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# Capitol Region Watershed District

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**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

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**CAC Members Present:**

David Arbeit, Bill Barton,  
Janna Caywood, Steve Duerre,  
Wade Johnson, Ted McCaslin,  
Shirley Reider, Michelle  
Ulrich, Jerry Wagner, Jerry  
Kafka, Gwen Willems

**Members absent with notice:**

Mike MacDonald, Michael  
Trojan

**Others Present:**

Mary Texer, CRWD Manager  
Mark Doneux, Administrator

**Welcome, Announcements, and Updates**

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with introductions and a request for announcements. Administrator Doneux announced that Bob Piram has resigned from the Board of Managers effective March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 12-04-01 Motion:** *To approve the CAC April 11, 2012 agenda as provided.*

Duerre/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

**Approval of the March 14, 2012 CAC Minutes**

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the March 14, 2012 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

**CAC 12-04-02 Motion:** *To approve the CAC March 14, 2012 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Duerre/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

**Items for Review and Comment Requested By Board of Managers**

No Items for Review and Comment.

**Staff and Program Updates**

**2012 CAC Elections**

Ms. Reider announced that it was election time. The committee will elect 2 co-chairs and a secretary. Ms. Reider explained that she has been a co-chair for quite some time and it was a great experience. Ms. Reider explained that the Secretary serves as a second set of eyes to review the minutes prior to being mailed. Ms. Reider said anyone is welcome to volunteer to be an officer. Ms. Reider agreed to remain a co-chair. Michelle Ulrich agreed to continue as Secretary.

**CAC 12-04-03 Motion:** Shirley Reider and Ted McCaslin were re-elected as co-chairs.

Ulrich/Duerre

Unanimously Approved

**CAC 12-04-04 Motion:** Michelle Ulrich was re-elected as Secretary.

Duerre/McCaslin

Unanimously Approved

### **Blair Griggs RSVP Rain Gardens**

Administrator Doneux gave a presentation on the Blair Griggs RSVP Rain Garden project. He commented that 16 Rain Gardens were built as part of the 2008 Ashland Pascal RSVP. Those gardens were the first rain gardens built as part of a City Street improvement project.

As part of the 2010 St. Anthony Hill Subwatershed Study, Boulevard Tree trenches were considered but not constructed. Instead the City planned for boulevard rain gardens to be built by the City, planted with CRWD assistance and maintained by the homeowners. Over 100 citizens requested rain gardens and 64 Rain Gardens qualified and were built on 58 properties as part of 2011 Blair Griggs Residential Street Vitality Program (RSVP).

Mr. Doneux commented that the rain garden lengths vary, and the District developed planting plans for 15', 25' & 35' lengths. The maximum mature height is 30" for plants. The plants are somewhat hardy for sun and shade. He noted that the planting plans had to be simple, flexible, easy to maintain and attractive.

Mr. Doneux stated that the City paid for curb cut, excavation, soil and mulch. CRWD is paying for the plants and planting costs which are approximately \$17,000. The residents will be responsible for planting & maintenance. The rain gardens will be treating roughly 3.5 acres out of 8 acres of impervious surfaces total in the RSVP area. For this project the rain gardens locations are based homeowner interest and site suitability.

The excavation by the City contractor will occur in May. All rain gardens will be dug out and rain garden soil, compost and sand, will be placed. Mulch will be placed on top of rain garden soil and all rain gardens will be planted on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Doneux ended by recognizing the partners for this project including: City of St Paul, Dept. of Public Works, Street Engineering Division, Residents, Hamline Midway Coalition and Great River Greening. Mr. Doneux noted that Barb Mundahl from the City of St Paul, Dept. of Public Works, Street Engineering Division has been very supportive and instrumental in making this project a success.

### **Lake McCarrons (Villa Park) Subwatershed Project**

Administrator Doneux announced that CRWD was awarded a \$275,000 Clean Water Partnership (CWP) grant from the MPCA for the Lake McCarrons (Villa Park) Subwatershed Project. This proposed project includes the selection, siting, design and construction of BMPs that target phosphorus and are most cost-effective in the Villa Park subwatershed to Lake McCarrons. These BMPs, first identified in two U of M Capstone projects, are technically feasible and are the most effective long-term at minimizing the impacts of stormwater runoff and protecting Lake McCarrons water quality. Planning and design work is anticipated to occur in 2012 with construction of the first project to begin in 2013.

## **District Logo Update**

Administrator gave an update on the new District logo. Mr. Doneux stated that in early January 2012, CRWD Board of Managers selected logo design option #1 as the preferred design and directed staff to work with Charles Ross, CRWD's graphic designer, to refine it based on two major comments: 1) simplifying it and making it less busy and 2) use other blue and/or green color variations. Charles Ross has explored various revision options to the selected logo design including removing the portals in the capitol building, other blue/green color variations, different fonts, changing the direction of the arrows in the outer circle, etc. CRWD Logo Committee has reviewed the various design revision options and prefers the enclosed logo design for CRWD's new logo. The revised logo design includes simplifying the skyline yet keeping the portals on the capitol building, changing the direction of the arrows, one color for CRWD's name, slight modification to the river shape, and different blue and green colors. The Board adopted the final logo design at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Rules Update**

Administrator Doneux gave an update on the final rule changes. Mr. Doneux noted that previous changes prior to the public notice focused on three main topics: the 10,000 sf land disturbance threshold, requiring sureties for public projects, and incidental wetland regulation. The final rules are to be adopted on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Manager Mary Texer reviewed recent Board actions. Manager Texer noted the Board authorized an RFQ for Real Estate Services, heard a presentation from Karlyn Eckman regarding the Como Neighborhood Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice (KAP) Study and adopted the Trillium Water Resource Feature Feasibility Study.

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

No Discussion

## **May 9, 2012 Agenda Overview**

There was discussion of having the BMP Report and Monitoring report at the May meeting. It was also noted that the CAC will be hosting Orjan Stal for an evening presentation at the District on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was noted note that the Great River Passage Master Plan will be presented at the June CAC meeting.

**Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Doneux