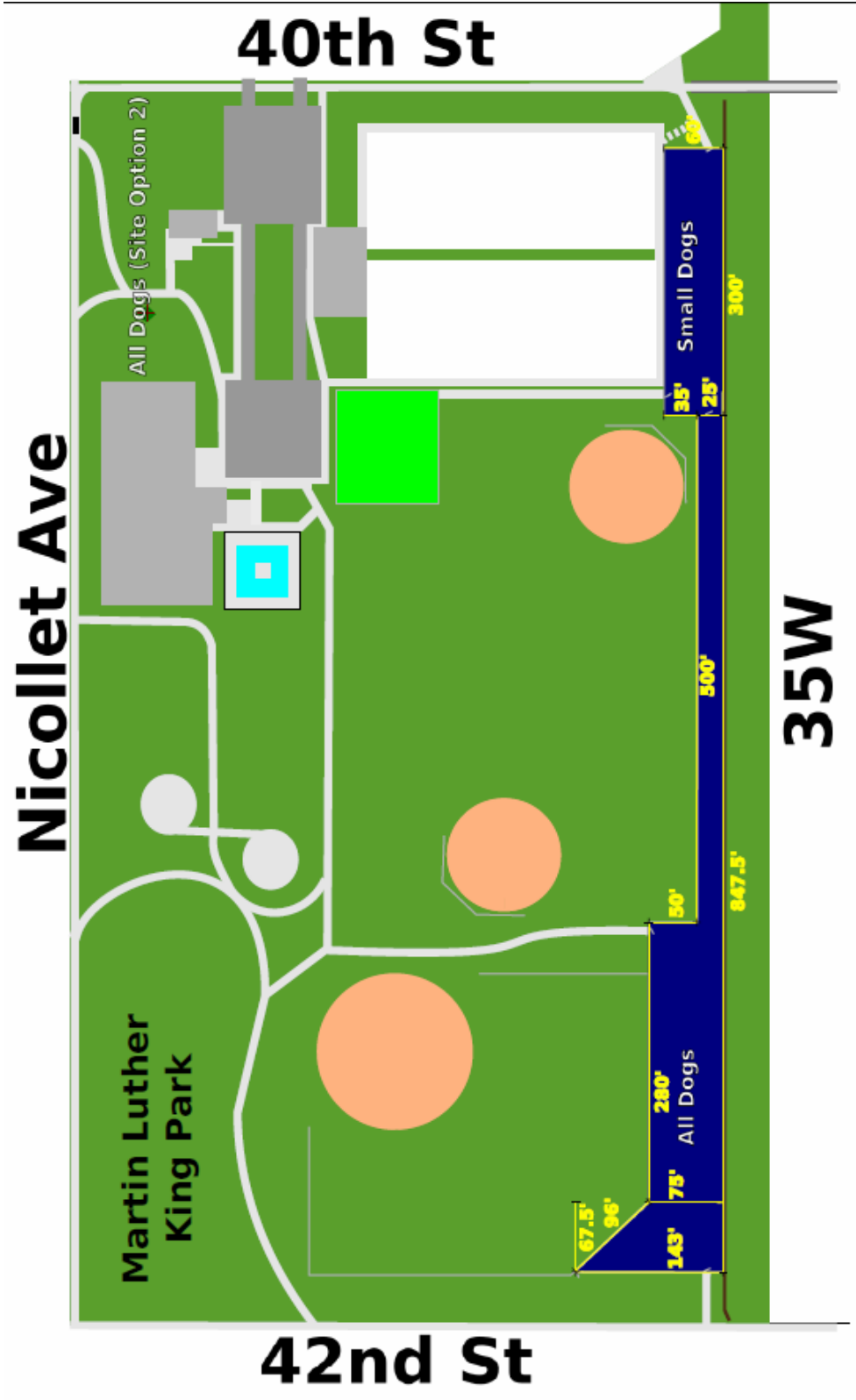
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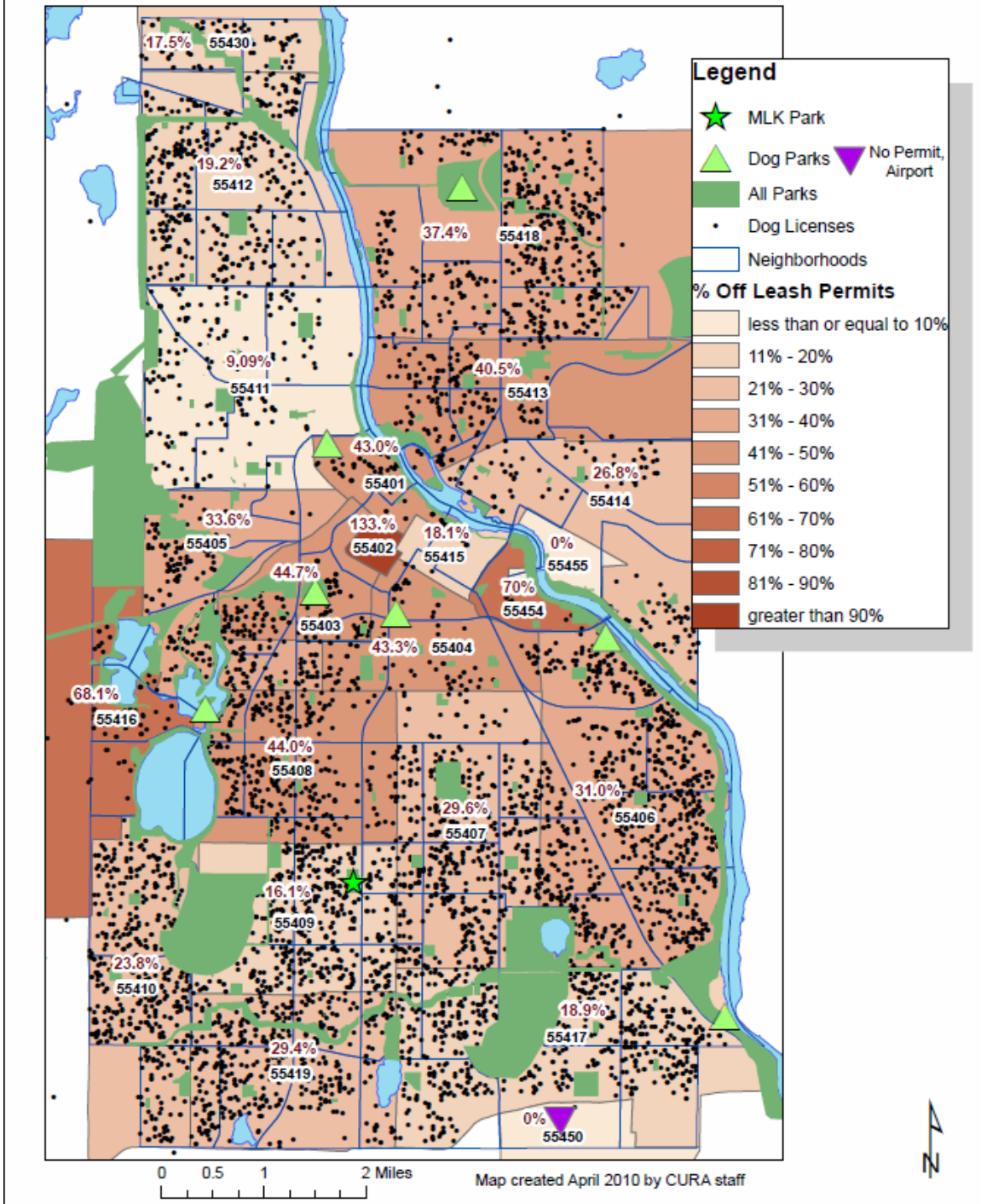


Appendix C.1 Kingfield Neighborhood Dogpark Task Force Proposal Location Map



Appendix C.2 - 2010 Map and Chart of Dog Licenses and Off-Leash Permits

2010 Minneapolis Registered Dog Licenses & Off-Leash Permits



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## 2010 Minneapolis Registered Dog Licenses by Park District and Zip Code

### 2010 Registered Dog Licenses by Park District

Park District	Registered Licenses
1	905
2	799
3	726
4	715
5	1649
6	1464

### 2010 Registered Dog Licenses and Off-Leash Permits by Zip Code

ZIP Code	Registered Licenses	Off-Leash Permits	Ratio of Off-Leash Permits to Registered Licenses
55401	93	40	0.43
55402	3	4	1.33
55403	152	68	0.45
55404	120	52	0.43
55405	250	84	0.34
55406	873	271	0.31
55407	593	176	0.30
55408	368	162	0.44
55409	484	78	0.16
55410	486	116	0.24
55411	187	17	0.09
55412	462	89	0.19
55413	190	77	0.41
55414	138	37	0.27
55415	11	2	0.18
55416	69	47	0.68
55417	645	122	0.19
55418	572	214	0.37
55419	468	138	0.29
55430	97	17	0.18
55450	2	0	0.00
55454	10	7	0.70
55455	0	1	0.00

## Appendix D - Draft Budget Kingfield Dog Park

Preliminary cost estimate

June 3, 2010

Red costs are very rough estimates

### Northwest Corner (All Dog) Proposal

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total	Notes
Decorative fencing along Nicollet and 40th - 5 to 6 ft tall	310	LF	\$28	\$8,680	
Black chain link fencing along sides and rear	370	LF	\$16	\$5,920	
Entry gates	5	EA	\$300	\$1,500	Two Double gates plus vehicle gate
New sidewalk along south of park	960	SF	\$6	\$5,760	
New plant materials along Nicollet - per planting	50	EA	\$80	\$4,000	
Signage - at both entry locations	2	EA	\$200	\$400	
Path demolition - remove asphalt paths	300	LF	\$5	\$1,500	Provided by city?
Lighting modifications/ additions	1	LS	\$2,000	\$2,000	Provided by city?
Install water supply fixture and piping at park building	1	EA	\$1,000	\$1,000	Provided by city?
Tree trimming	1	LS	\$1,500	\$1,500	Provided by city?
Wood chip surface installation	1	LS	?		Provided by city?
Park benches	6	EA	\$400	\$2,400	Provided by city?
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>				<b>\$34,660</b>	

### Northeast (Small Dog) Park Proposal

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total	Notes
Chain link fencing - all sides (4 feet tall)	680	LF	\$14	\$9,520	
Entry gates	3	EA	\$300	\$900	One Double gate plus vehicle gate
Signage - at both entry locations	2	EA	\$200	\$400	
Lighting modifications/ additions	1	LS	\$6,000	\$6,000	Provided by city?
Tree trimming	1	LS	\$200	\$200	Provided by city?
Wood chip surface installation	1	LS	?		Provided by city?
Park benches	4	EA	\$400	\$1,600	Provided by city?
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>				<b>\$18,620</b>	

### ALTERNATE

#### Southeast Corner (All Dog) Proposal - (encompasses path)

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total	Notes
Black chain link fencing along front and rear	260	LF	\$16	\$4,160	
Entry gates	5	EA	\$300	\$1,500	Two Double gates plus vehicle gate
Outfield fence netting	360	LF	\$8	\$2,880	
Lighting modifications/ additions	1	LS	\$10,000	\$10,000	Provided by city? - UNKNOWN
Sprinkler head relocations	4	EA	\$500	\$2,000	Provided by city? - UNKNOWN
Storm drain modification or relocation	1	EA	\$15,000	\$15,000	Provided by city? - UNKNOWN
Tree trimming	1	LS	\$200	\$200	Provided by city?
Wood chip surface installation	1	LS	?		Provided by city?
Park benches	6	EA	\$400	\$2,400	Provided by city?
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST</b>				<b>\$38,140</b>	<b>VERY Rough estimate</b>

## **Appendix E – Background of the Off-Leash Kingfield Dog Park Project**

**Winter 2009** Kingfield Residents approach Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) Board expressing desire for an off-leash park. Residents worked with KFNA to set-up an on-line survey which received over 300 responses (mostly favorable) and door knock neighbors near the park to judge their interest in an off-leash park. Due to overwhelming interest in the idea, KFNA establishes a Kingfield Dogpark Task Force to research feasibility.

**October 2009** Kingfield Dog Park Task Force organized and led a community meeting to share the idea of an off-leash park at Martin Luther King, Jr Park and gather feedback. More than 30 neighbors attended, as well as Minneapolis Park Board Staff.

**Winter 2009/10** Kingfield's Dog Park Task Force developed an off-leash plan (see Off-Leash Study Areas Map, Zone 2) that responded to many of the concerns they had heard regarding a new off-leash park. The proposed site totaled about 1.1 acres in area, and was situated along the east side of Martin Luther King, Jr Park, making use of a piece of land bordered by the new 35W sound wall. The proposal included two fenced areas, one for small dogs only, and multiple entrances/exits from different sides.

**April 14, 2010** Kingfield's Dog Park Task force presented the draft plan to the KFNA Board. The KFNA Board voted to create a statement of support in favor of an off-leash dogpark at Martin Luther King, Jr Park and also 1) established the Task Force as a KFNA committee, 2) granted permission for the committee to present the draft plan to the Park Board, and 3) use the KFNA name for fundraising for the project.

**April 27, 2010** MPRB Commissioners Bourn, Fine and Erwin express concept support of an off-leash dog park at MLK Park, and called a community meeting to share the idea of an off-leash park at Martin Luther King, Jr Park and to gather feedback from stakeholders and constituents. Over 100 people attended the meeting.

**May 5, 2010** Kingfield's Dogpark Committee presents the Zone 2 Off-Leash Draft Plan to the Park Board during Open Time. The Park Board refers the project to the Planning Committee and directs District staff to work with residents to refine a proposal.

**May 2010** District Park Staff request the Committee also consider the northwest corner of the park for the All-Dog area. An estimated budget was developed and shared with MPRB for each of the proposed sites (SE and NW corner all-dog options, and NE corner small dog area.)

**July 22, 2010** MPRB calls a community meeting in conjunction with the neighborhood and park's annual summer festival to get feedback on off-leash concept areas Zone1 and Zone 2. No specifics were given on dimensions, costs or budget.

**September 2, 2010** MPRB calls a second community meeting to gather input on revised study areas in the northeast and southeast corners of the park.

### July 22 Off-leash Dog Park Study Areas



Martin Luther King Jr Park

# Questionnaire

**Please take a moment to review the study areas map with Zone 1 and Zone 2, and complete the questions below.**

## Zone 1 (40th and Nicollet Corner)

4. Considering Zone 1, what do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of providing an off-leash dog area in this location?

Strength:

Weakness:

5. Considering Zone 1, are there specific park features, areas, or amenities within this zone that should not be included within an off-leash dog area?

## Zone 2 (along 35W Sound Wall)

6. Considering Zone 2, what do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of providing an off-leash dog area in this location?

Strength:

Weakness:

7. Considering Zone 2, are there specific park features, areas, or amenities within this zone that should not be included within an off-leash dog area?

## Overall Location Questions

8. Combining parts of Zone 1 and 2 to create areas for large and small dogs has been proposed. What do you feel are the benefits or limitations of that concept?

9. Please describe the design features, such as size, amenities for pets and visual impact, that are important to you when considering the development an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

### **Please tell us about yourself (optional).**

The following questions will help us better understand the needs of different groups of people. Your responses are optional and completely confidential.

10. What are the primary activities/facilities you do/use at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park?

- |                                              |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Meetings  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Festivals | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Softball            | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Playground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gym              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wading Pool      |

Other

11. How do you typically get to the park?

- |                                |                               |                                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus  |                                 |

12. Do you live in Minneapolis? Y N

13. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many of the following are in your household are:

- #  Children/youth under 18 years old
- #  Adults 18 to 64 years old
- #  Adults over 65 years old
- #  Dogs

15. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Y N

16. Which best describes your race? *(Mark one or more)*

- |                                                      |                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African Am.          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Am. Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian                | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander |
- Other Race: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Contact information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for participating in this questionnaire.**



# Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

# QUESTIONNAIRE



**Dear Neighbor or Park Visitor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park:**

**The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board would like to know your level of support and preferences for possible locations for an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.**

**Your responses will help with the review of a community-based proposal for an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the development of recommendations for the park.**

*Please circle one.*

1. Do you support an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park? Yes No Maybe

2. If you indicated "No" or "Maybe" for question 1, please complete questions a-d below:

a. Would you support an off-leash dog area in a different park? Yes No

b. Do you currently use off-leash dog areas in Minneapolis? Yes No

c. How frequently do you currently visit Martin Luther King Jr. Park?

Never Daily Weekly Monthly Seasonally Yearly

d. Please share your concerns about an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

3. If you indicated "Yes" for question 1, please complete the question a-e below:

a. Do you currently use off-leash dog areas in Minneapolis? Yes No

b. How frequently do you currently visit Martin Luther King Jr. Park?

Never Daily Weekly Monthly Seasonally Yearly

c. How frequently would you use a off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King Jr. Park?

Never Daily Weekly Monthly Seasonally Yearly

d. How willing are you to help with the upkeep and maintenance of a potential off-leash dog area? *Please select one.*

- I would take care of my own pet.
- I would volunteer yearly.
- I would volunteer a couple times each year.
- I would volunteer monthly.
- I would volunteer weekly.

e. How important do you think it is to have separate areas for large and small dogs (20 pounds or less)? *Please select one.*

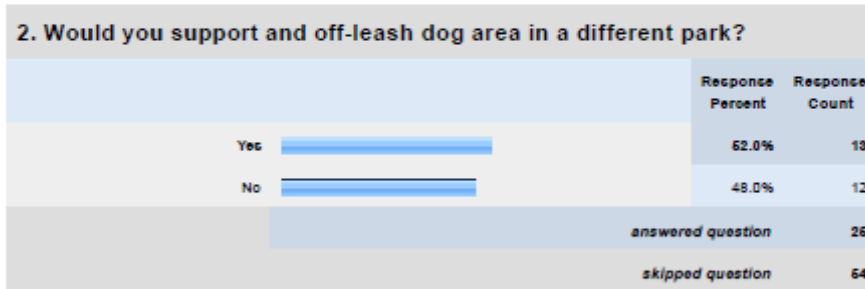
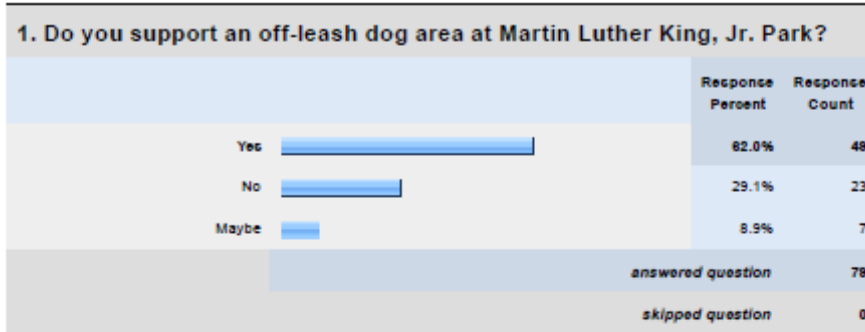
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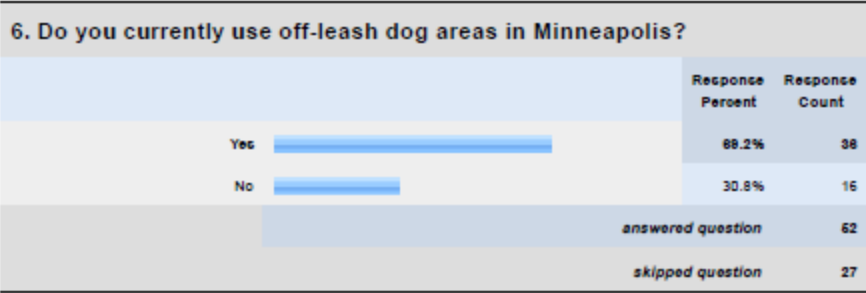
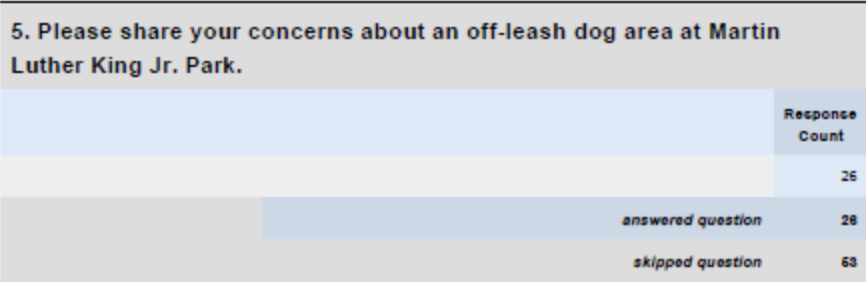


## Appendix H – Public Comments from July 22, 2010 Dog Park Meeting

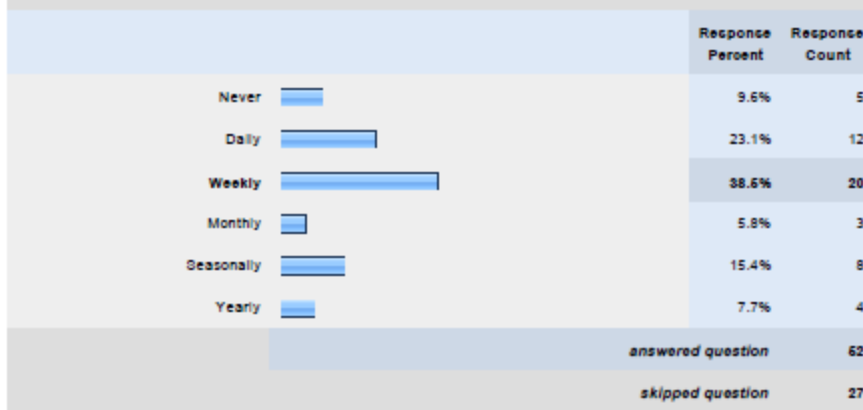
### Survey Responses

#### 2010 Martin Luther King Park - Off Leash Dog Area

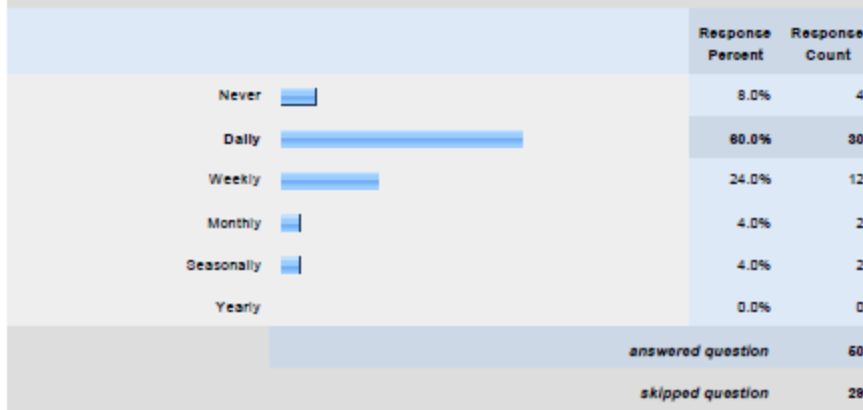


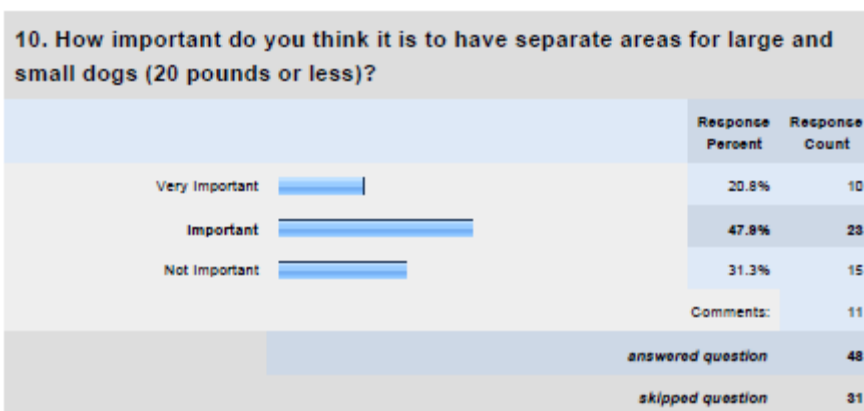


7. How frequently do you currently visit Martin Luther King Jr. Park?



8. How frequently would you use an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King Jr. Park?





See responses to questions 11-19 below in the “Open Ended Question” section.

**20. What are the primary activities/facilities you do/use at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Community Meetings	85.7%	48
Community Festivals	45.7%	32
Baseball	4.3%	3
Softball	7.1%	5
Soccer	7.1%	5
Football	4.3%	3
Dog Walking	50.0%	35
Programming	12.9%	9
Tennis	20.0%	14
Visit Playground	28.6%	20
Gym	8.6%	6
Wading Pool	22.9%	16
Other		5
<b>answered question</b>		<b>70</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>8</b>

**21. How do you typically get to the park?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Walk	74.3%	66
Drive	27.0%	20
Bike	12.2%	9
Bus	4.1%	3
Other (please specify)		2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>74</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>

**22. Do you live in Minneapolis?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	73
No	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>73</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>8</b>

## Survey Responses – Open Ended Questions

<p><b>Please share your concerns about an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King Jr. Park</b></p>
<p>All dogs got teeth.</p> <p>I won't feel comfortable around them.</p> <p>I am afraid of them.</p> <p>I'm older now.</p>
<p>Memorial Park</p> <p>Safety</p> <p>Upkeep</p>
<p>I don't think people clean up after their animals.</p>
<p>This is a park for children not for dogs. People do not clean up after the dogs.</p>
<p>I would like it to be supported by immediate neighbors to the park. Make sure it doesn't take area used by people.</p>
<p>I don't believe it's a suitable site for a dog park. I don't think it should be at a rec center. I think the space is too small and too close to ball fields and play areas. Both zone should remain an area for people to recreate.</p>
<p>This is a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, not a dog park, park used for kids and families.</p>
<p>smell and noise level, esp. if zone 1 is chosen</p>
<p>It seems to be disrespectful for the name and or person the park is named for or after.</p>
<p>Traffic</p> <p>Noise</p>
<p>I am strongly against this in MLK Jr. Park</p>
<p>Noise to adjoining neighbors ruins some of the open spaces.</p> <p>Any site within the park is a compromise.</p> <p>Odor of dog wastes (need to be by parking lot)</p> <p>Poor visual impact, reduced value of homes across Nicollet.</p>
<p>They don't clean up as it is now!!!</p>
<p>I am concerned about zone 2 because those areas are currently used by athletic groups. Zone 1 would have aesthetic challenges and would not be a peaceful area for dogs.</p>
<p>I worry that it will be loud and ugly.</p>
<p>I do not think a park like MLK, which is small in area, should be used for a off-leash dog area. There are limited resources for recreation in this area of MPLS and this park could be better used to serve the children and families.</p>
<p>with it being on park property who would pay if someone would get hurt or a dog goes after another dog? Who will clean up after the wood chips? The smell at some of the other parks are terrible and with this humidity.</p>
<p>Because of the name and what it stands for</p>
<p>Dog poo all over park</p>
<p>People don't clean up after their dogs</p>

I don't feel there is enough room. The houses on Nicollet and the surrounding area are too close. Too much noise throughout the day.
Possibility of people not wanting the park here and opening gates.
So much is happening at the park. So many people using the space - is there room?
Small space and parking on 40th St
On a busy street. Not pleasant to be there with the dogs.
noise, wear and tear on grass, dog waste
<b>How important do you think it is to have separate areas for large and small dogs (20 pounds or less)?</b>
This person uses Three Rivers Dog Park and the Airport Dog Park
I have a 10 lb Japanese Chin
I don't know
Good, but not necessary
In between Important and Not Important
I live one block away.
would use dog park ALMOST daily
Don't currently use dog parks because i would have to drive.
specifically in this area. It doesn't seem large enough.
My dog sometimes harrases small dogs. I would volunteer daily.
Don't have a dog at present but have used Lake of the Isles
<b>Considering Zone 1, what do you think are the strengths in providing an off-leash dog area in this location?</b>
best spot
Too many small children play in area
none of those!
none of the above
Baller parking - a easy access - easier access - larger square area
it's a VERY lovely space for humans
Will not work
Largest area
Not an area I see being used by other activities frequently.
Nearer to a parking lot
Don't see any strengths.
No way
high visibility to promote use of facility
more space for adequate exercise of dogs, better outreach into the public, attract more pedestrian visitors, better shade trees for all day protection
none
Shaded
Nice compact shady area
None
Lots of trees for shade, keep down crime
Large enough for all size dogs. Shaded, currently not used much by sports people or picnics.
Zone 1 looks to be the least expensive approach, and the other zone (2) is very narrow and would impose people walking the path.
Socialization

High visibility
Large area, running room, good shade
Water
Nice big area for dogs. Visible so women would feel safe.
N/A
light, drainage, trees
Larger area, visibility, more people in park, more eyes, safety improved. Water and lighting.
Brings people together w/ common interest-meet neighbors. Safe, contained area for dogs. Larger space w/ many trees.
Giving neighbors w/dogs an opportunity to enjoy w/ their dogs a chance to congregate.
Visibility. Water. Light.
Unused area of park
It is within walking distance of Kingfield, Tangletown, Bryant, and Field-Regina neighborhood. Park district 6 is the ONLY one without a dog park.
Bigger?
Zone 1 will cost less to fence. It is a comprehensive area. Less money and time to lay woodchips.
visibilty
+ for neighborhood
Promotes the park as friendly to all "families". lots of shade-good use of under-utilized portion of the park. Would show good community us. Trees would allow for interference from bad behavior.
Pretty area. Not as narrow as zone 2
least used area of the park. tree lover
under-used area
dogs could run; h2o around
not often used area
potential gate off busy street
<b>Considering Zone 1, what do you think are the weaknesses in providing an off-leash dog area in this location?</b>
no children area
Too close to street
Too busy of an area:
-busy street and sidewalk, bus stop.
-blocks path-entrance or walk way to MLK building
-too small of an area
none of the above
none
SMELL and NOISE in close proximity to sidewalks and rocks: concern re. pedestrians, people waiting at bus stop, neighbors. Also, what impact would urine have on health of trees?? Also, parking?
parking
Closest neighbors
Not very inviting
Might be an eyesore on a busy intersection. Not a very peaceful location for the dogs.



It is on a busy street, it will ruin one of the nice parts of the park and it will put the dog park right next to the community gathering spot. It is also right next to a bus stop and kids and others may be afraid of dogs.
There is a office at the top of the hill. I would not like to be working and listening to barking dogs and come outside to the smell because you are not cleaning up urine.
Close to bus stop
-close to traffic/foot traffic
-visual aesthetic of Nicollet impaired by fence
food and fire hazards at nearby picnic patio
bus stop/tennis court/houses too close - disruptive
Close to bus stop and major street
Too close to street and bus stop. Busy corner - too small for big dogs.
Horrible location. Basically my front yard.
Location
By bus stop and busy street
Too close to Nicollet but still the best option.
Too small can cause fights
Too close to traffic on Nicollet. Not very "park-like."
Crabapple trees may be at risk. Is it large enough? Traffic is heavy, maybe dangerous.
Traffic noise
Residents in this area already live with parking and pedestrian traffic and noise having the community center and picnic area/facilities across from our property.
Close to Nicollet
close to road-fencing would need to be decorative
Neighbors may no like noise/possible smell. Lots of noise/cars.
Small-but we'll take it!
Near noisy traffic. Too small
Closer to residences
Might scare pedestrians
It is not as big, has less room to throw a ball.
traffic. pedestrians
distraction for cars
not large enough for 2 parks for small and large dogs.
Nicollet Ave itself is very busy. Separation from zone 2. My small dog likes to visit both small and large dog areas. At Lake of the Isles, there is a gate within the dog park area between the 2 areas.
close to residents homes.
closer to traffic
-bus stop
-busy intersection
-closer to traffic
close to bus stop
small area
smaller than 2

<b>Considering Zone 1, are there specific park features, areas, or amenities within this zone that should not be included within an off-leash dog area?</b>
no
none of the above
south side of walkway (area with sculpture) should NOT be included.
Will not work
I believe the building and patio are needed for other purposes.
No opinion
-may need to consider stormwater runoff issues due to pet waste contamination and proximity of area relative to storm drains. some setback from sidewalk may be needed to address this issue.
more picnic activity to better locations within the park
No
No - this is the best option. Good for all size dogs. Bus stop would need to be outside of fencing.
No
Unknown
No
No
No
No, all area should be considered.
No
no-actually feel it should encompass the concrete patio as well to discourage dangerous bbqing near old structure.
Not next to the tot lot or wading pool.
no
picnic tables
n/a
none
obviously, any trees are going to have to be cordoned off or protected in some way.
<b>Considering Zone 2, what do you think are the strengths in providing an off-leash dog area in this location?</b>
none of these
More secluded, definitely better
none of the above
none
It's DISCREET. Those who aren't dog owners/lovers would be less affected visually.
least impact to neighbors behind tennis dome could be small but still useful dog park
Peaceful, not visible from street.
It will make the park safer by bringing people to a more secluded part of the park. It also won't disturb residents.
No opinion
Out of area of children
hides facility better
less public-fare change for the park
Further from homes on Nicollet
Long run/shaded area/space
Long run area

