

Lincoln Park Small Area Plan (LP / SAP)
Small Area Plan Advisory Committee Meeting

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Police Sub-Station - 2012 West Superior St.

I. Welcome, Introduction and Updates – Judd

Attendees: Pam Kramer, Jodi Slick, Josh Gorham, Heath Hickok, Pam Kleinschmidt, Garner Moffat, Gary Eckenberg, Judy Gibbs, Tammie Marotta, Tom Vaughn, Rick Ball, Robert Herling, John Judd, Ross Lovely, Jan Saxhaug, Kelly Muellman

II. Review Priorities from Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, 2012 – Judd

John reviewed the priorities from the [2012 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan](#) and pointed out activities that were already completed or underway, and specific areas that would be relevant to the Small Area Plan, under jurisdiction of City Planning. However, the Advisory Committee is not limited to only selecting those priorities that fall within Planning's purview. Examples of some priorities that John highlighted included blight removal and code enforcement, improving access to food through proper zoning of parcels, and improving waterfront access.

The group also discussed activities that have been completed or are underway, including:

- Reuse of Lincoln Park School: underway
- Lincoln Park Business Survey: this is the [2010 Metro Edge survey](#). Additionally, in September a consultant will visit Lincoln Park to assess gaps and opportunities for retail. This is one of five major retail cores of the City that are being assessed. The consultant's report will include recommendations for the neighborhood. The group discussed whether someone from Lincoln Park could join the consultant during the site visit.
- Lincoln Park Business District Development Plan: this will be a section of the Small Area Plan
- Market Study for growth of Business District (see 2010 Metro Edge survey)
- Maintain Boys and Girls Club reuse of Lincoln Park School: underway
- Safe Routes to School Study

- Brownfield study: High level, phase 1 study will be complete July 30. Will not be posted on City's website, but can be shared with the Advisory Committee and other interested stakeholders

It was recommended that the NRP priorities from West Duluth be reviewed for consistency and ideas, especially as they relate to the portion of the study area west of the Ore Docks.

III. Lincoln Park Multimodal Transportation Plan – Herling

Robert presented the Advisory Committee with a Scope of Work for the Lincoln Park Multimodal Transportation study. The 2014 study will build upon and update the 2002 study. It will consider what has been implemented or not, incorporate stakeholder outreach (e.g., technical advisory committee), conduct data analysis (crash and safety data), and focus on multimodal transportation. The study will include 40th and connections beyond the Small Area Plan study area, including the school, Wade/Wheeler, Clyde, etc. The study will provide a series of recommendations that will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee and hopefully become part of the Small Area Plan.

While the focus of the study will be on optimizing integration of all modes of travel, Robert also wants to incorporate community concerns on other transportation issues. Issues that were raised by the group included:

- Signage on I-35 attracting drivers to Lincoln Park activities, such as Wade/Wheeler, the breweries, Clyde Iron, Lincoln Park, Children's Museum, and business district. This is a concern for both 27th and 21st exists. A question was raised why the 21st exit actually dumps people onto 20th.
- How environmental justice issues and stakeholder engagement will be addressed. Robert said that he will craft a strategy and bring it to the next meeting. He wants to collect contacts from the Advisory Committee to inform his outreach.
- DTA will be upgrading transit shelters on the major business corridor
- Concern about the increase in truck traffic near Piedmont/Midtown
- Public art that captures the uniqueness of Lincoln Park
- Daylight the creek on 26th between Superior and Michigan and add a pedestrian/trail connection. There is a lot of foot traffic here already.
- One-way street issue
- Impacts of flooding and climate adaptation. For example, the trails through Lincoln Park and on Lincoln Park Drive were damaged in the 2012 flood. Repairs and future projects should be constructed to reduce future impacts. [Note: FEMA funding will not fund improvements, for example even if a pipe was damaged because it was too small to handle flooding, it cannot be upsized; it has to be replaced as it was.]
 - Consider climate adaptation for land use implications
 - MnDOT has been working on a flood vulnerability assessment with two sites in MN, including Duluth

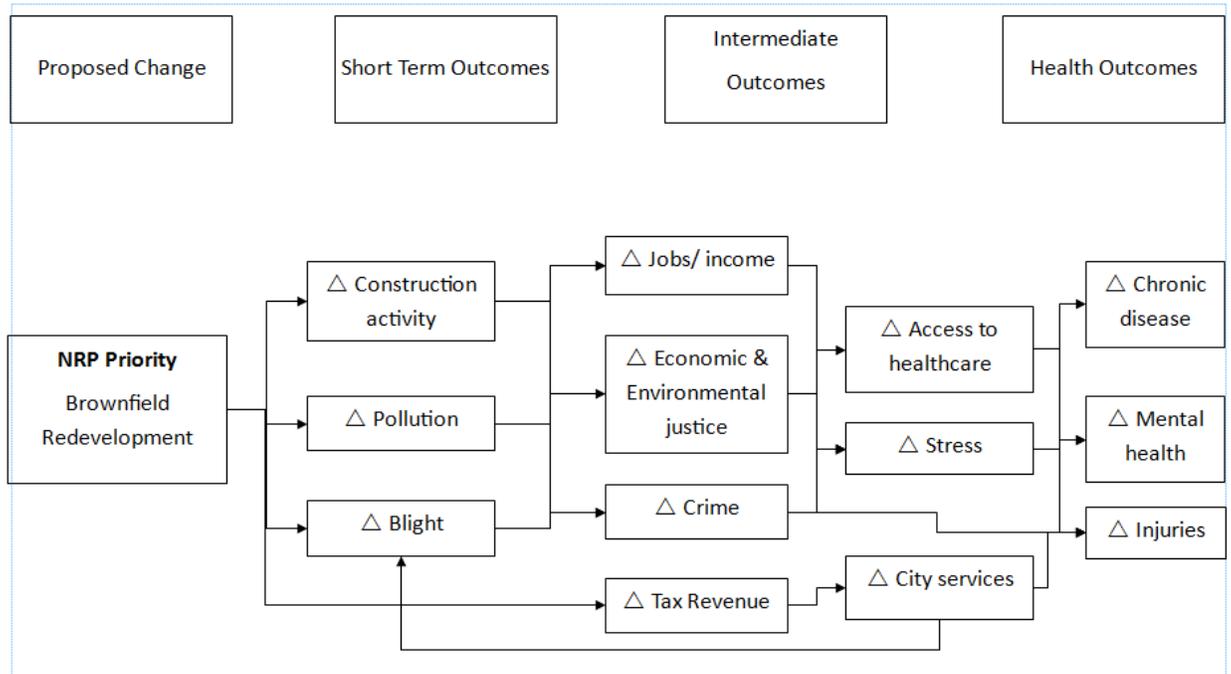
- Chester Creek watershed study on climate change. Suggested green infrastructure improvements. Implications for Miller Creek (used to be a wetland)
- Incorporate walking audits, safe crossing, and sidewalk inventory; Pam Kleinschmidt mentioned a 2 block radius walkability study that focused on lighting. They found that 21st under the viaduct needs maintenance and clean-up; the state is not maintaining this site; need to identify a responsible party. Also found that alleys get darker the farther you go up the hill
- Seasonal maintenance (e.g., snow removal) should be part of the study

IV. HIA Pathway diagram – Muellman

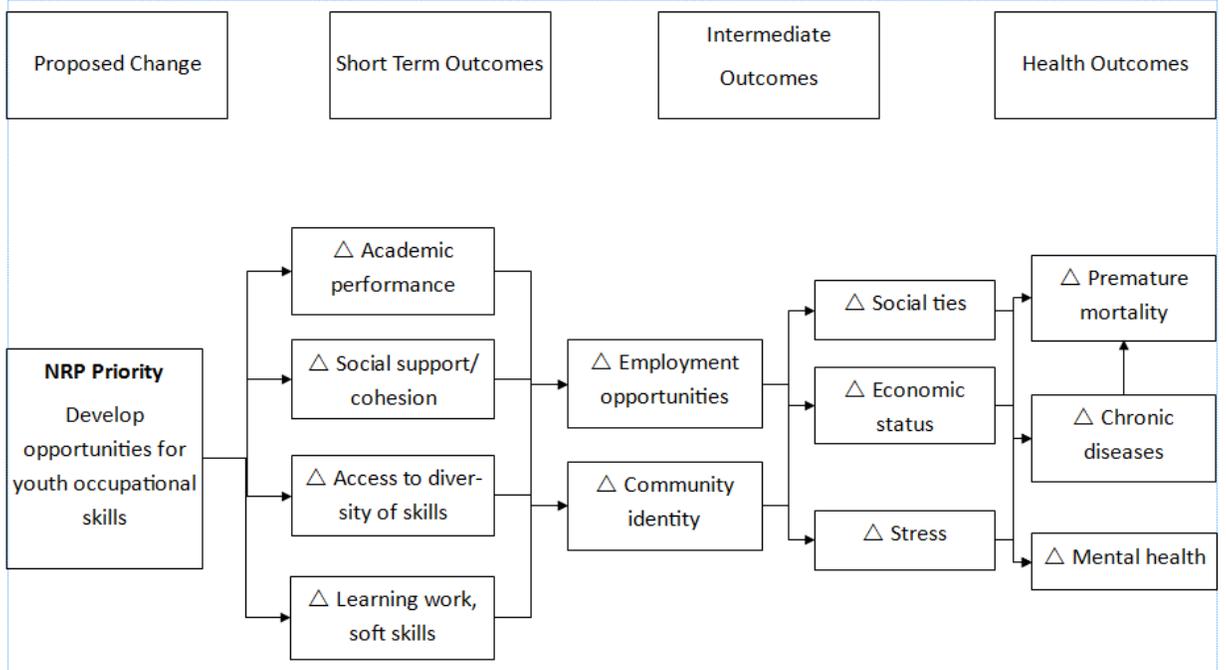
Kelly presented on the concept of pathway diagrams for connecting plan priorities to health outcomes through a linear chart. She walked through five examples on housing, transportation and redevelopment; all areas that could potentially be part of the Small Area Plan. Then the Advisory Committee broke into four groups of three and developed a pathway diagram for one of the priorities in the 2012 NRP. The four pathways are included below.

