1. **Place the Monument**  
The kiln is located first, at the center of the site. Initially, it would provide brick and pavers for the park - created on site. After construction is complete, the kiln would remain as the “heart” of the park.

2. **Create a Form**  
Provide protection from the northwest winds, take advantage of sunlight and the views towards downtown and provide dynamic green space with a “hill”.

3. **Offer Amenities**  
Cater to a large range of residents with amenities such as  
- a cafe  
- locker rooms and showers  
- a “splash pad” for children  
- a community room  
- a pedestrian mall connecting the park and the library

3. **Promote Connection**  
Reach out to the existing neighborhood with an elevated bike path which connects to the existing bike lane on South 3rd Street and by establish a large community garden to encourage connection to the Mill City Farmers Market.
I believe the public enjoys seeing evidence of the mysterious creative process. I also believe many people would take part to better their communities if more opportunities were presented.

The Kiln Park project combines these two basic ideals with the spirit of Tom Sengupta’s wonderful vision for a memorial for the common man.

The intent of this design is to establish a large kiln as the focal point for the site, which would be used by volunteers and members of the community to create bricks, paver and fired clay panels to be used on the park facilities. Once complete, the kiln would remain - a remnant of the difficult process of creation; and the fruits of the community’s labor would remain for residents of Minneapolis to appreciate and enjoy. The kiln would also share the same DNA as the small pot-belly stove Tom Sengupta and his friends gathered around to discuss the topics of the day.

The park is based on a four part design concept:
- Place a distinctive marker on the site in honor of the common man.
- Create a place that is comforting and protecting.
- Offer amenities the public can engage with.
- Promote connections with the already healthy, positive activities taking place in Downtown Minneapolis.