



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday January 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Bill Barton, Steve Duerre, Paul Kammuller,
Michael MacDonald, Ted McCaslin, Ole
Olmanson, Shirley A. Reider, Michelle Ulrich,
Jerry Wagner

Members absent with notice:

Jim Cotner, David Arbeit

Others Present:

CRWD Manager Mike Thienes
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff
Forrest Kelley, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Paul Kammuller opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for announcements. Jerry Wagner said he wanted to make the Committee aware of the activity at the Rice Street/Highway 36 Interchange; the City is talking about turning a pond into a parking lot. Mr. Wagner said there is a meeting January 20th from 4:30-6:30 at the Roseville Skating Center.

Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda.

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kammuller asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CAC 10-01-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC January 13, 2010 agenda as presented.*

Reider/Wagner

Unanimously approved

Approval of the December 9, 2009 CAC Minutes

Mr. Kammuller asked for additions or changes to the *December 9, 2009 CAC Minutes*. There were no additions or changes to the CAC Minutes.

CAC 10-01-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC December 9, 2009 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Reider/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers

There were no items for review or comment.

Discussion

2009 Permit Program Review, Forrest Kelley

Mr. Kelley said the District has been issuing permits under Rules since October 1, 2006. Mr. Kelley said in 2009, the District received 31 permit applications. The Board of Managers approved 27 stormwater management permits, three erosion control permits, and two floodplain management permits. Mr. Kelley explained projects requiring a permit include projects that disturb more than 1 acre of land; are in the

floodplain, propose wetland disturbance or projects connecting to the Trout Brook Interceptor require a District permit. Steve Duerre asked what deferral means in regards to issuing a permit. Mr. Kelley explained that a deferral is for linear projects, costs specific to satisfying the volume reduction and water quality standards that do not exceed the cost cap. Mr. Kelley said in January 2009, the Rules were revised to allow the cities to have a negative balance in their volume bank. If the cities cannot provide volume reduction on site they can defer it to a future project. Mr. Kelley explained Stormwater Management Rule C which requires runoff rate control. Runoff rates for the proposed activity shall not exceed existing runoff rates for the 2-year, 10-year and 100-year critical storm events and runoff rates may be restricted to less than the existing rates when the capacity of downstream conveyance system is limited. Mr. Kelley said Volume Reduction is the one inch standard. Volume Reduction in the amount equal to one inch of runoff from the newly constructed site impervious surfaces. Mr. Kelley explained the reason the rule is one inch is because 90% of all rainfall events are one inch or less. Mr. Kelley described the permits approved and inspected in 2009. Ole Olmanson asked if there is any consideration of the effects of salt in the winter time when constructing pervious pavement projects. Mr. Kelley said yes all infiltration practices are a concern. Chlorides are not removed filtering through the soils.

Cleveland Randolph Groundwater Study, Forrest Kelley

Mr. Kelley said in 2007, CRWD was made aware of potential concerns with high groundwater in the area near the University of St. Catherine's. In order to identify the extent of the problem and provide the District guidance on how infiltration of surface runoff may affect groundwater elevations, the District partnered with the City of St. Paul to conduct a study in the area bound by Cretin Ave, Palace Ave, Macalester St., and Highland Pkwy. Mr. Kelley said groundwater observation wells were installed in January of 2009 and groundwater elevations have been taken monthly throughout the year. A groundwater survey was distributed to residents within the study area in late September and a neighborhood meeting was held on October 12, 2009 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Mr. Kelley said the responses have been compiled and a list of individuals willing to have their basement floor elevations surveyed has been created. Mr. Kelley explained that this information will help determine where water problems are due to groundwater elevations. Mr. Kelley said preliminary results of groundwater elevations and contours have been mapped and Wenck Associates has created a groundwater model to test scenarios for infiltration from hypothetical development projects. Mr. Kelley explained the study activities to date and the next steps towards completion of the project.

Staff and Program Updates

Ms. Nelson said there is a special Board meeting tomorrow, January 14th at 5:00 p.m. for the Board to review the comments and responses from the 60 day review period that ended December 24th, 2009 for the 2010 Watershed Management Plan and the Public Hearing will be at a regular Board meeting February 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to accept any additional public comments regarding the District's 2010 Watershed Management Plan. Ms. Nelson announced that the District hired a new Administrative Assistant, Camille Logan who will be working Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Nelson noted that Janna Caywood submitted an application for the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Ms. Caywood's application will be reviewed at the January 20th Board meeting.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Thienes reviewed recent Board actions including: the Annual meeting was December 16th, the election of officers and titles have not changed. The Board adopted the final 2010 Budget and Levy. The Board approved limiting salary increases in 2010 to a maximum of 3 percent. January 6th was a regular meeting with a special report from the district's financial management firm Ehlers & Associates. The Board authorized the distribution of a Request for Qualifications for a communications consultant which is part of the education plan.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

Ms. Nelson provided an update on the committee reappointment discussion from the January meeting. Jerry Kafka desires to remain on the committee, Judith Monson resigned, Brandon Wiarda's phone was disconnected but a letter will be mailed to him and a message was left on Bruce Holdhusen's voicemail.

February 10, 2010 Agenda Overview

Review Bylaws

Adjourn – 8:49

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson