



# Capitol Region Watershed District

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## Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting August 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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### CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton, Jim Cotner, Steve Duerre, Jerry Kafka, Paul Kammueler, Ted McCaslin, Ole Olmanson, Shirley A. Reider

### Members absent with notice:

Judith Monson, Brandon Wiarda, Michael MacDonald, Michelle Ulrich

### Others Present:

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

### 1. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a request for announcements. Mr. Arbeit said about 3 weeks ago several large trees were taken down at the entrance to Como Park. Mr. Arbeit said it was due to a large raingarden being built by the City of St. Paul. Mr. Arbeit asked Administrator Doneux to provide an overview of the City of St. Paul's raingarden by Como Park.

### 2. Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. Administrator Doneux will provide an overview of the City of St. Paul's raingarden by Como Park.

**CAC 09-08-01 Motion:** *To approve the CAC August 12, 2009 agenda as amended.*

Arbeit/Duerre

Unanimously approved

### 4. Approval of the June 10, 2009 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the June 10, 2009 CAC Minutes.

**CAC 09-08-02 Motion:** *To approve the CAC June 10, 2009 CAC Minutes as presented.*

Arbeit/Duerre

Unanimously approved

### Approval of the July 8, 2009 CAC Summary of Roundtable

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the July 8, 2009 CAC Summary.

**CAC 09-08-03 Motion:** *To accept the CAC July 8, 2009 summary as presented.*

Kammueler/Duerre

Unanimously approved

### 5. Items for Review and Comment Requested by Board of Managers

#### Draft Implementation Section - 2010 WMP (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux said Bob Fossum reviewed the Draft Wetland Plan, Draft Stream Corridor Restoration Plan and the Draft Implementation Section of the 2010 Watershed Management Plan with the CAC at the July meeting. Administrator Doneux provided answers to any remaining questions from that

meeting. Administrator Doneux noted that Michael MacDonald emailed him his comments and they would be included in the minutes.

### **2010 WORK Plan, Budget and Levy (Doneux)**

Administrator Doneux gave a brief presentation of the 2010 Work Plan Goals, Budget and Levy and discussed the significant changes the District has and will experience. Administrator Doneux said goals of the District in 2010 include successfully owning, operating and maintaining the Trout Brook Storm Sewer Interceptor System. The District will continue to implement an efficient and equitable Permitting Program. Continue to operate the District in a fiscally sound manner through an annual audit. Provide watershed education to the members of the general public, elected officials, community groups and municipal and agency staff. The District staff will accurately monitor, maintain and report the status of the District water resources and Best Management Practices (BMPs). The Board and staff will continue working on the 2010 Watershed Management Plan to be completed, state approved and adopted in 2010. Incorporate Geographic Information System technology in all major program areas. Continue to encourage public input through the Citizen's Advisory Committee, project meetings, workshops and other public events and provide safe working conditions through training, education and proper equipment. The preliminary budget provides \$309,750 for Administration, \$995,037 for Programs, \$567,977 for Projects and \$825,396 for Capital Improvement Projects. This totals \$2,658,160 for the Preliminary 2010 Budget and a resultant tax levy of \$1,772,264 which is a 4.8% increase over 2009. Administrator Doneux noted that the Board meeting next week is the Public Hearing for the Board to hear comments for the 2010 Budget and Levy. Administrator Doneux explained that the Board will adopt a preliminary Budget and Levy at the September 2, 2009 Board meeting and the final certification will occur at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Board meeting. Discussion occurred.

**CAC 09-08-03 Motion:** *Upon reviewing the proposed budget, the committee endorses the projects and programs proposed and recommend that the Board adopt the proposed 2010 budget and levy.*

Duerre/Cotner

Unanimously Approved

### **6. Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update**

Manager Thienes said the Board heard a Ramsey County Groundwater Study Update and a Special Report from the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Intern. Manager Thienes said the Board authorized an engineering study and plans for Gottfried's Pit Improvements and approved a comment letter for the Central Corridor Light Rail workshop.

### **7. Discussion - New & Old Issues**

Administrator Doneux explained that the City of St. Paul applied for a permit for the Victoria Street Project in May. The permit was approved with four conditions. Mr. Kafka volunteered to distribute flyers to his neighbors explaining the project.

### **8. September 9, 2009 Agenda Overview**

### **9. Adjourn - 9:09**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson