



## Capitol Region Watershed District

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### Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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#### **CAC Members Present:**

Gwen Willems  
Michelle Ulrich  
Bill Barton  
Richard Weil

#### **Members absent:**

Ted McCaslin, with notice  
Mike MacDonald, with notice  
Kathryn Swanson, with notice  
David Arbeit, with notice  
Steve Duerre  
Pat Byrne  
Janna Caywood

#### **Others Present:**

Mark Doneux, CRWD  
Michelle Sylvander, CRWD  
Corey Poland, CRWD  
Britta Suppes, CRWD  
Shirley Reider, Board of  
Managers

#### **Welcome, Announcements, and Updates**

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with a request for introductions and any announcements.

#### **Public Comments**

Ms. Reider shared a flyer for a performance dance on University Avenue called “Weathering the Storm”. Three different dance groups will be performing at three sites along University Avenue. The performances are interpretative dance to simulate the movement of stormwater.

Ms. Willems and Ms. Caywood plan to attend the Clean Water Summit being held at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

**CAC 13-019 Motion:** *To approve the CAC September 11, 2013 agenda.*

Ulrich/Weil

Unanimously approved

#### **Approval of the August 14, 2013 CAC Minutes**

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

**CAC 13-020 Motion:** *To approve the CAC August 14, 2013 CAC Minutes.*

Ulrich/Weil

Unanimously approved

#### **Items for Review and Comment Requested by the Board of Managers**

A) 2012 Monitoring Report (Suppes)

Ms. Suppes reviewed the Districts work in collecting and analyzing water quality data through the District Monitoring Program. During the 2012 monitoring period (January-December), stormwater monitoring sites

located throughout six of the sixteen major subwatersheds were monitored for flow and water quality. Water quality samples were analyzed for a variety of parameters including nutrients, solids, metals, bacteria, and chloride. CRWD lakes were sampled in 2012 by Ramsey County Public Works and the data was analyzed and reported along with stormwater monitoring data. Conclusions and recommendations from 2012 will help guide monitoring performed in 2013.

Ms. Suppes reviewed information gathered from seventeen sites, seven of which have year round data collection. The information gathered includes baseflow and stormflow. Ms. Suppes compared data to previous year's information including climatological conditions.

Mr. Barton asked why the testing does not include mercury. Ms. Suppes responded that mercury is already being tested for by Ramsey County. Mr. Barton asked why this is not more testing in the Crosby Lake area of the watershed. Administrator Doneux replied that the outlets are small making it very difficult to set up a safe monitoring location for staff and the equipment.

### **Staff and Program Updates**

#### A) Permit Inspection Report (Poland)

Mr. Poland reviewed that CRWD has been issuing permits since October 1, 2006. The district has approved 23 permit applications so far in 2013. CRWD staff and Wenck Associates have been conducting inspections on active sites to ensure sediment and erosion control practices outlined in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit are followed. Mr. Poland reviewed a table summarizing the pertinent information regarding permit inspections. Mr. Poland shared examples of site visits and common problems he encounters.

#### B) Highland Ravine Update (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux gave an update on the Highland Ravine Project. A sanitary sewer line was identified at the bottom of the ravine. Ms. Eleria has been working with the City of St. Paul to develop a plan to reroute the sanitary sewer. An easement will need to be put in place. Construction will be moved to late summer/fall of 2014. New easement and agreements will be drafted for the home owners. Now that construction is being pushed back, this will allow more time to work on completing the easements.

#### C) Villa Park (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux gave an update on the Villa Park Wetland Restoration Project. Wet pond and wet cell one are done being dredged. The dredge will be moved up to wet cell 5, there is about one more week worth of dredging left. The project is moving along very well and will be completed on schedule.

#### D) Trout Brook Interceptor (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux gave an update on the Trout Brook Interceptor. The realignment of storm water systems is in the final stages and is expected to be done the first week of October. The completion of the demolition of the Mississippi Bridge caused some delays.

### **Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update**

*"Our mission is to protect, manage, and improve the water resources of the Capitol Region Watershed District."*

Manager Shirley Reider was in attendance and gave an update on the August 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers meeting. A public hearing was held for the 2014 Budget and Levy.

Three homeowners from the Lake McCarrons Neighborhood Association were in attendance. The homeowners shared concerns about Eurasian water milfoil at the west end of the lake. The Association applied for a stewardship grant to include weed harvesting lanes to create access and inspections at the boat launch with an area to clean boats. Unfortunately, CRWD staff has had no success at finding a weed harvester available.

Ms. Reider attended the LID Symposium. CRWD was involved in the planning and organizing of the symposium. Multiple Staff members also presented CRWD projects and programs and led tours of the Arlington Pascal project and CCLRT BMPs. Some of it was very technical, but overall it was very good.

#### **Discussion –**

**A) New & Old Issues**

No discussion.

**B) Identify CAC Observer for September 18th Board of Managers Meeting**

Bill Barton will be attending the September 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Managers Meeting.

**C) Identify CAC Observer for October 2nd Board of Managers Meeting**

Gwen Willems will be attending the October 2nd Board of Managers Meeting.

**D) CAC Member Recruitment**

The attendance of the CAC is down. The goals of the CAC will be revisited and ways to make the meetings more meaningful and engaging. There was some discussion about groups and events to recruit additional members CAC. Additional discussion will take place at the October meeting.

**E) October 9, 2013 CAC Agenda Overview**

Additional discussion is planned for CAC recruitment.

**G) Electronic CAC Packets**

The consensus of the CAC members agreed to have the meeting agendas and materials sent electronically. Printed copies of the agenda and materials will still be available at the meeting.

#### **Adjourn –**

**CAC 13-021 Motion:** *To adjourn.*

Barton/Weil

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sylvander