

District 1 News

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Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek & Highwood Neighborhood News

Pigs Eye, Red Rock Rd & Rail

Overview: On August 6 the Land Use Committee held its monthly meeting at which the Port Authority presented a plan to make the railroad's Red Rock Terminal safer for employees in the businesses there and loading/unloading more efficient and economical for the trains.

We found out that many of the folks in the community wanted to learn more about this plan, particularly in how it will impact Pig's Eye Regional Park in the short term and in the long term. To that end we held a community meeting on Tuesday, August 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Battle Creek Rec Center.

The Meeting: The meeting was well attended with over 70 people joining us. We had presentations by the Kathryn Sarnecki from the Port Authority who spoke about the plan to add the rail line across park land for safety and efficiency; and Mary deLaittre from the Great River Passage Initiative who spoke about the East Side River District (project 3) – which is a unique, complex, sensitive location. (Their presentations can be found on the website.) That was followed up by questions, comments and statements from the community.

Some of the topics related to rerouting the railroad across park land that were addressed were:

- Impact on Pig's Eye Regional Park and how that effects the existing plans that have been in the works for years
- Benefits to our community – are there any?
- How would diversity and equity be addressed
- Public access, water quality and habitat degradation
- Stewardship of our environment
- Safety of the employees that work in the area – this needs to be addressed and ensured (current rail practices block their access to work and access to emergency vehicles).

To be sure people had ample opportunity to comment there were comment forms available at the meeting and an online form was posted on the District 1 Council's website.

Council member Jane Prince continues to pursue this topic to gather more information before it comes before the city council. She is talking further with a number of varied and knowledgeable groups on all sides of the issue to learn more. She's also asking that the Port Authority to address the scope of the project and related issues.

We will post more information on the website as it comes in. Look under Projects > Pigs Eye/ Rail T.

Murals

We have two new murals in the district!

- Girl Scout Troop #54127 presented an original art mural to Battle Creek Rec Center that highlights fighting against racism and inequality. Be sure to stop by and see it!
- Artist Josephine Geiger was commissioned to create a community mural at Eastside Rec Center. First she created the design and then led community members in the painting process. The mural is just about finished! The "official" unveiling will be later in September or early October. Watch the website for updates.



Neighborhood Night Out

Our community Neighborhood Night Out event was held August 7 at Conway Rec Center. It was a big success! There was a huge turnout, neighbors were busy having a hotdog and popcorn, watching the Karen Dance Group & Hearts of St. Paul Dance Team, learning about community businesses and resources (East Side Table, Culvers, Target, D1 Community Council, Every Child Matters, Diva Moms, St Paul Schools, Community Action, RiverLife Church, Metro Gold Line, Mobile Market*) and more.

To those who couldn't make it – we missed you! Please stop by next year!

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Shop:

Tuesdays. 10:30 - 12:00 pm

Afton View Apts. 365 Winthrop St S, St. Paul

Community Meeting for New Branding Ideas

“District 1 Community Council” doesn't just roll off the tongue and doesn't really express who we are as a community and where we are geographically in the great city of St. Paul, does it? **We need a new name!** And we need input and ideas from neighbors like you to make it fit our diverse and exceptional community.

The idea of getting a new brand (name) and logo was introduced last year at the Annual Meeting, which many of you were able to attend. We've been getting feedback and ideas at community events such as the Peace Celebration and National Night Out. Now we are having a community meeting to have one more effort to gather ideas and suggestions for our name. **I hope you can make it, learn more and contribute your great ideas!**

Current Brand/Logo:



Community Branding Input

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018

10:00 – 11:30 am

Battle Creek Rec Center

Upcoming Events (See Calendar on our web page for more info)

Follow us on & !

- **Land Use Committee**
Sept 4 & Oct 1, 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Communications/Outreach/Safety Comm**
Sept 10 & Oct 8, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- **Exec/Finance Committee**
Sept 12 & Oct 10, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- **District 1 Comm Council Board Meeting**
Sept 24 & Oct 22, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Battle Ck Rec
- **East Side Pride Open Mic**
Sept 11 & Oct 9, 6 – 8 pm, Conway Rec
- **Coffee with Jane Prince (our council person)**
Sept 11, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Metro State Stud Center
- **Railyard Open House**
Sept 19, 5:00-7:00 pm, Battle Creek Rec
- **Rebranding Community Input Meeting**
Sat. Sept 22, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Battle Creek Rec
- **Regional Parks Policy Plan – Public Hearing**
Sept 27, 4-6 pm, Met Council, 390 Robert St.

Submit ideas and articles by the 10th of each month.

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Thanks to all who have helped us raise over \$3,000.00 to help our neighborhood!