



Park Governance

Our church is the official sponsor of the Washington Gladden Social Justice Park. We offer leadership and allow use of the land for this community-funded park as a mission of the church. The members of the Park's Advisory Board are appointed by church council. For 2025, a new governance model is being implemented that combines two prior park boards and allows for expansion for up to 25 board members. The board has established an executive committee and four working committees as part of intended restructuring via a new strategic plan.

Park Advisory Board Members include:

Allen Baker - Principal of Baker Designs Ltd.; Miranda Kridler – VP for Planning & Operations, CCAD; Michael Curtin – former Vice-Chair of Dispatch Printing Co.; Tracy Ross – Director of Community Engagement, Broad St. Presbyterian Church; Caitlin Graham – Sr. Vice-President of Operations & Patient Care, AndHealth; Anne Jeffrey Wright – Nemours Children's Health (retired); Barbara Poppe – Founder and Principal of Barbara Poppe and Associates; Archie Griffin – former President & CEO of The Ohio State University Alumni Association; Rabbi Harold Berman – Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Tifereth Israel; Tom Brownfield – Commissioned Minister of Social Justice, First Congregational, UCC; Alejandro Rodriguez – Executive Director, The Spirituality Network; Imran Malik – Director of the Noor Islamic Cultural Center; Taimur Chaudry – Head of Insurance Sales, Arbor; Lynn Wallich – Community Leader; Katharine Moore – Executive Director of the Jefferson Avenue Center; Tom Worley – Park Director (ex officio-non-voting); Josh Stafford – Church Staff Member (ex officio-non-voting).

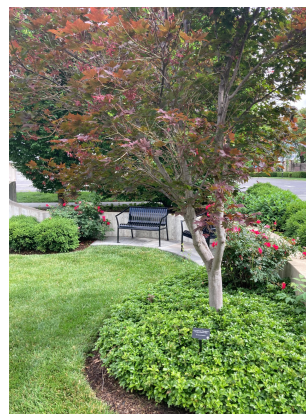
2024 Park Events

Sunrise Easter Service 3/31/24

Tree Dedication Earth Day Event 4/28/24 – Honoring sponsorships and tributes for over 40 trees in the park.

Gladden Lecture 6/23/24 – Rev. Yvonne Delk

Day of Remembrance of Traffic Victims 11/17/24 - Honoring Traffic Victims & Advocating for Safer Traffic Laws



Tree Dedication Earth Day Event – Presenters 4/28/24. Tree Dedication Markers Installed Throughout the Park

Park Funding

The total of park gifts and grants since its origin is \$2,100,500. The \$1,343,000 spent from the beginning of the park's development until the end of 2024 includes administration, maintenance, programs, art projects, construction, and infrastructure improvements (funded by City of Columbus). The park's maintenance and art project endowments have a combined balance of \$520,000. The park added sidewalk extensions in 2024 and will conduct a community fundraising campaign in 2025 for a permanent art feature for main screen of the park.