The pathway diagrams will hopefully help the Advisory Committee select the NRP priorities and topic areas of the Small Area Plan based on specific health determinants and outcomes that are particularly important in the community. This will be a continued discussion at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

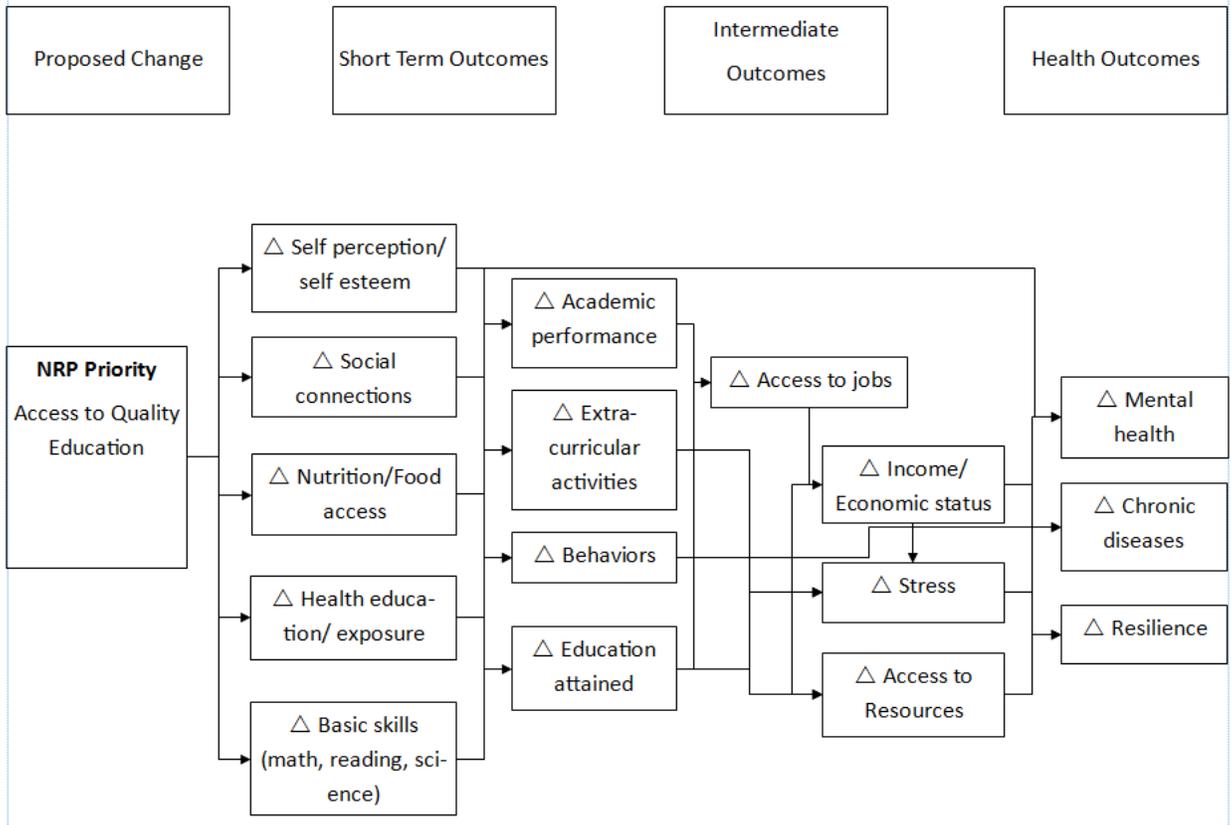
Brownfield Redevelopment



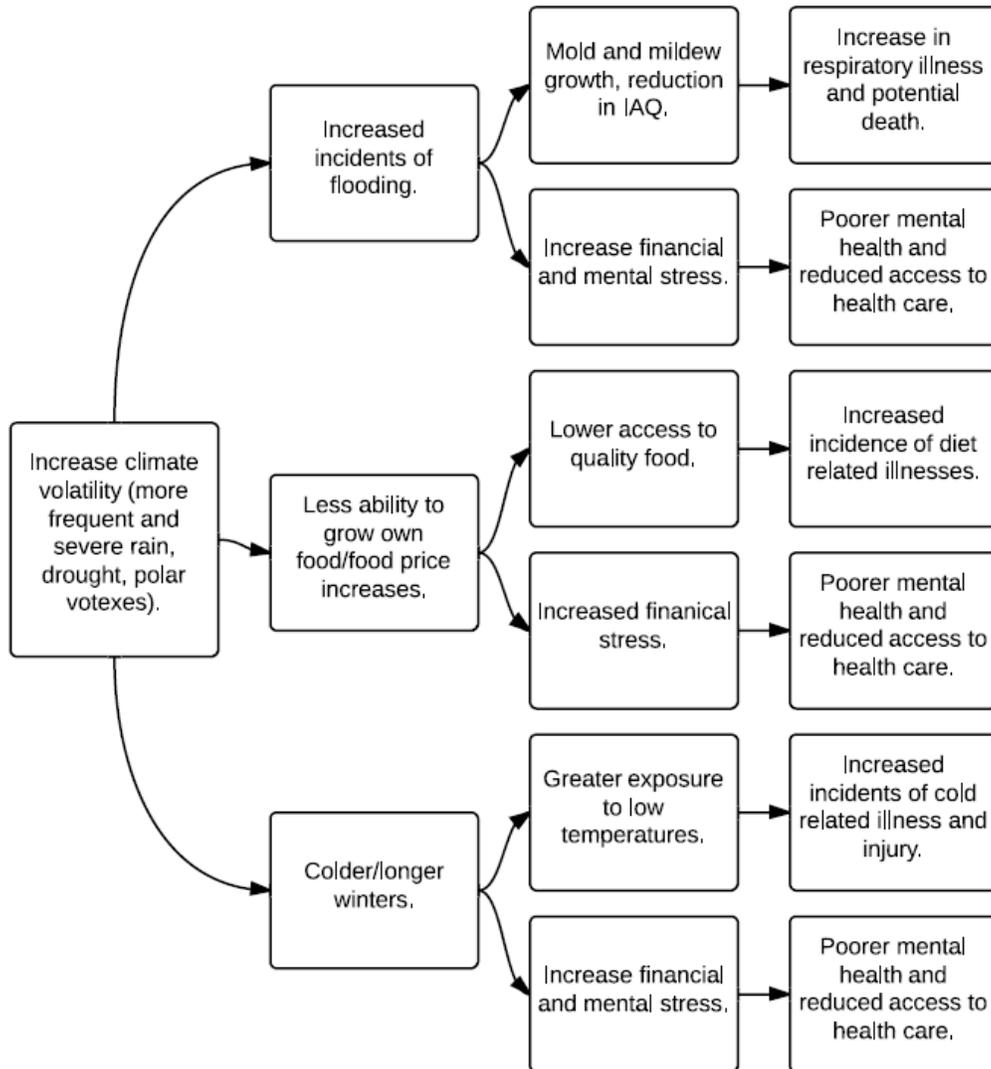
Development of Opportunities for Youth Occupational Skills



Access to Quality Education



Increase climate volatility



V. Public Open House meeting - Judd

The first Public Open House is tentatively planned for either Wednesday, September 10th or Thursday, September 11th at Harrison

VI. Next Committee Meeting and Adjournment - Judd

August 27 5:00-7:00PM -

The next meeting will include a discussion of priorities for Small Area Plan and health determinants for HIA analysis