

Como Regional Park Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2012

- Como Signage and Wayfinding Vendor, Visual Communications met with the group to discuss the general scope of services and the initial public input meeting that will be held on May 8th. Committee members will get the word out to their respective constituent groups and ideally, each committee member will bring along a guest. Visual Communications has provided some advance materials to help guide discussion at the kick-off meeting.
- Como Pool – the Grand Opening is scheduled for June 9 from 11:30-8pm. Swimming will be free all day.
- Parks is considering naming all three of the concession stands at Aquatic sites (Oxford, Highland and Como). The group is invited to participate. Committee members had some great feedback – the Facebook page doesn't make it look like we're naming all three sites...Do they all have to be the same? Are we getting any input from youth? Of the choices available, the Oasis is the most popular among the committee members.
- The new play area in Como Regional Park will more than likely be installed in the fall rather than in the spring to reduce the amount of time out of service and reduce the impact of construction equipment being on site. The committee members are supportive.
- Project updates were provided for Gorilla Forest and Japanese Garden (both on schedule for spring 2013 opening), Excedra and Lilypond. An update of the spring and summer plans was provided regarding the Como Shuttle. Weekend routes begin soon.
- Other business: Jim reports that MnDot is doing a multi-modal study for about the next 6 months. There will be opportunities for public input. They are studying the Snelling route from Selby to Midway Parkway. Jess reports that Metro Transit is doing a study on the entire western half of the city – looking at all connections, including the Lexington route. There will be more public information soon.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 8th. The main agenda item will be the community input discussion with Visual Communications.