



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting -Site Tour Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Bill Barton
Richard Weil
Michelle Ulrich
David Arbeit
Pat Byrne

Members absent:

Kathryn Swanson
Mike MacDonald
Janna Caywood
Ted McCaslin
Steve Duerre

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Michelle Sylvander, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Forrest Kelley, CRWD
Joe Sellner, CRWD
Mary Texer, Board Manager
Shirley Reider, Board Manager
Joe Collins, Board Manager
Seitu Jones, Board Manager
Linda Jungwirth
John Jungwirth
Shirley Erstad – Friends of the
Parks & Trails
Dennis Lienke

The June 11th CAC meeting started at 5:30 PM at the CRWD office. The annual tour included a variety of projects in the Trout Brook Valley area. Ms. Shirley Erstad of Friends of the Parks and Trails provided a presentation on the History of the Trout Brook Valley area. In the late 1800's, the railroad came thru the Trout Brook corridor. The land was not viewed for its resources but as the most efficient route of travel. Many ponds and low laying areas were filled in by the railroad.

The group boarded a mini bus and proceeded to the City of St. Paul Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary. Mr. Fossum reviewed with the group the contributions CRWD has had in the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary planning and execution. The goal of this project is to return water to the surface for wildlife conservation. The Nature Sanctuary will include walking trails and is scheduled to be open for the public in 2015.

Mr. Sellner met the group at the next stop, the Trout Brook Stormsewer Monitoring Systems. Mr. Sellner showed how the monitoring crew collects samples at the West Trout Brook Stormsewer. The information collected at various monitoring sites is used in feasibility studies for future projects.

Ms. Eleria was on site at the next location, the Cayuga Interchange/35E/MN Pass and the Trout Brook Realignment Project. Ms. Eleria reviewed how the storm sewer lines were connected. The project involved removal and replacement of the railroad tracks within a 30 hour window.

The last stop of the tour reviewed some of the Lowertown Projects including the Union Depot, Lowertown Ballpark, Lafayette Bridge, and Green Line OMF Building. The tour adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Sylvander