

Information Item

MPOSC Equity Conversation

Exploring next steps

Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC)

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Next Steps: What We Heard From You

- BIPOC Group
 - Increase knowledge of the amenities and programming in the regional parks and trails.
 - Help increase the level of understanding among Regional Park System managers and programmers of the cultural interests and orientations of BIPOC communities. Help recognize that parks and trails are more than a connection to the outdoors.
- Non-BIPOC Group
 - Develop a resource “toolkit” to help advance shared learning about racial equity and the outdoors.
 - Dedicate time at future meetings to continue conversations about racial equity and the outdoors.

Getting Started: A Beginning Proposal

- Learning from Place- Bdote Tour with MN Humanities Center for MPOSC, Agency Staff and Met Council Parks Staff: End of September 2021
- Conduct Parks Outreach and Programing Field Scan
- Create a way to share articles, media and upcoming presentations/talks around equity in the outdoors.

Discussion

- What are your thoughts about continuing our equity conversation? What is your advice?



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