



APPROVED Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday July 13, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit, Bill Barton,
Janna Caywood, Steve Duerre,
Michael MacDonald, Ted
McCaslin, Shirley Reider,
Mike Trojan, Michelle Ulrich,
Jerome Wagner, Gwen
Willems

Members absent with notice:**Others Present:**

CRWD Manager Joe Collins
Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff
Joe Bischoff, Wenck Associates

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Shirley Reider opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for announcements. Mike MacDonald reminded the committee that District 10 is conducting a turtle study and have been counting turtles for the past several weeks at Como Lake. Mr. MacDonald said the Zoo helped set traps. Mr. MacDonald said the District 10 Environment Committee is planning a shoreline weeding event for Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Como Lake if anyone from the CAC would like to volunteer.

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 11-07-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC July 13, 2011 agenda as provided.*

MacDonald/Duerre

Unanimously approved

Approval of the May 11, 2011 CAC Minutes

Ms. Reider asked for additions or changes to the May 11, 2011 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes.

CAC 11-07-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC May 11, 2011 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Duerre/Trojan

Unanimously approved

Mr. Duerre complimented the District and staff for hosting the tour in June.

Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers**Draft Crosby Lake Management Plan, Joe Bischoff, Wenck Associates**

Administrator Doneux introduced Joe Bischoff, Aquatic Ecologist and Project Manager from Wenck who will present the Draft Crosby Lake Management Plan. The draft management plan for Crosby Lake describes the existing water quality, hydrologic and ecological conditions of Crosby Lake and the management goals and implementation activities to protect and improve the lake's water quality as well as minimize polluted runoff to the Mississippi River. The Plan calls for protecting the Water Quality in Crosby Lake and meeting Water Quality Standards for direct drainage to the Mississippi River. The overall Plan would cost approximately \$3,000,000 and is scheduled to be implemented over 10 years.

Administrator Doneux explained that the Board authorized a 30-day public comment period on the draft plan at the July 6th Board meeting.

Administrator Doneux said the 30-day public comment period began July 11th and comments can be sent to Anna Eleria until August 15. The final Advisory meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the District office.

Draft 2012 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 met to review program needs and ongoing projects from the work plan and watershed management plan. Administrator Doneux explained that the Budget reflects the estimated costs to meet the 2012 work plan. Administrator Doneux said to achieve all of the items in the work plan would require a budget of just over \$4.5 million dollars and a levy of \$3.2 million. Administrator Doneux explained that this would increase the overall levy ~35%. Administrator Doneux said the Managers agreed at the July 11th Budget workshop that some reduction in the levy increase below what was currently proposed was needed. Administrator Doneux explained his key goals and recommendations for possible budget cuts for the 2012. Administrator Doneux further explained that his recommendations were intended to move the Budget process forward to assist the Board on reaching their goal. After much review and discussion the Board was able to reduce the Levy increase to 16%. Administrator Doneux said the Board will conduct a second Budget workshop Tuesday, August 2 at 5:00 pm for further discussion to reduce the levy increase to around 8%. Administrator Doneux stated that the Board will approve the Preliminary 2012 Budget/Levy for Public Comment on August 3rd. and set the Public Hearing Date for the August 17th Board meeting. Administrator Doneux reviewed the preliminary 2012 Budget/Levy with the committee and noted that staff will bring it back at the August meeting for a formal endorsement of the Budget. Administrator Doneux explained 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. Administrator Doneux stated that the Preliminary 2012 Budget will be back on the August 10th CAC Agenda for review and comment.

Discussion

Trillium Site Water Resource Features Update

No discussion occurred.

Villa Park Wetland Restoration Project Update

Administrator Doneux said HDR Engineer was selected as the consultant for the Villa Park Wetland Restoration Project Preliminary Engineering.

Staff and Program Updates

New CRWD Banners

Administrator Doneux said the Banners turned out great and will be on display at the next CAC meeting.

State Shutdown effects on CRWD

Administrator Doneux said there was a lot of confusion about the grants and loans that the District has received for projects. Administrator Doneux said the MPCA and BSWR initially indicated if the State was to shut down there would not be any work permitted on any grant projects but staff have since received a letter saying that was not the case and the work could proceed.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

No discussion occurred.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

No discussion.

August 10, 2011 Agenda Overview

Preliminary 2012 Budget/Levy and Work Plan – Trillium Site – Banners on display - Central Corridor Light Rail update.

Janna Caywood asked if Citizens should send a letter to the City of St. Paul in support of the development of a Stormwater Management Plan for Como Regional Park. Manager Collins said Citizen's should always get involved and include the City Council with the Citizen's concerns. Administrator Doneux agreed that anyone who wants to send a letter should.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson