



DRAFT Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday August 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton,
Janna Caywood, Jerry Kafka,
Michael MacDonald, Ted
McCaslin, Shirley Reider,
Mike Trojan, Michelle Ulrich,
Gwen Willems

Members absent with notice:

Pat Byrne, Steve Duerre

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Bob Piram
Bob Fossum, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for announcements. David Arbeit said he and his neighbors have noticed that Como Lake has fewer weeds this year and is in relatively good shape. Mr. Arbeit asked if there was any particular reason. Bob Fossum said he is not aware of any reason. Mr. Fossum said Ramsey County Public Works monitors all of the lakes in Ramsey County monthly and perhaps they know and he will check with them. Mr. Arbeit asked what events would have washed a lot of stuff into the lake and may have flushed a whole lot of phosphorous into the lake.

Ted McCaslin asked about Gottfried's Pit flooding during the last rainstorm. Ms. Reider suggested adding a Gottfried's Pit update to the agenda.

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. Mr. McCaslin asked for a Gottfried's Pit update.

CAC 11-08-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC August 10, 2011 agenda as amended.*

Arbeit/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

Approval of the July 13, 2011 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the July 13, 2011 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

CAC 11-08-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC July 13, 2011 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Arbeit/Ulrich

Unanimously approved

Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers

Draft 2012 Work Plan – Bob Fossum

Mr. Fossum gave a brief presentation of the 2012 Work Plan Goals, Budget and Levy and discussed the significant changes the District has and will experience. Mr. Fossum noted that the original Levy increase began at 35% but after much review and discussion during two workshops, the Board was able to reduce the Levy increase significantly. Mr. Fossum said the draft budget currently out for public comment includes

\$3,856,655 of expenditures and a resultant tax levy of \$2,493,474 which is a 6.65% increase over 2011 and the Public Hearing is scheduled for August 17th, 2011, 6:00 PM.

Mr. Arbeit said he appreciates the Boards effort to review and discuss the Levy to an increase that is both acceptable to the tax payer and a reasonable amount to get some great projects done.

Mr. Fossum noted that the Board will adopt a preliminary Budget and Levy at the September 7, 2011 Board meeting and the final certification will occur at the December 21st Annual Board meeting. Discussion occurred. It was the consensus of the Citizens Advisory Committee to support and endorse the proposed 2012 budget and levy.

CAC 11-08-03 Motion: *Upon reviewing the proposed budget, the committee endorses the projects and programs proposed and recommend that the Board adopt the proposed 2012 budget and levy.*

Arbeit/Barton

Unanimously approved

Discussion

Trillium Site Water Resource Features Update

Mr. Fossum reported that at the April 6, 2011, Board meeting the Managers authorized a professional services agreement with Inter-Fluve, Inc. to complete the Trillium Water Resource Feature Feasibility Study based on a final scope of work for an amount not to exceed \$136,500. Two meetings of the project Work Group have been completed to finalize the project design criteria. Several additional meetings have been held with MNDOT and the City of St. Paul to discuss project coordination.

Mr. Fossum said the Trillium Site is south on Maryland Avenue east of Jackson Street west of 35E and north of Cayuga street. Mr. Fossum said significant work has been completed on the Trillium Water Resource Feature Feasibility Study. Mr. Fossum reviewed the project and the major items that had been completed to date including the water source alternatives. Each water source as several associated difficulties and those were reviewed.

Mr. Fossum thought the November CAC meeting would be a good time to schedule a field trip to Trillium Site. The committee agreed.

Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Update

There was no update.

Victoria Park Wetland Restoration Project Update

Mr. Fossum said Victoria Park will be on the site of the former Koch-Mobile Petroleum Storage facility. The City of St. Paul plans to develop the new Victoria Park over the next several years. The District has previously been involved in this project by issuing erosion and sediment control permits to allow filling of the site.

Mr. Fossum explained that the City has the opportunity to take advantage of free fill for the Victoria Park site that is coming from the CCLRT project. This fill will be available over the next several months and is valued at approximately \$3 million. The City of St. Paul requested assistance from the District in defining the drainage, wetland, and water features of the new park. Staff recommended engaging a consultant to complete this work and estimate the costs of the study to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000. This work would need to happen very quickly and be completed by the end of the year, so the site can be filled appropriately and the significant cost savings can be realized.

“Our mission is to protect, manage, and improve the water resources of the Capitol Region Watershed District.”

Staff and Program Updates

Como Regional Park Stormwater Management Plan Update

Mr. Fossum explained that at the request of CAC, the District sent a request to the City of Saint Paul to develop a comprehensive stormwater management plan for Como Regional Park. District staff met in May with the City of St. Paul Parks and discussed getting this project started. District 10 sent a letter in July to the City's Department of Parks and Recreation urging support for the project. Parks Director Mike Hamm responded to District 10 letter supporting the study. Bob Fossum stated that CRWD funding is in place for the study in 2012. Discussion occurred.

Gotfried's Pit Update

Bob Fossum provided a report on the affects of the July 15th rainstorm. Mr. Fossum said the City of Roseville received 3.5 inches in two hours. Gottfried's Pit received six inches in approximately 5 hours. Mr. Fossum said that that type of event extrapolates to about a 500-year event. The pumps did perform as they are designed to and there was significant flooding beyond what the pumping and piping system was designed to handle.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Piram said everything has been covered.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

No discussion occurred.

September 14, 2011 Agenda Overview

Ms. Nelson told the Committee that staff will take a Committee Photo for the website at the next CAC meeting.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson