



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Approved

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Michelle Ulrich
Kathryn Swanson
Janna Caywood
Steve Duerre
Mike MacDonald
David Arbeit

Members absent:

Ted McCaslin, with notice
Pat Byrne, with notice
Richard Weil, with notice
Bill Barton, with notice

Others Present:

Ellen Anderson, Former State
Senator
Michelle Sylvander, CRWD
Shirley Reider, Board of Manager

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a request for introductions and any announcements.

Public Comments

Janna Caywood handed out a brochure for the Como Curb Cleanup. This year the cleanup will be a month long event. Neighbors are asked to report their efforts so the University of Minnesota can calculate the impact.

Approval of Agenda

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

CAC 13-022 Motion: *To approve the CAC October 9, 2013 agenda.*

Arbeit/MacDonald

Unanimously approved

Approval of the September 11, 2013 CAC Minutes

Ms. Willems requested any changes or corrections to the minutes. There were no changes noted.

CAC 13-023 Motion: *To approve the CAC September 11, 2013 CAC Minutes.*

Arbeit/Ulrich

Unanimously approved

Discussion of Strengthening the Role of the Citizen's Advisory Committee

Former State Senator Ellen Anderson facilitated a discussion on ways to reinvigorate the committee. Ms. Anderson started the discussion with introductions from the CAC committee and asked what they like about being on the CAC. The discussion included strengths and weaknesses of CAC's current role, structure, meetings, and processes. Some brainstorm generated potential changes and new roles for the CAC members. A sub committee was formed by Gwen Willems, Michelle Ulrich and Steve Duerre to rank top choices from

ideas and further discussion as needed. A meeting is being planned with the Board of Managers to share concepts.

CAC Observer and Board of Managers Update

Gwen Willems gave an update on the October 2, 2013 Board of Managers meeting. A number of permits were reviewed and approved. Ms. Willems said the special report given was SSGI - Strategic Stormwater Solution for Transit Oriented Development. The purpose of the project is to create a framework for the development of shared, stacked-function green infrastructure for stormwater management. The presenters were Wes Saunders-Pearce from the City of St. Paul and Ms. Joni Giese from SRF Consulting Group.

A discussion about the CAC was started by Administrator Doneux. The board was excited about the CAC taking interested in strengthening their roles.

Discussion –

A)New & Old Issues

No discussion.

B)Identify CAC Observer for October 16th Board of Managers Meeting and the November 6th Board of Managers Meeting

No members were identified.

C)November 13, 2013 CAC Agenda Overview

Mr. Arbeit remarked that he would like to hear from Administrator Doneux if something is scheduled for Como Lake, like a forum and if so how the CAC can help.

Adjourn –

CAC 13-024 Motion: *To adjourn.*

Arbeit/Ulbrich

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sylvander