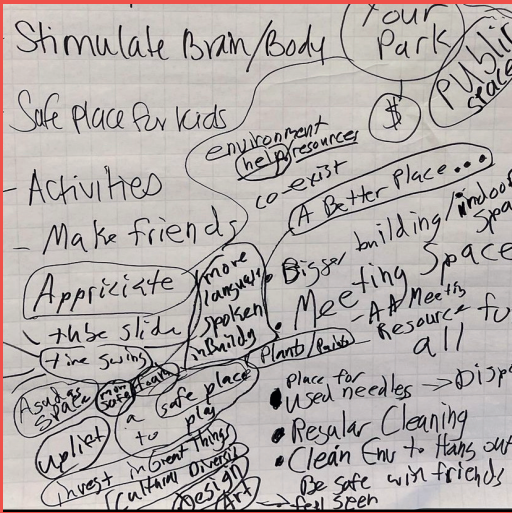


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EAST PHILLIPS AND MIDTOWN?

NENOOKAASI HEALING CAMP - THE FACTS

- Since the onset of 2024, Nenookaasi Healing Camp has been evicted three times.
- The availability of beds at shelters fluctuates significantly depending on the time of day; while there may be a surplus in the morning, by nightfall, when they are most needed, there are only a few beds. At the time of the last eviction, there were only five temporary beds available.
- Over 80% of camp residents are Indigenous.
- The city of Minneapolis replaced evicted lots with large cement rubble.
- Minneapolis spends anywhere from \$40,000 - \$265,000 (according to city data) on each eviction.
- Camp organizers and housing support specialists have helped house over 100 former residents and enroll in sobriety treatment.
- Camp Nenookaasi has received over \$65,000 in donations, with the majority of donations averaging at \$50
- Mayor Frey's approach thus far lacks substantive, dignified solutions. Temporary housing, while a stopgap measure, falls short of addressing the fundamental need for permanent, dignified housing.
- Evictions only serve to displace people, perpetuating the cycle of instability and insecurity.





EPIC & MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD HOST YOUTH PROGRAM TO REDESIGN EAST PHILLIPS PARKS

On February 10th, EPIC (East Phillips Improvement Coalition) and MPRB (Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board) convened a workshop at the East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, gathering local teenagers to brainstorm ideas for the redesign of East Phillips and Cedar Parks. Here are several ideas that emerged from their discussions:

- Safe place for kids
- Indoor space that provides free resources like AA meetings
- Boxes for needles
- Comfortable benches for the elderly
- Expanding the pool to have space for older and younger kids
- Trees between the soccer field and Hiawatha to mitigate traffic pollution
- Bathrooms outside with multiple stalls
- Additional gardening space
- Merry-Go-Round, tire swing, volleyball court

We are organizing two additional workshops where participants will engage in the development of both individual and collaborative designs. These designs will serve as valuable inputs for the Park Board's final park design.

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