Kathleen Anglo began meeting with review of final park plan and review of budget.

Summarized Phase I priorities to include:

- Entrance road
- Parking lot
- ADA path up Minnehaha
- Signage at Minnehaha
- Boulevard trees
- Concrete walk – north/south with stairs across site
- Courtyard/heart of space – place for people to gather and orient self with space

TPL is close to reaching fund raising goal and anticipate $800,000 construction budget for Phase I.

Kathleen presented two options for central gathering area.

- Option A: basic design with gravel courtyard and turf
  - Trees used to frame the site.
  - Gathering area is “temporary” in that portion will be occupied by future farm buildings
  - Propose using quaking aspen trees as they grow quickly and don’t have a strong sense of permanence like oak or other hardwood trees
  - Use movable picnic tables
- Option B – more design detail and use of artist element in central circle.
  - Explore mosaic option of Hmong sum symbol
  - Representation of artist engagement at the site

Comments from advisory committee on gathering area options included:

- Like idea of formal gathering space
- Question about amount of gravel with option A and feel turf might be more enjoyable
• Explore pavers versus concrete
• Like shady space in middle of the site
• Like idea of mosaic with Option B, but stated that mosaic on a flat surface in Minnesota is hard to manage—suggestions made on poetry placed on concrete, stamped concrete as alternative to mosaic, etc.
• Explore storm water feature as gathering area is not at top of the site
• Sister of Good Shepard interested in donating art piece to site—gathering area may be appropriate space
• Strong interest from Advisory Committee on exploring temporary art installations at site—explore hiring “artist in residents” that would be responsible for installation various art installations year round
  o Kathleen to explore if funding requirements would allow for payment of temporary art

Discussion on park cost estimate and proposed alternatives
• Current budget is close to $800,000
• Alternatives proposed include:
  a. Amphitheater
  b. Additional lighting
  c. Swings
  d. Nature based play area
  e. Native plantings under existing oak trees
• Committee would like to have grading of amphitheater to occur with Phase I work. Formal amphitheater not needed with Phase I.
• Committee would like to have conduit run for future lighting. Desire for solar powered lighting
• Swings were not a high priority element
• Would like to include nature based play area and native planting under oak trees if possible

Other discussions/comments were as follows:
• Request to re-engage the committee in March
  o Kathleen will organize a meeting once construction documents are further along.
• Kathleen understands overall vision for central gathering area and will rework design based on comments
• Discussion on ground blessing and ground breaking ceremony.
  o Committee proposes to wait until there is visible action on site
  o Commented on artist presentation of site (ie poem reading) in lieu of tradition ground blessing or ground breaking.

Next Steps: Check-in with Advisory Committee—date to be determined (March 2014)
Please contact Kathleen Anglo if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly.