

## West Calhoun Neighborhood Priority

# Neighborhood Green Space

**Improve the neighborhood green space, especially the green space near W 32nd and Calhoun Parkway.**

**Neighborhood Priority Funds: \$11,522.00**

### **Background:**

West Calhoun is a dense, residential, commercial neighborhood in a recreational area. It is one that poses many challenges and opportunities. The public green space, located at W 32nd and Calhoun Parkway, is a common gathering area for neighborhood and city events. The space is part of the regional park system. It hosts many activities such as volleyball, lacrosse, Calhoun Treasurer's, Movie in the Park, Astronomy Night and the Loppet.

Over the years, the ability of the West Calhoun Neighborhood Council to engage residents and to hold regular events at this space has been compromised by excessive flooding, lack of name and no identifying features.

### **Neighborhood Support:**

The WCNC decided to gather neighborhood feedback regarding this space. In May of 2015, a survey was conducted by the Long Term Vision Committee both on paper and online. The paper survey was handed out at events and meetings. Residents also had the opportunity to take the survey online. This survey was promoted at meetings, on social media, and in our newsletter.

The overwhelming plan to fix the flooding problem at the Green Space was the number one concern in both the paper and online survey.

Other ideas that came up were naming the space as well as giving the space some identifying features, to give the space a more "Town Center" feel.

**This Neighborhood Priority was supported via a community vote on October 11th, 2016.**

### **Partnerships:**

The WCNC realizes the importance of this space as so many residents from surrounding neighborhoods and cities utilize the space. The WCNC is looking to partner with Hennepin County, Minneapolis Park Board and various city departments as well as work within the recommendations of the Lake Harriet/Lake Calhoun Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to improve this vital neighborhood and city space.