



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Bill Barton, Pat Byrne,
Janna Caywood, Steve
Duerre, Mike
MacDonald, Ted
McCaslin, Kathryn
Swanson, Michael
Trojan, Michelle Ulrich,
Richard Weil, Gwen
Willems

Members absent with notice:

David Arbeit, Wade Johnson,
Shirley Reider

Others Present:

Mary Texer, CRWD Manager
Mark Doneux, CRWD Staff
Dawn Nelson, CRWD Staff

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ted McCaslin opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with introductions and a request for announcements. Mike MacDonald announced that the Como Lake Turtle Study is published on the District 10 Como Community Council website. Dawn Nelson noted that it is also on CRWD's website. Mr. MacDonald said the study is not a count of all of the turtles in the lake but a start at determining the species and relative abundance of turtles in the lake. Painted and Snapping turtles were the only types of turtles found in the lake. Ted McCaslin asked if the study would be done again. Mr. MacDonald said no just the one time.

Public Comment – For items not on the Agenda. No public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. McCaslin asked for additions or changes to the Agenda. There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

CAC 12-09-01 Motion: *To approve the CAC September 12, 2012 agenda as provided.*

MacDonald/Barton
Unanimously approved

Approval of the August 8, 2012 CAC Minutes

Mr. McCaslin asked for additions or changes to the August 8, 2012 CAC Minutes. There were no additions or changes to the Minutes

CAC 12-09-02 Motion: *To approve the CAC August 8, 2012 CAC Minutes as provided.*

Willems/Ulrich
Unanimously approved

Items for Review and Comment Requested By Board of Managers

No items for review and comment.

Staff and Program Updates

Trout Brook Stormsewer Interceptor Realignment Project at I-35E/Cayuga Update

Administrator Doneux provided an update on the TBI Realignment Project at I-35E/Cayuga. Staff provided photos taken throughout the September 4-5 work window for the project. Administrator Doneux said they will finish up phase 1 in a week or two and shut down until summer 2013.

Preliminary 2013 Budget and Levy

2013 CRWD Preliminary Budget, Mark Doneux

Administrator Doneux reminded the committee that they had reviewed and provided comments on the proposed 2013 budget and levy at their August meeting. Administrator Doneux said based on the Board recommended reductions the revised preliminary budget provides \$376,900 for Administration, \$1,318,616 for Programs, \$624,844 for Projects for a total Operations Budget of \$2,320,360 and \$4,279,252 for Capital Improvement Projects. This totals \$6,599,612 for a Preliminary 2013 Budget and a resultant tax levy of \$2,656,412 which is a 6.53% increase higher than 2012.

Como Park Golf Course Pond Improvements

Administrator Doneux reviewed the pond improvements and project construction cost estimate explaining that stormwater runoff causes the water level of the pond to experience significant bounce during/after storm events. Varying degrees of turf damage/loss have occurred on a fairway adjacent to the Como Park Regional Pond since 2008. Additionally, native shoreline vegetation does not exist around the majority of the pond's perimeter. There has been a loss of bank stability and eroding shorelines. Administrator Doneux said in 2011, a muskrat control barrier became dislodged from the bank of the pond and significant turf loss occurred on the 11th fairway of the Como Golf Course. CRWD funded the cost to re-sod the area in the fall of 2011. However, this same area is again currently experiencing turf loss.

Administrator Doneux explained per the Access Agreement between the CRWD and the City of St. Paul, and as outlined in the *Como Golf Course Pond Operation & Maintenance Plan*, CRWD is responsible for the short- and long-term operation and maintenance of the pond. In addition, CRWD is responsible for turf damage resulting from storm events up to and including the 10-year frequency (4.2 inches in 24 hours).

Administrator Doneux said at the June 27th special Board meeting, the Board approved the engineering consultant agreement for the Como Park Regional Pond Improvement Project. While maintaining the playability of fairways adjacent to the pond and minimizing disturbance to the Como Golf Course, this project achieves the following; improve water quality through increasing the size of the pond, reducing shoreline erosion of the pond and treating overland flow entering the pond through installation of a shoreline buffer; install preventative muskrat control practices; and enhance turf grass growth.

Administrator Doneux said since the June 27th Board meeting, staff have collaborated with the City of St. Paul and Emmons and Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) regarding pond issues and improvements. EOR has completed a draft set of plans and specifications and construction estimate for the pond improvements. Administrator Doneux explained that the engineer's cost

estimate for the project total is \$109,000. Janna Caywood asked staff to email the photo from the power point with all the geese.

Como Lake Updates

Administrator Doneux discussed a number of completed studies that included the Management Plan (2003), the TMDL Plan (2010), Lake Vegetation Survey (2012) and the upcoming Como Regional Park Stormwater Plan for 2013. He also stated that it is the goal of the District to take a look back on all previous work done for the lake as well as historical water quality data. Once all this information has been compiled it would be put into a State of the Lake Report and a Public Meeting would be held, likely in the spring of 2013 to discuss the successes for the lake and what the priorities are for the community and lake in the future.

Board of Managers and CAC Observer Update

Manager Texer reviewed recent actions by the Board of Managers. There was no CAC observer update.

Discussion - New & Old Issues

Mike MacDonald asked about Trillium Park. HR Green and Interfluve will do the park design. Administrator Doneux said there are three components; the park design, the neighborhoods to west will drain into filtration ponds, and the stream will get water from the Arlington Jackson pond.

October 10, 2012 Agenda Overview

Ramsey Conservation District will present the Lake Mapping.

Janna Caywood asked if the District knew about the Clean Water Council having funds for stormwater research. Administrator Doneux said he saw an email but hasn't commented on it.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Nelson

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