Not visible from the neighborhood
Location
Length for running
Less graffiti, keep down crime, nice run for dogs, good use of area
Would allow dogs to run long distances, away from Nicollet.
Good but not as good as 1, but better than nothing
None
Far away from traffic
This is a better area than zone 1, more space. The midsection doesn't pose any risk for killing trees.
Good running area for fetch
Ability for large dogs to run. Quiet/away from traffic.
If it's the only alternative
Next to highway-away from already overburdened residents.
Away from traffic
out of the way
Could have two separate areas. Away from houses. Basically unused.
Great length to allow the dogs to really run!
Large enough for a good run by large dogs.
Currently less used
under-utilized part of park. Eliminates crime behind bubble.
It is within walking distance of Kingfield, Tangletown, Bryant, and Field-Regina neighborhood. Park district 6 is the ONLY one without a dog park.
Closer to me house.
More room
removed from park
away from park, better access
If entire area as depicted on maps was available could easily be shared by large and small dogs-part behind tennis would be great for small dogs.
It's an areas that is not used much right now. There is a connection between small/large dogs areas.
resident on Nicollet don't have as much reason to no want the park
out of the way. It's an otherwise unused space.
-long corridor to allow dogs to run and stretch
-out fo the way of foot traffic
nice and long
has a fence (sound wall)
space is more suitable to run adn play ball
lots off space-great dog run!
room for "cart races".
MLK would start a whole new revolution of fun; dog racing
It would populate an otherwise secluded area
<b>Considering Zone 2, what do you think are the weaknesses in providing an off-leash dog area in this location?</b>
very hidden (i.e. scary)
Maybe too narrow

-too close to ball fields
-This area of park is actively used by park users to recreate. What would happen to bike path? Trees?
none of the above
it's the only quiet area in the park - also too long (too evasive of a design distracting to sports areas-also fear of spreading bacteria)
Should not be a dog park at MLK park
Would it impoze on the soccer/ball fields in any way? SMELL? NOISE? Would definitely NOT want it to hamper use of fields in any way.
lots of children and walkers
not very wide
This is not for dog training
These areas are frequently used by other higher priority groups!
no large open area for dogs to play/more linear than other option
smaller area, less shade, more disruption to casual sports activities
Close to homes on Stevens, ballparks - disruptive walkway
Major street/close to fields
MNDOT \$30,000 path issue
What about walking path?
None
None
None
Too close to ball fields, too long and skinny for all size dogs.
Very narrow and obstructive to walkers.
Too small. Snow removal.
More of a dog run than a dog park.
Hidden behind tennis courts.
Too skinny
The area I would use is close to Curran's; the aroma of bacon would drive my dog crazy
Not big enough an area. It's hidden from neighborhood view.
Long and skinny
used by soccer teams, long and straight
Useable areas are smaller.
None
Funny shape, but probably the beat possible in this park.
Safety concerns
Narrow
Smaller?
More costly to fence. More time consuming to clean. More cost for woodchips.
parking
less traffic-more chances of thugs.
drainage sites, lack of shade
Very log/narrow site. I like to keep my eye on my dog very closely; this might be an issue. but I think it looks narrower than it is.
so so skinny
-balls from baseball field
-not as many trees

too skinny
narrow
gate on 42nd bad idea
maybe wood chips might be needed.
none
<b>Considering Zone 2, are there specific park features, areas, or amenities within this zone that should not be included within an off-leash dog area?</b>
yes all areas
none of the above
the dog park
No
No
Too close to ball fields. Would be distractive to players.
No
Unknown
No
Benches for people. Water dishes in a rack.
No
No
No, all area should be considered.
I do think the path should stay open for public use.
None- maybe a opaque barrier separating ball field.
Not next to tot lot or wading pool.
I would say the pathway but it just wouldn't be worth it at that point.
part by football field
no
<b>Combining parts of Zone 1 and 2 to create areas for large and small dogs has been proposed. What do you feel are the benefits or limitations of that concept?</b>
don't need dog park
none of the above
40th & Nicollet best area for both large and small park
takes up too much space
Dogs are not needed
Some people have both sized dogs. Some owners worry around other size dogs.
I would say that zone 1 should not be used.
This would occupy too much space
Folks with small dogs seem to be protective and large dogs get the bad rap for roughhousing. Gives all dogs ability to be around all sizes.
I like combining zone 2 for big dogs and zone 1 for little dogs.
No. One park, one area
Keeps small dogs safe and socialized with same size dogs.
I think you only need one
Would be great but more expensive and more difficult to pass, so unsure of trying to pursue
Gives small dogs safe area
Great!
I am in favor of both zone 1 and zone 2

large dogs need more running room. They can run into little dogs.
Good for timid/small dogs
No opinion
Too much space would be used. The primary purpose of space in the park should be to accomodate people-not dogs.
Benefits-safe, keep dogs of like energies together
Great idea! Small dogs dont need as much space for the smaller spot
It's all a POSITIVE for the dogs and people!
The large dogs would need the larger area provided by (most of) zone 2.
Splits up dog owners
Zone 1 and area behind bubble of zone 2 makes most sense and best utilization.
Small dog owner could be seen by large dog owners at dusk.
If a small dog area goes in it should take up a much smaller area but it would be good to have for safety reasons,
nice idea. size cut-off could be in dispute.
I think it would be a great idea! That would allow folks with small or disabled pets a safe place as well as allow others to play freely.
Not next to tot lot or wading pool
Great idea if it were a unanimous yes. That doesn't feel like there's compromise in a deal like that.
great idea!
-socialization-limitation
-not necessary to have 2 parks
great - the more space the better
zone 2 is too long
should be 3 areas that are looked at
owners of small dogs vs. large dogs are just different types of people. :)
I have seen some scary dogs. Would pit bull fighting type dogs be allowed with small dogs.
<b>Please describe the design features, such as size, amenities for pets and visual impact, that are important to you when considering the development an off-leash dog area at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.</b>
shouldn't have one in
none of the above
aesthetic fencing. Daily maintenance. Health of TREES.
No ugly chain-link fences.
LOCATION
Larger site would be nice, but will take what we can get.
There needs to be adequate space for dogs to play and run
Hills/trees/river - Like a kingdom for dogs who are adventurous
Nice fence and organized clean-up plan for user to take care of park.
Black fencing, trash cans, poop bags, tree for shade, water spigot would be nice but not necessary.
Most off-leash dog parks have bags for picking up and trash containers. I would prefer ___ remains as opposed to cedar chips.
Keep all trees, provide poop bags, nice fencing same landscape

Model it after the other Mpls dog parks for design, size, etc.
As much space as possible
Duluth has a dog bag stand for owners who did not bring enough bags.
Strict enforcement of dog waste removal and noise ordinances.
Space and Fencing
H2O, fence, landscaping
Soft ground, enough room to throw a ball, proper waste management, doesn't impact.
I'd love it to be biggerbut I would be absolutely thrilled to have it!!
Water is important
Impactful fencing along Nicollet
Entire size should be at least 1 acre. Fence along Nicollet should be done by local artist.
I wish it could be bigger/more wooded but i love the idea of being able to walk there and reduce my carbon footprint, and meeting neighbors.
It should work into the landscape as much as possible.
Fencing, multiple access points, place for owners to sit, trash receptacle, drinking fountain for people and dogs.
I'd like to think that we would do this right and not use industrial looking materials, especially in zone 1. Zone 2 doesn't have the curb appeal so not quite as .....Zone 1 could be a real eye catcher, w/ plants, etc.
Although i have a smaller dog, people have mentioned they would want a high fence for their (larger) dogs can't jump over.
shade
-flat for better eyesight of pet (to keep your eye on)
-needs to be large enough to allow for running
-tree coverage (some)
-water access? h2o fountain?
big enough to throw a ball and RUN
must have nice fencing to shrubs
-I don't like bark chips at Lake of the Isles
-ability to throw ball to my dog
zone 2 has potential to really run down the big dogs. lots of running room.
H2O, first aid, bathroom, garbage.
<b>Additional Comments:</b>
I don't believe rec centers should be used as site for off leash dog park. Green space at parks should be a place where adults/children can recreate.
-More input needs to be collected from the community as a whole, not just supporters of the dog park. Esp. from the non-English speakers who use the park.
In memory of MLK, I would like to respect his contributions to our country and house the dog park at another site.
This is an excellent questionnaire. T.Y.
It bothers me that this proposal was begun by a few scofflaws who felt they and their dogs were above the leash laws.
I am not against a dog park but will actively work to make sure it is not in zone 1.
Kingfield NEEDS a dog park NOW!

<p>It is my belief that this will be the only true neighborhood dog park due to the smaller size. This is beneficial to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-build community</li> <li>-reduce traffic (vehicle)</li> <li>-encourage foot traffic</li> <li>-have sense of ownership for park</li> </ul> <p>I do NOT think this will become a destination dog park since other facilities are much larger if vehicle traffic is used to get to park. I like this feature of a smaller park.</p>
<p>Small vs. large dog park -</p> <p>I think there should be one. Off-leash parks/dog owners should know the basics of the park, a place to socialize our pups so they become better canines. Take responsibility.</p>
<p>I think that a dog park would be a great asset to the MLK Park.</p>
<p>I just moved into the area and used to live by the Calhoun dog park and highly miss it. If this works it would be the best thing for our family and community. Please approve.</p>
<p>the Kingfield neighborhood has the highest population of dog owners in the Twin Cities and a dog park is needed in this neighborhood. MLK park makes the most sense. Those who live in the neighborhood can walk to this location.</p>
<p>Need long area for running of large dogs.</p>
<p>4101 Blaisdell Ave S. Lots of neighborhood people all day with dogs.</p>
<p>It is completely inappropriate to add further large areas of pedestrian traffic to our homes when there is an area capable of accommodating this community accommodation next to a highway soundwall-where I expect less residents will be bothered.</p>
<p>No preference but would consider neighbor input and safety should be a big concern. Minimize inconvenience for non-dog lovers.</p>
<p>I like the proposal with decorative, wrought iron fencing along Nicollet.</p>
<p>This would be such a lovely neighborhood "come together."</p>
<p>I've seen chairs/picnic tables/large hollow log (that a dog can explore/run through) and water station at Lake of the Isles. As well as plastic bag storage or garbage cans. I would like to see that at this park.</p>
<p>It seems like this zone is the least used area in the park. Being in favor of a dog park, this is my choice zone.</p>
<p>landscaping (trees/shrubs) to cover view from the street. maybe not look like as much of an "eyesore" to those that oppose the dog area.</p>
<p>This dog park would be utilized by the large # of dog owners in the area. A closer park would encourage more to register their dogs which ultimately benefits everyone.</p>
<p>When I had a dog the nearest dog park was 7 miles away.</p>

### Additional Comments

Dr. Johnson

- Lived in neighborhood whole life
- Park was renamed in 1968 as Martin Luther King Jr Park
- This is a memorial park, doesn't want dog mess on groups



- It is used by his kids and grand kids for basketball, football and base ball.
- Kids have a long history in park
- Anything that takes away from honor Martin Luther King Jr should not be in park
- There needs to be a plaque for Martin Luther King Jr outside
- Concerned that dogs won't be attended
- Does not support a dog park

#### Resident 2

- There will be opposition from all over Minneapolis for this dog park. Need to take it to another park.
- Opposed to dog park by restaurant
- Concerned about dog waste and dogs jumping fences
- There needs to be a better place
- Shouldn't be in an area where there is concern about children's safety
- Prefers the tennis bubble location versus the NW corner

#### Resident 3

- Doesn't want any dog park here
- Doesn't believe people would clean up after their dogs
- This is a kids park
- Concerned about the smell
- Concerned about pit bulls
- Need to research dog parks and the facts about how they work, concerns about urine and poop smell and whether there will need to be more police
- Even the least used part of park may have impact
- Any site within park will be a compromise
- May need to do some additional surveying
- Should it be an experiment with a check back a few months later
- Might drop property values
- What is the ethnicity of dog owners

#### Resident 4

- Being King Park – Need to celebrate that
- Martin Luther King Jr was a community leader and worked for strong communities. The dog park will help bring more people to the park
- The opposition and support seems very racially divided. This needs to be addressed.
- Concern that people came from north Minneapolis to speak against the park
- Not concerned about parking

#### Resident 5

- People can bring dogs to the park on-leash, don't know why we need an off-leash option.

Mary

- Have it behind the tennis courts
- Don't include the peace statue
- Statue needs a plaque

Resident 7

- Lives at 4101 Blaisdell and didn't receive a postcard for the meeting

## **Appendix I September 2 Off-leash Dog Area Public Meeting Comments at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.**

1. Oppose
  - Disappointed at 1<sup>st</sup> meeting re: type of meeting.
  - Had never heard of interest in dog park
  - Solution of \$30,000 – use to beautify the park, hire youth
  - Don't need dog park
  - Don't support
2. Support
  - Dog parks create community
  - Dogs are how some people have a family
  - Happy to remove dog park from NW corner
  - Concerned the issue becoming a race thing
  - Supports
3. Oppose
  - Woof, loves dogs, but not at MLK Park
  - Dogs in MLK Jr days were not looked upon well
  - Doesn't support
4. Oppose
  - Dog park would dishonor park
  - Those responsible for changing name would be concerned
  - Dog park would take away dream, dream has not been fulfilled
  - Opposed
5. Opposed
  - MLK Jr Park to be the family park is has always been
  - Park has changed, amenities have been taken away
6. Oppose
  - Need to honor the MLK Jr history of the park
  - Uses off-leash areas
  - How we can all keep dream alive
  - Supports having a backyard for dogs
7. Support
  - Missing point when talking opponents about disrespecting MLK Jr
  - Dog park will bring more people into the park
8. Oppose
  - Dog parks currently w/in 15 minutes
  - Dogs were not MLK Jr's friend
  - People won't pick up after their dogs
  - Don't take anything from kids, worried about safety
9. Support
  - MLK Jr could bring people together
  - Kids love her dogs
  - Dog park might help community take park back

10. Support
  - Believe in building community, dogs build community
  - Intergenerational
  - 14- & 16-year olds will come back
  - Car uses gas, wants to walk to a dog park
  - Excited about looking at all needs of the park and what has been taken away overtime
11. Support
  - Opportunity for more exercise
  - Kids love dog parks, want to walk due to environmental factors
12. Oppose
  - The park is sacred ground
  - Long history with children using park
  - No place does the park say “memorial”
  - This park belongs to kids
  - Only association with dog was negative
  - 100 dog bites last year and 18 were in dog parks
13. Support
  - Started coming to park when got a dog
  - Exercise, meet community members, families, people would become interested in MLK, support memorial
  - Wants to walk to park, social dog doesn't bark
  - Would bring activity – a busy park is a safe park
14. Oppose
  - Hope we are talking about whether vs where we have a dog park
  - If history was known, community would not propose
  - Find another park within system (182 properties)
15. Support
  - Designers consider what makes a park a success
  - Success = safe – how do you make it that way?
  - Bryant Square in NY is vibrant, vital, and people feel safe
16. Support
  - Dr in sociology want to know why is a dog park against Martin Luther King?
  - Who decides that dog parks are against MLK Jr? Dog parks bring good element to park
  - Need to consider logic: studies show communities are built with good amenities
17. Support
  - Brings people to park, creates safety and you get to know your neighbors
18. Oppose
  - We are pitted against each other, stating own opinions
  - High emotions on several issues at park (money and naming)
  - Trampling over feelings. Can't deny them. Neighborhood would feel disrespected.
  - Wish we could have gotten together earlier to have a productive talk

