



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday December 9, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton, Jim Cotner, Paul Kammuller, Michael MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich, Jerry Wagner

Members absent with notice:

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Joe Collins
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff

1. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for announcements. Dawn Nelson noted that the District received a resignation letter from Bill Downing. Mr. Arbeit said it would be appropriate to recognize and thank Mr. Downing for his efforts. Ms. Nelson distributed results on the Como Raingarden Survey and the Wilder Evaluation and said she would mail copies to members who were not in attendance.

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. Ms. Reider noted that there are a few additions to the Agenda; a resolution to recognize Bill Downing for his efforts with the District, the committee must approve the 2010 meeting calendar and recommend reappointment of 2010 committee roster.

CAC 09-12-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC December 9, 2009 agenda as amended.*

Arbeit/Cotner
Unanimously approved

4. Approval of the November 12, 2009 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the *November 12, 2009 CAC Minutes*. There were no additions or changes to the CAC Minutes.

CAC 09-12-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC November 12, 2009 CAC Minutes as provided.*

McCaslin/MacDonald
Unanimously approved

CAC 09-12-03 Motion: *Approve 2010 CAC Meeting Schedules and Times for Meetings to be the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year.*

Cotner/Ulrich
Unanimously approved

2010 Recommended CAC Reappointments

It was noted that regular attendance is required of members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee as well as that under state statute the Board of managers must annually appoint the Citizen's Advisory Committee. In order to maintain an accurate and up to date CAC roster and fully comply with state statute it was recommended that the Citizen's Advisory Committee forward a recommended roster to the Board of Managers for adoption each year. It was recommended that a letter be written to four members, Bruce Holdhusen, Jerry Kafka, Judy Monson and Brandon Wiarda and ask if they are still interested in being on the committee. Mr.

Arbeit said he recommends not reappointing the four members until and unless they respond and wish to remain on the committee. Discussion occurred.

CAC 09-12-04 Motion: *Recommend reappointing current list of 12 CAC members through December 2010 with the exception of the four members.*

MacDonald/Barton
Unanimously approved

CAC 09-12-05 Motion: *Recommend reappointing list of 4 CAC members through December 2010 subject to receiving a request from the committee member to be reappointed.*

Arbeit/Barton
Unanimously approved

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

2010 Watershed Management Plan

Mr. Fossum said over the past year, the Citizen Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and the Community Group for CRWD have convened several meetings to review informal drafts of the various sections of the WMP. The CRWD Advisory Groups have helped greatly in the drafting of this plan. Mr. Fossum explained that at the September 22nd special board meeting the Managers authorized the start of the formal review process and distribution of the draft 2010 Watershed Management Plan to the required review agencies, CAC, TAC, and the Community Group. Mr. Fossum said the required public hearing for the 2010 Watershed Management Plan is February 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Fossum said at the last CAC meeting the members reviewed the first draft of the watershed management plan. Mr. Fossum noted that a WMP review worksheet was included in their packet to assist in the review of the draft WMP. Mr. Fossum discussed and reviewed the Committee's comments that will be forwarded to the Board.

CAC 09-12-06 Motion: *The CRWD CAC supports the draft plan as written subject to consideration of the following comments:*

- 1. Glossary and Acronyms in main body not appendices*
- 2. Context map putting CRWD in perspective of State of MN*
- 3. Indicate adjacent WMOs on maps*
- 4. Objective measures of achievement of goals*
- 5. Ensure issues, goals, and implementation items are adequate to cover the CCLRT and other large scale redevelopment project.*
- 6. Consider a specific issue statement and goals of the impact of large scale redevelopment opportunities to maximize water quality improvement generally, not limited to the bounds of the project.*
- 7. Recognize that there are various level of partnership on water issues with neighboring and overlapping organizations.*
- 8. Note authority for funding under 103B on page 27.*

Arbeit/Barton
Unanimously approved

David Arbeit said due to Bill Downing resigning he would like a resolution on behalf of the committee and a letter from the Chair acknowledging Bill's commitment and service to the CAC as one of the chartering members of the committee since 1998.

CAC 09-12-07 Motion: Resolution for William Downing with letter from Shirley Reider

Arbeit/Collins
Unanimously approved

6. Project and Program Updates

Mr. Fossum reported that the CRWD Crosby Lake project was approved a grant for \$50,000 and the Villa Park project was approved a low interest loan from PCA.

7. Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Collins said Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) is a high priority right now and noted that along with the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County and Met Council, CRWD has been developing plans and designs for green infrastructure practices that provide stormwater management and landscaping improvements for the CCLRT. These plans include an integrated tree trench system along University Avenue as well as additional BMPs located on or underneath the side streets of the Corridor. Manager Collins reaffirmed the District's position that no new CRWD funding would go towards the tree trench system.

8. Discussion - New & Old Issues

9. January 13, 2010 Agenda Overview

Ms. Nelson said Forrest Kelley will provide an update on the Cleveland Randolph Groundwater Study.

10. Adjourn – 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson