MASTER PLAN PRINCIPLES

Park Stewardship - *Take care of basic needs.*
- Rebuild internal park paths to accommodate service and emergency vehicles.
- Install new LED lighting along internal paths and on Stevens Ave S and 3rd Ave S.
- Relocate existing benches, add new bike racks and drinking fountain.
- Improve drainage at the “bowl.”
- Manage tree health and replacements pro-actively.
- Provide for these basic needs in MPRB’s Capital Improvements Plan.
- Implement critical improvements as soon as possible.
- Do not design beyond MPRB staff maintenance capacity.

Simplicity - *“Less is more.”*
- Maintain the park as a subtle, flexible space that accommodates a wide range of uses.

Build on Strengths
- Respect existing trees, topography and views.
- Do not displace current positive uses, including Waldorf School classes, informal volleyball and picnics at the “bowl,” visiting school groups, sledding, festivals, etc.

Security - *Encourage positive uses*
- Design to improve safety of park users and staff.
- Always use principles of “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED).

Manage Tree Health
- Coordinate with MPRB Forestry to phase removal and replacement of trees in poor health.
- Consider under-planting trees to accelerate replacement.

Northern China Garden
- Identify the best fit for the proposed concept accepted by Park Board in 2010.
- Establish Fundraising Agreement with MN-China Friendship Garden Society. Fundraising by the Society shall include monies for operations and maintenance of the proposed garden.
- When the established funding threshold is met, pursue community engagement to finalize design.
Master Plan Principles:
- Provide for basic maintenance needs.
- Design to improve safety of park users and staff.
- Remove and replace trees in poor health.
- Include North China Garden concept supported by Park Board in 2010
- Accommodate current uses: picnics, school groups, sledding, informal volleyball Peace Games and other programming, etc.

Replace 6’ Wide Perimeter Sidewalks
New 8’ Wide Concrete Walks to Accommodate Vehicle Circulation
Add Perimeter City Standard Boulevard Lighting on Stevens Ave S
Remove Select Conifers based on Health and Age
Relocate Benches along Walks as Needed to Accommodate Increased Path Widths
Replant Flowering Small-fruit Trees in Decline
Relocate Benches to Walk Intersection to Create Central Seating/Internal Gathering Area
Realign Walk to South Entrance Plaza
Relocate Benches to Perimeter of South Entrance Plaza
Enhance Pedestrian Plaza and Park Entrance with New Deciduous and Small-Fruit Trees

Replace Removed Ash Trees with Oak Tree Grove
Regrade North East Walk Alignment to Reduce Steep Slope and Fix Drainage Issues
New cut-off LED Lighting along internal walks, including wiring and service
North China Garden Moon Gate Entry
Remove and Replant Flowering Trees in Poor Health
Add Perimeter City Standard Boulevard Lighting on 3rd Ave S
North China Garden Pavilion and Plantings
North China Garden Pathways Designed to Accommodate Existing Uses
Retain Winter Sledding Hill and Informal Gathering Area
Provide Subsurface Drainage System Within Bowl Area to Improve Permeability of Soils and Durability of Turf
North China Garden South East Entry
North China Garden Bridge and Ornamental Stones
Final lighting quantities and fixture type to be determined prior to construction.