- Park named 1 ½ years after MLK killed
19. Oppose
- Values as a community will guide how we move through this together
  - Dog park / memorial are one issue
  - Improve sculpture, programs for families
  - Not a place for dog parks
  - Research missed a critical thing
  - Petition the park board to improve the park
  - Emotions are important
  - Enhancing the memorial is the way forward.
20. Oppose
- Insult to have African American fight against dog park
  - Under represented in local government
  - Will bring everyone out opposed to dog park
  - Don't oppose dogs, take them to another park
  - Kids need to know this is a special park
  - Will fight a dog park at MLK Jr. Park
  - It is a problem if you don't understand why this is disrespectful
21. Support
- Family dynamics have changed – children are four-legged
  - Dog park task force did not choose NW corner
  - Would love to go to other parks, can't find another park
  - Park lacks regular use
  - Would build community
22. Support
- This is not an either/or issue. Currently there are dogs at the park. It's not a question of dogs or no dogs.
  - Kids soccer program – goal to bring families into King Park. Community is afraid to use park
  - Dog park has same goal – more users.
23. Support
- King looked forward to all god's children hand in hand. He had nothing against dogs.
  - Prejudice against dogs?
  - We can compromise: have a dog park and work on the memorial
24. Support
- Dogs need socializing too
  - Several dog parks, but none with a playground nearby
  - Important to make use of park, would positively affect life, unite as community
    - Size too small
    - Kingfield has highest number of licenses
    - Safety – pit bulls are targeted
    - Crime would be better monitored with walking dogs

25. Oppose

- Context 48 months after murder
- People came across city to celebrate
- Memorial – intersections of 4 races, 4 religions
- Put 2-legged before 4-legged
- Haven't instill the importance of the name and dream into children, this should be first priority

26. Oppose

- Conversation, unfortunately along race lines
- Lack of understanding
- Unfortunate that we need the dog park to make MLK what it should

27. Support

- All of our community, all have responsibility – important that all youth understand
- Sculpture first priority
- Can use a dog park as well – build one that is respectful.
- We can unite on this and bring more families into the park.

28. Support

- Have come into park more often after having become part of task force
- Dogs are great “ice breakers”
  - Kids want to meet dogs
  - Help cross lines
- Dogs are reason for wanting to learn about community

29. Support

- What would Dr. King say about trying to exclude
- 82% dog bits occurred outside of a dog park

30. Support

- Wants the best for the park
- Isles is wonderful, organization at that dog park
- Wants to get to know people in her community
- Wants to be able to walk, meet nice people

31. Oppose

- Walks on walking path
- Need real needs assessment
- MPRB has taken resources away (\$30,000 into programming)

32. Support

- Family playground for dogs
- Currently not safe use with dogs
- Movement is coming from neighborhood
- Want some space here too

33. Oppose

- Sanitation, feces? Where will it go? Will go where children walk
- Socialization test for each dog

34.

- Started dog parks in Minneapolis

- In 2000 made extensive effort to determine locations
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Park District needs a dog park – need to evaluate all parks for best one for dogs / owners
  - MLK – bringing races together
    - Why do African Americans feel so strongly?
    - Why do neighbors feel so strongly?
  - Do the hard work to find location
- 35.
- Latino/s not here tonight – need more outreach
  - Take concerns of disrespect into consideration
36. Opposed
- Where are the other activities to bring people together?
  - Find another place
  - Name soon forgotten, already “doggie” park
  - Can’t understand position – insensitive
37. Opposed
- Public taxpayer’s park
  - For children, families, not for dogs
  - Named after MLK, want it to stay that way
38. Support
- Doesn’t understand why a dog park is disrespectful
  - Looks like a park
  - OK to walk your dog, but not to be off-leash
  - Don’t understand, need better explanation, maybe we will agree
  - Anger is heartbreaking
39. Oppose
- Doesn’t support, not necessarily on racial lines
  - Doesn’t support because deeply offensive to people
  - Need to listen
  - Community building doesn’t include African Americans
40. Oppose
- No Caucasian opposed, no African American agrees. There is a split, we need more dialogue.
  - Work on events, structures to bring community together, to help with understanding
  - Put the dog park in another park
41. Oppose
- Not much of a park now
  - Plaque doesn’t say “Martin Luther King.”
  - Turn park over to people interested in bringing people together
  - Put dog park elsewhere

Appendix J October 2, 2010 Off-Leash Dog Park Public Meeting Comment Card Responses at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Park

Name	Address	Email	Comment
Marie Denholm	3341 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407		Share the park. Work to make Dr. Martin Luther King's memorial more visible and more activities to celebrate it AND allow some part of the park for dogs and their humans to get exercise and socialization. I believe Dr. Martin Luther King would want a park/memorial in his name to allow for activities for all-- no discrimination for any persons or pets. Both sides of this issue are feeling disrespected, but with more information, education, it would be my hope that we could understand each other and find a compromise. If no place in the 6th district could be a dog park could we propose across the freeway in Powderhorn or Central?
			Brilliant leadership! Wonderful. No fist fights!
Sam Selvaggio			Dog parks are wonderful things that bring communities together ... much like the spirit of MLK.
Chris Boehm Carlso	4042 3rd Ave S		I love MLK Park. Our whole family enjoys the park in the current setup. We also enjoy our dogs and fully support a dog park near 35th area. It's needed in this area and will help build community.
Frances Wise	4319 Blaisdell		This park is needed in neighborhood. It is in no way disrespectful of Dr. King's legacy --- there is no connection. Dr. King worked for community and community includes family and pets. I have been to the Center for Nonviolent Change in a neighborhood/community.
Jack Ferman	4136 Harriet Ave		My comment flows from what is "good" or "interesting" to a dog. Dogs are olfactory animals. Their sense of smell by far out distances their senses of sight and hearing. So how do dogs communicate? The leave messages on trees, hydrants, any vertical surface, curbs, stones, etc. Other dogs "read" these smells. So will the fenced zones have ample trees, shrubs, posts for them to talk to one another? Look into "Inside You Dog" by Horowitz -- you will learn much about dogs.
Elizabeth Mahan	116 West 49th St. 55419		I support having the dog park at Martin Luther King Park. I regularly drive to the Minneapolis dog parks. I would prefer a dog park that I can walk to. The Friends of Kingfield Dog Park have presented many sound arguments for having a dog park here. Please take those arguments into consideration!
Mary Rosko	4750 Garfield Ave		Adding a dog park takes away from no one. It does not take away from MLK's legacy. It does not take away from anyone's ability to use or enjoy the park in any way. I can't think of a better way to honor MLK than by bringing people--and their extended dog families--together in a dog park.
Veronica Villalobos-	135 W 39th St		I support the dog park. In whichever area works for all communities / neighbors. As a new homeowner, I am eager to get to know my neighbors and build community. Dog parks help do this, for people with or without children. I am glad to have a beautiful park within walking distance BUT I drive to Lake of the Isles so that I can make use of a park. I understand that neighbors hold MLK Jr. Park almost a sacred place due to his legacy. But I think parks serve a purpose and that is to serve the community. More people will be aware of the memorial, and there will be more awareness of the park and what it stands for. Our businesses will benefit, our neighbors will benefit, our community will benefit by coming together. The park is under utilized by many people in the community; the dog park will change that.
Cathy McCarron	4116 Garfield 55409		I have been a KingField resident for 10 years and am a dog owner. I would love to have a dog park here at King Park. I know many neighbors who also support this location for a dog park. We have had problems at this park with gang activity and drug dealing. Adding a dog park here at Martin Luther King Park would bring a positive influence to the park. Dog owners spending time here would be an asset to the park community.
Amy Marquardt	4101 Garfield		I am a KingField resident for the past 9 years. I love the diversity KingField provides along with everyone's zest for life, improving the area and world in which we live. There is great neighborhood support of each other along with a drive to be green, and make our area a better area. A dog park would help foster community and bring more positive life to this park. People, including myself, would come with their kids and dogs both to hang out and exercise. I think MLK would have promoted the desire to bring people together in any positive way possible. This park was named after a great man and we should do a better job appreciating him. That doesn't mean stopping a way to foster and grow a better community. Please add a dog park here! I, with many of my neighbors, support it. As for location, I don't have a strong preference. I having to choose the SE corner would be better than behind the tennis bubble. A sacred ground -- how??? He isn't buried here. We can still honor him and have a dog park too.
Kevin, Deb Riba	4441 Harriet Ave		YES, DOG PARK -- DO IT! HONOR DR. M.L. KING JR. YES! A dog park will build community for us to be stronger in our ability to honor who this park is named for. People will come -- we will be a stronger community. Change is what MLK is about. Change is necessary and feeling will happen due to change -- validate the feelings but change.
Jennifer De Jorghe	4433 4th Ave S		I agree with so much that opponents say, about how this city has forgotten its racial history and that there are citywide disparities on public funding. However I don't understand why dogs and a dog park have become so symbolic -- to me, a dog park adds value to the community just as much as tennis courts, swimming pool, etc. I use this park already a lot with my kids, please let me bring my dog. I think a respectful compromise can be reached that make everyone happy. Thank you!
Brook Lemm Tabor	100 W 38th St		This park should be open for all families not just ones with 2-legged children! A dog park is a very good item for a community, bringing people together! There should be no discrimination at any park. We are the people of the community having people from outside our community comment on how our community park is used is absurd. We have the research and thus where we ended.
Nancy Benson	4136 Harriet Ave		Tonight I came hoping to understand why a dog park in MLK Park dishonors Dr. King. After all these speakers, I am no closer to understanding it. Bull Connors' dogs will not be in a dog park.
Sarah Duniway	3933 Pillsbury Ave S		Please give our neighborhood a dog park! All we're asking for is one corner of a very large park. This is our neighborhood too.



Julie Reiter	4236 Wentworth		I'm for the park. 1. I use the park almost daily -- I bring my 2.5-yr-old and 4-year-old here. I will still bring my kids IF there's a dog park. 2. The dog park would take <u>SUCH</u> a small area. 3. Could we clearly name the dog park something else, and keep the park Martin Luther King Park? *4. I'd love to see a <u>stronger memorial</u> and a <u>dog park</u> as an example for my kids that we can all work together.
Jason Schorn	3918 3rd Ave S		I don't feel there is anything disrespectful about a dog park to Dr. MLK. It will build community and will increase safety in the park, which is severely needed in this area.
Wade Keller	4509 1st Ave S		After hearing all viewpoints today, I feel there are 3 issues: 1. This park has been <u>neglected</u> as a whole for quite sometime. (Shame on you) 2. The honor of MLK has not been done right at this location. It's very sad that a majority of the folks in attendance had <u>NO</u> idea the sculpture on Nicollet represented his honor. 3. <u>You</u> need to <u>act</u> and <u>act</u> quickly to find another location or this issue will only continue to <u>divide</u> us <u>ALL</u> .
Cassandra Schorn	3918 3rd Ave S		In support of Dog Park : )
Jeff Kealy			The dog park seems to be based on 2 things: Logic and emotion. It seems the majority of the opposition's claims are based on emotion. Emotion that went unexplained. Why is a dog park more offensive than anything else in the park?
Michael Vanderford	4154 Blaisdell Ave 55409		The southwest corner of the park needs to be evaluated as an option for the dog park. The MPRB staff told us this is off limits due to it being a special "aok savanna." But it is the least used area of the park and large enough to make a decent size dog park. If we need more space, why does the tennis bubble get so much space for private use?
Abby Brauer (Age 1	3933 Pillsbury Ave S		This is a community park. What part of community doesn't include dogs? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted to bring people together. A dog park would do that.
Noelle Gray	3405 Nicollet		I really appreciated (almost!) all the comments. I'm so sorry this is so divisive. I do support a dog park, though, and I think it will be <u>good</u> for the neighborhood!
Betty Tisel	4155 Garfield		It is hard to judge the size of the two proposed sites. I prefer the SE corner it is larger than the NE corner. If we could have a larger dog park somewhere else in 6th district, that would be better. It is important to respect feelings even if they don't make sense. So I am very torn.
Linda Raymond	206 w 43rd St		The park is big enough for all of us. We want a small portion for dog park. I am offended that I am accused of
Tom Pieper	4119 Blaisdell Ave S		I feel that usage of a park, by dogs or anyone, is a good use and will prove a benefit in the long run. I was interested in how quickly the board said they would work at building up the memorial -- 2 hours! -- when the dog park idea has been brewing for some time.
Karen Pieper	4119 Blaisdell Ave S		Where are the <u>young</u> African-Americans? There wasn't but two and they were <u>for</u> the dog park. This isn't a racist issue. It's an <u>age</u> issue. My dog walk is a <u>sacred</u> event and I'm not disrespecting Dr. King by bringing my dog ( <u>not doggie</u> ) to a dog park here -- and I have a human kid too. I think a bigger dog park is better tho. I don't know where. I thought there was <u>zero</u> respect from older African Americans to our needs to use the park. Zilch. It's like they're just indulging in the "good old days" and creating an issue when there isn't any.
Diana Schleisman	3736 1st Ave S 55409	<a href="mailto:dianaschleisman@yahoo.com">dianaschleisman@yahoo.com</a>	(No one told me I needed a number to talk, and with the long line I decided to stay seated.) The KingField website promotes the dog park but does not reach out to opposition. It stated "come to the meeting to support the park" etc. It would like a pro-meeting. I think more should be done to reach out to all who have an opinion so a fair pool of thought can be obtained. I surveyed 3 neighbors (none of my neighbors knew before I told them) (my opinion included): one not in support, park well used, don't take space away. Three conditional support -- do NOT block paths, dog droppings a concern. All this talk about exclusion of dogs: The only exclusion is removing non-dog owners from the space for the park. The <u>biggest</u> issue to at least 3 people represented on this [comment] card is if the path is blocked. Could a new path be put through it it's taken away? I did not know how deeply emotions ran for this idea, and now think that pursuit in this park would be too controversial. However, I think an alternate location should be suggested as a counter offer from the park board to the park task force.
Diana Schleisman cont.	3736 1st Ave S 55409	<a href="mailto:dianaschleisman@yahoo.com">dianaschleisman@yahoo.com</a>	OK: What if the Park Board obtained a vacant lot? How about a house that will be condemned and destroyed?
David Rudolph	4433 1st Ave S		DO NOT WANT A DOG PARK. As a person that comes here on a daily basis, I see a lot of kids here. We don't need a lot of loose dogs, the smell from urine, etc.
M.Monica Tajibnapis	5515 Grand Ave S 55419		I am in favor of dog parks and I wanted to have it here. I am very saddened that so many in the African-American community are so offended to have the addition of an off-leash area in the park. The Park Board recommended this location because it was less used and seemed more dangerous. Having the attraction of a dog park would bring more people here. I think that it is very sad that so many services have been lost because of less money for all the city, etc. The controversy has been an opportunity for the African American community to voice their discontent about the current state of affairs, most of which the Park Board could not control. I am in favor of a dog park in the 6th District. If it can be worked out with the African-American community, it would be good to have it here. If not, I am just as happy to have it elsewhere.
Ben Harris	4131 2nd Ave S		Dog park supporters are asking for less than 4% of a public park to be used as a community resource for ALL residents in a very diverse area. Other parks may have less contentious names as a location, but very few serve the same community. Increasing interaction between neighbors of all backgrounds should never be lost in the larger conversation of race, history, and legacy. It is a false dichotomy to claim that a dog park would take away from families and children. Families and children enjoy dog parks and learn respect for others while doing so.

Sharon Hagford		<p>I have been a resident of Kingfield for most of my seventy years. As a child I often played at Nicollet Field. I played softball here. I skated and sledded here. I participated in the park programs. I waded in the two pools that were outside the old park building. I square danced on the roof of the old building. I have many fond memories of the park when it was so much larger, mbefore the freeway took half the area. When my four children wer young, they too played at the park after it was rebuilt and renamed Kingfield. They played at the pool My sons played baseball and football here. It was always a place for mailies and children to go. There have been many changes through the years, not all of the good ones. And no Kingfield residents are asking for another change, a dog park. I didn't attend previous meetings about the dog park becuae I assumed it would be a shoo-in. Who could possible object to using a little used area of the the park to be fenced off for neighborhood people to meet and bring their dogs to play off leash? I have to admit I didn't see any problems.</p>
Sharon Hagford cont.		<p>The area suggested is rarely used. People already walk their dogs through the park. My husband and I have been bringing our dogs there for years.I see a dog park as a positive thing for the entire Kingfield neighborhood. I don't understand the objections which have been voiced. Kingfield was renamed after Dr. Martin Luther King as a gesture of respect. But that does not make the park sacred ground. it is a park, a place for families to go to have fun. the area would be completely fenced off. That is the idea of a dog park, a fenced area so dogs can run and play off leash. This would b egood for the neighborhood, not bad. Most dog aowners are responsible people. We do not let our dogs run loose, we clean up after our pets. There would not be any odor as some people have suggested. There is a great need for a dog park in South Minneapolis, why not here? This is the perfect opportunity for the resident of Kingfield to support something good for our area and to help make Kingfield a better place.</p>