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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

June 10, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton, Bill Downing, Jerry Kafka, Steve Duerre, Paul Kammuehler, Michael MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Ole Olmanson, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich

Members absent with notice: Judith Monson, Brandon Wiarda

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Mike Thienes
Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff
Anna Eleria, CRWD Staff
Nancy-Jean LeFevre, EOR, Inc.

1. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Paul Kammuehler opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for announcements. There were no announcements.

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

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kammuehler asked for additions or changes to the agenda. There were two minor changes to the agenda.

CAC 09-06-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC June 10, 2009 agenda as amended.*

Reider/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

4. Approval of the May 13, 2009 CAC Minutes

Mr. Kammuehler asked for additions or changes to the May 13, 2009 CAC Minutes. Mr. Duerre noted that he was absent from the meeting but the minutes state he made a motion. Ms. Nelson said she will listen to the minutes to correct who made the motion.

CAC 09-06-02 Motion: *To approve the May 13, 2009 CAC Minutes as amended.*

Reider/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

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

2008 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Annual Report, Anna Eleria, CRWD

Ms. Eleria explained that because CRWD owns and operates the Trout Brook Interceptor Sewer (TBI), the District is a regulated operator of a small municipal separated storm sewer system (MS4). The Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) is required to prepare and submit, by June 30th, an annual report of activities and accomplishments associated with its stormwater pollution prevention program (SWPPP). In addition, CRWD must solicit public comment on the SWPPP and hold an annual public meeting to present the SWPPP activities known as best management practices (BMPs) and the accomplishments made each year. Ms. Eleria explained that the June 3rd Board meeting was the public meeting for the SWPPP.

Announcements of the public meeting were published in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press and a couple of local newspapers as well as on several Saint Paul district planning council websites. The public comment period was from May 8 – June 7, 2009. Information about the Trout Brook storm sewer system, the SWPPP, and general stormwater information is available on the CRWD website. Ms. Eleria said staff have not received any comments so far. Ms. Eleria said staff will present the 2008 SWPPP BMPs to the Citizen's Advisory Committee at the June 10th meeting and solicit their comments. Ms. Eleria said the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) is a comprehensive and solid management tool for improving water quality. Ms. Eleria said the Trout Brook Stormwater is considered an MS4 and a state discharge system. The goals are to reduce discharge of pollutants; protect and improve water quality and comply with water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. Ms. Eleria said the SWPPP has Six Minimum Control Measures (MCM); public education and outreach; public involvement and participation; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site runoff control; post-construction stormwater management and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. Ms. Eleria said the public education and outreach minimum control measure for 2008 included visiting 10 schools, reaching out to 500 students, 4 field trips and a teacher workshop. Ms. Eleria said the District has continued partnerships with WaterShed Partners and Blue Thumb. Public participation included a 30-day public comment period for the annual SWPPP activities, an annual public meeting and meetings with CAC/TAC. Ms. Eleria said new activities planned for 2009 include Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE). Staff will also do additional monitoring of indicator parameters. The MPCA will conduct a Stormwater permit audit. Ms. Eleria said staff will request approval of the SWPPP Annual Report at the next Board meeting. The Committee thanked Ms. Eleria for her presentation.

Draft 2010 Work Plan – Mark Doneux, Administrator

Administrator Doneux said each year the Board of Managers must establish a plan of work for the upcoming year, establish a budget based upon the work plan, and establish a levy for the budget. To begin this process, staff prepared a 2010 Work Plan which the Board adopted at the May 20th Board meeting. Administrator Doneux reviewed the 2010 Work Plan with the Committee. Administrator Doneux noted a number of goals are new and a couple of goals are carried over from last year. Administrator Doneux explained the initiatives are items the District would like to do during 2010. The initiatives are listed in order of importance. Administrator Doneux noted that staff included the budget code in the work plan to link the work plan to the budget for a better understanding to the reader. Administrator Doneux explained that the Board has until the first meeting in September to finalize the preliminary budget and levy. Administrator Doneux said over the next two months, the Board Managers will evaluate the work plan, priorities, spending and revenue to adopt a preliminary budget and levy, which means the CAC will have until the next meeting to provide comments to the Board.

6. Discussion

Stream Corridor Restoration Concepts, Nancy-Jean LaFevre EOR, Inc.

Administrator Doneux said the concept of Bringing Water Back to St. Paul has emerged as a key theme of the 2010 Watershed Management Plan (WMP). One component of the theme/effort is identifying and implementing stream restoration sites in CRWD. Administrator Doneux said EOR, Inc. has identified potential areas that could be candidates for stream corridor restoration. At this point these areas are very conceptual and will need further analysis to determine their feasibility. Ms. LaFevre said advantages of bringing water back is building awareness of water resources in urban settings, improve public stewardship. Provide better treatment and keep water closer to the surface. Ms. LaFevre said creating waterways will create community amenities and increased property values. Ms. LaFevre said data considered for the site selection includes basic land use and the ownership, evaluating the opportunities for redevelopment, the elevation and slope makes the area more appealing. Ms. LaFevre said preliminary site evaluation factors include constructability; the links to District initiatives or waterbodies; the existing storm sewer

infrastructure; the visibility and accessibility of the site among other factors. Ms. LaFevre reviewed the potential sites throughout the watershed with the Committee. Ms. LaFevre said the next step is to finalize the Implementation section of the Plan and determine what to include in the Plan. This section in the Plan would include a feasibility study to identify specific key issues and implement stream segments. Mr. Duerre said he thought there were at least two historic streams in the downtown area. Ms. LaFevre said there was at least one stream in the first study but was not included in this study. Bill Downing asked Ms. LaFevre if anyone has spoke to the City of Falcon Heights or the University of Minnesota about this study. Ms. LaFevre said this is in the very preliminary stages. Administrator Doneux said everyone will have a chance to comment on the plan. The Committee thanked Ms. LaFevre for her presentation.

Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Stormwater Workshop

Administrator Doneux said the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (CCLRT) Stormwater Workshop is scheduled for June 25th 8:00 – 3:00 pm at the Central Corridor Resource Center at 1080 University. Ted McCaslin, Mike MacDonald, and David Arbeit said they will attend the workshop. Bill Barton said he will stop by if his schedule permits.

7. Staff and Program Updates Watershed Management Plan Update

Administrator Doneux indicated that the draft implementation section will be on the CAC Agenda in July.

8. Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Steve Duerre and Jerry Wagner attended the May 20th meeting. Mr. Duerre reported the activities of that meeting.

Manager Thienes reviewed recent Board actions including a permit and grant update. Manager Thienes said the Anna Eleria presented the SWPPP 2008 Annual Report, reviewed the 2008 Monitoring Report, heard from St. Paul regarding their Stormwater Management Study and the Cleveland Randolph Groundwater Study. Manager Thienes also noted and commented on numerous permit applications and Stewardship Grants that have come before the Board. Manager Thienes said there is a special workshop on Monday June 29th to discuss the 2010 budget.

9. Discussion - New & Old Issues

10. July 8, 2009 Agenda Overview

11. Adjourn - Committee agreed to adjourn at 9:09 by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson