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Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday September 8, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Bill Barton, Janna Caywood, Steve Duerre, Karen Eckman, Michael MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich, Jerry Wagner

Members absent with notice:

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Mike Thienes
Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a request for announcements. Janna Caywood said CRWD, the City of St. Paul and District 10 Environmental Committee participated in the Como Lake Curbside Clean up last spring and will be doing it again this fall. Ms. Caywood distributed a brochure for committee members to share with their communities to have a clean up in their neighborhood. Ms. Reider inquired about the size of the information packets that are distributed. Ms. Caywood said the Freshwater Society has created a Community Toolkit for Water Quality Clean-Ups that includes an instructional DVD and printed materials that may be customized for the organization hosting a clean-up. Ms. Caywood said the toolkit is also available online.

Karen Eckman said she drives by St. Catherines University every few weeks and the last time there was a heavy rain fall. Ms. Eckman asked who does the monitoring for the campus. Administrator Doneux said the Sisters of St. Joseph's Carondelet is doing a construction project and does have a permit through the District. Bill Barton said when he drives by sites that he thinks are questionable he takes pictures and forwards them to District staff.

Bill Barton asked if the trail along Shepherd Road received a permit for construction. Administrator Doneux said the City of St. Paul did receive a permit for the Samuel H. Morgan Trail.

Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CAC 10-09-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC September 8, 2010 agenda as provided.*

Duerre/Barton

Unanimously approved

Approval of the August 11, 2010 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the August 11, 2010 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

CAC 10-09-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC August 11, 2010 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Eckman/Duerre

Unanimously approved

Discussion

Stop the Rain Drain

Administrator Doneux discussed the implementation plan for the 2010 Stop the Rain Drain campaign. Administrator Doneux said at the February 17, 2010 meeting, CRWD Board Managers approved the selection of LaBreche Communications to assist staff in the development and promotions of a downspout redirection campaign, which was called for in the 2009 CRWD Education and Outreach Plan. In April, staff from CRWD and LaBreche met with residents of St. Paul District Planning Councils 7 and 14 to develop a program name and visual identity, and to identify communications tactics. Staff continues to work with LaBreche Communications and citizens from Districts 7 and 14 to implement the Stop the Rain Drain campaign in 2010. At the August 18th Board meeting CRWD managers authorized staff to enter into an agreement with Conservation Corps of Minnesota and Iowa for downspout redirection to be completed in September 2010. Discussion occurred.

Staff and Program Updates

St. Paul Fire Department HQ and Fire Station #1 Grand Opening

Administrator Doneux explained that on December 5, 2008 Board Managers approved a City of St. Paul 2009 Special Grant for the Green Roof Interpretive Center and Garden Classroom at the City Fire Station Headquarters Building. Administrator Doneux said the building is complete and there is grand opening event being held Friday, September, 2010 at 11:00 am.

2010 Watershed Management Plan

Administrator Doneux said the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BSWR) approved the 2010 Watershed Management Plan at their August 26th meeting and the CRWD Board adopted the plan at their September 1st Board meeting.

2011 Budget and Levy

Administrator Doneux said on September 1, 2010 the Board adopted the preliminary 2011 Budget and Levy. Administrator Doneux noted that it is the preliminary budget and there could be discussion and or changes this fall. The final 2011 Budget and Levy will be adopted at the Board's annual meeting in December.

Rain Garden Signs

Administrator Doneux said District Staff along with Vacker Signs company in Roseville created seven signs that were placed in five rain gardens in the Como Park neighborhood of St. Paul that explains what the raingardens are and what they do.

Crosby Lake Management Plan

Administrator Doneux distributed a flyer noting a Crosby Lake Management Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 29th 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Highland Park Senior High School in the Choir Room. Bill Barton and Shirley Reider both said they will attend the meeting.

Williams Street Pond

Administrator Doneux noted that the William's Street Pond is located next to the Armory in McCarrons subwatershed 4. Administrator Doneux said based on the review of the aerial photographs, it appears that the Williams Street Pond was created by excavating in a Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3 wetland. It is likely that besides the excavation to make the wetland deeper, runoff also was routed to the wetland following the excavation. Although a wetland delineation and wetland type classification has not been performed on the William Street Pond, the basin would likely be classified as a Type 5 shallow open water wetland based on the aerial photograph review and a field survey of the water depth in the pond. Since the pond was excavated in a wetland, it is likely that the proposed activities would be regulated under WCA. Specifically, WCA regulates the draining or filling of wetlands of all types and excavation in the permanently and semi-

permanently flooded areas of Type 3, 4, or 5 wetlands. A wetland replacement plan must be prepared to provide mitigation for wetland impact.

Prior/Goodrich and Blair/Griggs RSVP Subwatershed Studies

Administrator Doneux said on July 27, 2010, District staff met with City staff to discuss upcoming partnership opportunities. At the meeting City staff requested that the District complete subwatershed studies to help inform BMP placement decisions within the RSVP projects for 2011. City of St. Paul Councilmember Russ Stark (Ward 4) has indicated a desire to do enhanced stormwater management within the Residential Street Vitality Projects (RSVP) in 2011 within his ward. Administrator Doneux said two 2011 RSVP areas within ward 4 have been identified as being located within the Saint Anthony Park Subwatershed #29 and the Central Mississippi River Blvd Subwatershed. Administrator Doneux said these two subwatershed studies were not included in the 2010 workplan or budget. Administrator Doneux said staff feel this is a great opportunity to complete subwatershed studies that will immediately result in BMP implementation.

Gottfried's Pit

Administrator Doneux explained that Gottfried's Pit Lift Station Improvement Project is on Larpenteur Ave near Hamline. The project includes putting a new pipe under Larpenteur Ave to prevent flooding at the bottom of the hill which impacts the adjacent private property.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Thienes reviewed recent Board actions including; the Board held the Public Hearing on August 18th to hear public comments regarding the proposed 2011 Budget and Levy. The Board received a Chalchiutlique Summit Update by the Ce Tempoxcalli. They received a grant to finance the summit to education and create positive environmental behavior changes in the Latino community in the Twin Cities Metro area.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

Elect New Co-Chair

2009 CAC Elections

Shirley Reider reminded the committee that Paul Kammuller resigned as co-chair and asked if anyone would like to nominate themselves. Ms. Nelson noted that the position would only be until April when the committee has reelections. Ted McCaslin volunteered to fill the co-chair position.

CAC 09-04-03 Motion: Appoint Ted McCaslin co-chair.

Duerre/Barton

Unanimously Approved

October 13, 2010 Agenda Overview

Adjourn – 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson