



**Open House for Indian Mounds Park Trail Reconstruction  
Preliminary and Final Plans and Construction Administration for the Trail  
Reconstruction and ADA Design in Indian Mounds Regional Park**



Cerenity Senior Care  
200 Earl Street, St. Paul, MN  
Thursday, November 1 2018  
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

### **Minutes**

- **Presenters:** Brett Hussong – City of St. Paul, Sigrid Arnott – Sigrid Arnott Consulting, Jordan Horejsi – HR Green
- **Attendees:** Ellen Stewart, Holly Windingstad, Jan Harbow, Carol Sommers, Kathie Madnig, Maggie Kessell, Adam Robbins, Tom Truax, Mike Roberto, Gayle Gustafson, David Stuart, Trudy Ohnsorg, Tom Germscheid, Rosie Bunge, Marjie Pitz – there were no representatives from the THPO, MIAC, or Dakota tribe
  
- **Public Meeting**
  - Thursday, November 1 at 5:30 pm at the Cerenity Center
  - Smudging Ceremony did not occur
  - Residents requested additional time to comment and for more community members to be aware of the project and preliminary alignment. **Parks and Recreation Staff to post the presentation on the project website, notify on Dayton’s Bluff Forum, and present alignment at Cultural Landscape Study Open House on November 8, 2018.**
  - Residents were allowed to provide comments on the project layout
  
- **Geophysical Survey Results**
  - Sigrid discussed the results of the geophysical study
  - She explained how more than one procedure was used to confirm the results. A non-invasive coarse sample density archaeological reconnaissance of the entire upper terrace of Indian Mounds Park was conducted during the summer and fall of 2018. The reconnaissance data identified areas where past cultural activities may have altered the topography or properties of the soil. Selected areas of interest identified in the reconnaissance data were then re-surveyed at high sample densities using sub-surface geophysical survey methods. The areas of interest are unknown at this time and avoidance is recommended. **As a result, Parks and Recreation staff anticipates hiring a Tribal Historic Preservation Office representative(s) during construction to oversee excavation.**
  
- **Trail Reconstruction Segments**
  - Jordan and Brett outlined the segments and areas that the trail would be realigned, added, or reconstructed for slope or elevation changes
    - Plum St – far west end of trail
      - The preliminary alignment shows adding trail from the parking lot to the west along the bluff line to add a new bench and viewing area and then cross the open lawn and connect to the existing trail at Commercial St. Residents brought to our attention that this area is generally used as a dog park area and active recreation. **Parks and Recreation Staff to remove proposed path crossing open lawn space.**
      - Residents inquired about the connecting Indian Mounds trail to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary trails by going down the bluff – the federal application clearly defines the project area as the trail corridor at Commercial and Plum, extending the trail down the bluff would be outside of the scope of the federal application
    - Willshire Pl – realigning trail to pull it away from the bluff.
    - Earl St – continue 12’ trail through boulevard north of parking lot and leave the existing sidewalk on the south side of the parking lot



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- Picnic area – add a walking path around the picnic area in a closed loop
- Between English and Johnson Parkway – resident suggested to keep the curvilinear form of trail.  
**Parks and Recreation staff to maintain curvilinear form of trail within federal trail guidelines.**
- Johnson Parkway – add connection from roadway to trail in the form of pedestrian ramps
- Resident suggested adding pet waste stations along trail.
- Resident suggested the possibility of continuing wrought iron fence along bluff.

**Action Items:**

**St. Paul Parks**

1. Make open house presentation available to public
2. Determine length of time that residents have to provide comments
3. Parks and Recreation Staff to remove proposed path crossing open lawn space at Plum St.

**HR Green**

1. Update preliminary alignment
2. Determine if the trail near Obb's bar can be straightened or can remain as-is, horizontal curve minimums