



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Approved

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

David Arbeit
Bill Barton
Steve Duerre
Rick Sanders
Nicole Soderholm
Michelle Ulrich
Gwen Willems

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Michelle Sylvander, CRWD
Shirley Reider, CRWD Manager
Patrick Conrad, EOR

Members absent:

Pat Byrne
Mike MacDonald, w/notice
Ted McCaslin
Kathryn Swanson, w/notice
Richard Weil, w/notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with introductions. Ms. Willems requested any announcements. Ms. Willems attended four events on May 30th. The highlight of the events was the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary Opening. The CRWD Board of Managers were present along with many staff members. Ms. Willems felt the event was very well organized with informational tables and activities for the kids.

Mr. Arbeit, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Barton attended the Landscape Revival Native Plant Expo and Market. Mr. Sanders reported that it was a fun event and it was well attended. Mr. Arbeit stated that there were a lot of kids at the event and the table needed more engaging activities for the kids. Mr. Arbeit also noted that he talked to a grant applicant and they were still waiting for a response. Mr. Arbeit suggested that the application process have more clarification for applicants expecting feedback.

Public Comments

Ms. Willems requested any public comments. No public comments were made.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Willems asked for any additions or changes to the Agenda. No additions or changes were made.

CAC 15-022 Motion: *To approve the CAC June 10, 2015, agenda.*

Arbeit/Soderholm
Unanimously approved

Approval of the May 13, 2015 CAC Minutes

No changes or corrections were noted.

CAC 15-023 Motion: *To approve the May 13, 2015 CAC Minutes.*

Ulrich/Duerre

Unanimously approved

District Initiatives

A) CRWD 2010 Watershed Plan Mid-Term Update

Mr. Fossum reviewed that on September 1, 2010, the Board of Managers adopted the District's Watershed Management Plan (WMP). The plan covers the term from 2010—2020. The District is currently at the half-way point in the term of the WMP.

Staff and EOR, Inc. have completed significant work on the on Mid-Term WMP Review. Specifically, the Initiatives, Goals, Issues, and Themes. A special meeting for the CAC was held on April 29th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss direction from the CAC on the Mid-Term review. Mr. Fossum was very pleased with the feedback from the CAC. Staff have revised the Summary of Progress to address issues based on input and discussions at workshops with the CAC and Board of Managers.

Mr. Conrad from EOR presented recommendations to the CAC. The purpose of the review was to provide comments on the draft recommendations for the 2010 WMP Mid-term Review. No additional changes were identified. The recommendations Mr. Conrad presented are adjustments or modification to the level of focus for the remainder of the planning period.

CAC 15-024 Motion: *To support the recommendations for the Watershed Management Mid-Term Review.*

Willems/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

CAC Initiatives

A) Student Worker Program

Administrator Doneux provided an update on the Student Worker Program. Ms. McKay had recommended that the CAC consider multiple students. A template of a position description has been provided by Ms. McKay. Administrator Doneux requested that in addition to Ms. Swanson, one or two more CAC members commit to helping work with the Student Worker Program. Ms. Willems and Ms. Soderholm volunteered to help. Additional discussion and adoption of the position descriptions will occur at the August 12th, 2015 CAC Meeting.

B) July 15th CAC Tour

Administrator Doneux reviewed a list of tour sites for the July 15th Annual CAC tour. The group of sites are deliberately focused along the Mississippi River corridor for planning and logistics.

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1. Highland Ravine
 - a) Project Goals and Benefits
 - b) Ravine/Gully Stabilization Engineering
 - c) Landowner Cooperation and Easements
 - d) Construction Challenges and Solutions

2. Crosby Lake
 - a) Crosby Lake Management Plan History and Update
 - b) Projects Completed
 - c) Elmer Street Parking Lot Improvements
 - d) Crosby Lake Water Quality and Monitoring Efforts

3. Hidden Falls Creek and Hidden Falls Regional Park
 - a) Park History and Development
 - b) Hidden Falls Creek
 - c) Hidden Falls Creek Feasibility Study

4. Ford Site
 - a) Ford Site History
 - b) Previous Planning Efforts and Studies
 - c) Demolition, 2014 – present
 - d) Ford Site Planning – 2015
 - e) CRWD Role in Current Planning

C) 2015 Awards Program

Mr. Arbeit has talked to Mr. MacDonald about adding an additional category to the awards program. Mr. Arbeit and Mr. MacDonald will have something to present at the August CAC meeting.

D) Fall Freshwater Society Moos Family Lecture Series Update

Administrator Doneux shared with the Freshwater Society, a list of recommended potential speakers. A list of potential speakers was provided by the Freshwater Society. The list was paired down to five speakers. Members of the CAC ranked the speakers that have the potential for broad general public appearance and the most relevance to CRWD’s Mission. Administrator Doneux will follow up with the Freshwater Society and provide an update at the August meeting.

E) Master Water Stewards

Administrator Doneux reviewed that Fresh Water Society received a grant to establish a Master Water Stewards program. This program is similar to the Master Gardener program. The program is a semester of training and participants receive certification after completion. The program includes a project at the end of the training. Fresh Water Society approached CRWD regarding interest of expanding the program into east metro. The cost is about \$2500 per participant. Administrator Doneux wanted the CAC to be aware that CRWD is considering the program. Administrator Doneux recommended CRWD require participants to commit two years of membership to the CAC after certification. Members of the CAC agreed and felt the training would be useful to help staff members with projects or site inspections.

F) 2016 Work Plan and Budget

Discussion is planned for the August CAC meeting.

Project and Program Updates

A) 2015 CRWD Events

Trout Brook Grand Opening – Grand Opening of Trout Brook with St. Paul Parks and GRG’s 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday May 30, 2015 12:30 – 3 pm

Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary

- Many Staff, Board and CAC members attended. Thank you.

Saint Paul Arbor Month Celebration – Community tabling event celebrating Arbor Month

Saturday May 30, 2015 10 am – 2 pm

Linwood Recreation Center

860 St. Clair, St. Paul, MN 55105

- Thank you Michelle and Steve for tabling at the event!

Landscape Revival Native Plant Expo and Market – Native Plant Expo and Market with 12 Growers

Saturday, June 6, 2015 9 am – 3 pm

Here are the shifts for staffing the table:

- 8 - 11 am Set up - Gustavo Castro, CRWD Staff
- 9 am - 12 pm Joe Lochner, RCD Staff
- 10 am - 1 pm Bill Barton, CRWD CAC
- 11 am - 2 pm Rick Sanders, CRWD CAC
- 12 - 3 pm David Arbeit, CRWD CAC - Forrest will come to pick up materials.

Hamline Midway Spring Festival – D11 Community Festival

Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4 – 8:30 pm

Hancock Recreation Center

1610 Hubbard Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

- 4 – 6 pm Gwen Willems, CRWD CAC

Bugs’ Night Out at Como Lake – macroinvertebrate sampling and identification for youth

Thursday June 18, 2015 6 – 7:30 pm

Como Lakeside Pavilion

1360 N Lexington Pkwy, St Paul, MN 55108

Frogtown Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2015 5 – 8 pm

Frogtown Park along Victoria

- 5 – 6:30 pm Gwen Willems will attend

Minnesota Green Roofs Council Annual Green Roof Bike Tour

Sunday, June 28, 2015, 12 – 5 pm

Tour of six green roofs in St. Paul

Purchase tickets on the MGRC website: mngreenroofs.org

Frogtown Garden Tour – self-guided tour of gardens that include some rain gardens

Saturday, July 11, 2015, 10 am – 2 pm

Purchase \$5 tickets starting July 1 at NeighborWorks Home Partners, 533 N. Dale or visit frogtowngreen.com for more info

Como Lake Land and Water Clean Up – in-lake cleanup event with MN Standup Paddle Board Association during Como Fest: Como Fest is July 10 – 12

Sunday, July 12, 2015 10 am – 1:00 pm

Como Lakeside Pavilion

1360 N Lexington Pkwy, St Paul, MN 55108

Little Mekong Night Markets – open-air market coordinated by CRWD Partner Grant recipient, Asian Economic Development Association

Friday and Saturday, July 3, 4 and August 7, 8 from 5 pm – 12 am

Corner of University and Western

SPSVP Boulevard Rain Garden Maintenance meetups for Montana Greenbrier and Montreal Projects

Monday, July 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm -- Montana Greenbrier project area – location TBD

Monday, July 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm -- Montreal project area – location TBD

Frogtown Splashdown! – Water festival at Minnehaha Mall in Frogtown

Friday, July 31, 10 am – 2 pm

779 N Milton St, St Paul, MN 55104

Loeb Lake Family Fishing – Family Fishing Event with CRWD and DNR, MinnAqua

Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 6 – 8 pm

Marydale Park

Meet near the doc on the east side of Loeb Lake off of Mackubin

CAC Observer Update

Manager Shirley Reider provided an update from the June 3rd Board of Managers meeting. A review of the Lakes Monitoring Report was presented. Administrator Doneux noted the report will be presented to the CAC at a later date. The information gathered for the report is used to help plan future projects.

The City of St. Paul will be hosting a public meeting on June 23rd at the Gloria Dei Church regarding the Ford Site Redevelopment. The Great River Park Plan will be reviewed. The City is looking for public feedback on water features.

Discussion –

A)New & Old Issues

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Mr. Duerre shared that the St. Anthony Falls lock will close due to invasive Asian Carp.

B) Identify CAC Observer for the June 17th and July 8th Board of Managers Meetings.

No one was identified.

C) July 15th CAC Agenda Overview

The annual tour planned for June 10th has been moved to July 15th. The August 12th meeting will include the 2016 Budget and work plan, Awards program, Student Worker Program, and additional information about the Moos Family Lecture speaker with the Freshwater Society.

Adjourn –

CAC 15-021 Motion: *To adjourn the June 10, 2015 CAC Meeting.*

Duerre/Sanders

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sylvander

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