



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Steve Duerre
Kathryn Swanson
Gwen Willems
Nicole Soderholm
David Arbeit
Rick Sanders
Pat Cavanaugh
Mary Lilly
Mike MacDonald
Bill Barton
Claudia Hochstein

Others Present:

Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Lindsay Schwantes, CRWD
Forrest Kelley, CRWD
Mary Texer, Board of Managers
Hanna Abersole

Members absent:

Bob Simonet w/notice
Michelle Ulrich w/notice
Richard Weil w/notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Willems asked for introductions. Ms. Willems asked for any announcements or updates.

No announcements or updates

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 17-016 Motion: *To approve the CAC May 10, 2017 agenda.*

Sanders/Duerre
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

There were minor edits to the elections section for April 12, 2017 meeting minutes.

A) April 12, 2017 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 17-017 Motion: *To approve the April 12, 2017 minutes as amended.*

Duerre/Sanders
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

Mr. Kelley mentioned that the District Initiatives will be reviewed under Projects and Program updates.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) Student Learner Update

Student learner Ms. Hannah Abersole presented her social media project to the CAC. She worked closely with Ms. Swanson and Ms. Bromelkamp to accomplish her project goals. Ms. Abersole shared her thoughts about the process that she went through and the challenges she faced developing the content. She designed eight posts and designed them with all four seasons as the focal point and in addition she created a new post for the Mississippi River. Ms. Abersole created eight posts with content and pictures educating the public on leaves, storm drains, rivers, lakes, etc. Each post also included a link that gives the readers more information. Ms. Abersole designed a way to involve the community with the Mississippi River and can be used to creatively show the transformation of the River throughout the year. She created a poster with her work that included the posts and images. Ms. Abersole earned "Best Poster" from her class.

Ms. Swanson commented that Ms. Abersole went above and beyond the scope of her project and mentioned that she did a good job. Ms. Willems and the CAC thanked Ms. Abersole for her hard work and her presentation.

B) June CAC Tour Update

Ms. Schwantes reviewed the draft agenda and tour info and mentioned that the tour will include current programming sites. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the sites and programs are overlapping and staff will talk about them at each site.

Mr. Arbeit thanked Ms. Schwantes for including the Midway Office Warehouse Building.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Artist in Residence

Ms. Schwantes reviewed the Artist in Residence Program. She stated that Chris Baumler will consult the District and integrate artistic elements into past, present and future projects. The District is working to bring back artistry consultation on an annual basis. Ms. Cavanaugh asked about projects and Ms. Schwantes replied that sites to consider are Upper Villa, Como High School and 595 Aldine building.

B) Como Lake Water Quality Presentation Update

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

Ms. Schwantes referenced an attached flyer from the meeting packet on a presentation that will be held at Como Pavilion on the health of Como Lake and more detailed in lake analysis presented by Mr. Fossum.

C) Como Park High School

Mr. Kelley reviewed the Como Park High School project. The site started as a potential site for the Targeted Watershed program grant received by the District. The preliminary plan showed two separate systems. The District proposed a feasibility study. The school district realized that they can achieve permit requirements through the project. The School District is contributing around \$100,000. The City of St. Paul has agreed to do routine maintenance in exchange for volume reduction credits. Mr. Kelley mentioned that the District is finalizing costs for the project and commented that the agreement is in place to allow public right of way run-off to enter onto private property.

D) NPDES Permit Primer

Mr. Kelley reviewed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) and what the permit is and the codes mean. Stems from the Clean Water Act. Mr. Kelley further discussed the additional admin terms and specifically Stormwater Permit Protection Plan.

Mr. Arbeit asked if the rules apply during construction. Mr. Kelley replied yes and the discussed special and enhanced requirements. Mr. Forrest discussed perimeter control, inlet protection, construction entrance, stabilization, and final stabilization.

E) Trout Brook Repairs

Mr. Kelley reviewed the Trout Brook Repairs Project. First reviewed the 2014 condition assessment, project summary and the work with ECI. Discussed the three repairs. Reviewed the work completed by Barr. Project summary duration and actual cost.

Mr. Barton asked about where the Districts ownership ends. Ms. Schwantes commented on the rainfall and pointed out that the prediction of more rainfall events, but the District is focused on the projects and programs that address the significant rain event. Mr. Duerre asked about the lower section. Mr. Sanders asked if the whole tunnel was done or are they future projects. Mr. Kelley replied the specific sections. Ms. Texer said that the tunnel is being repaired in manageable segments.

F) Building Update

Mr. Kelley provided an update on the new building. The subcontractor and design team are in the works of pricing the project. Mr. Kelley mentioned that MSR team is very good. July CAC meeting will be a tour before the meeting. Ms. Willems asked about the roof and Mr. Kelley discussed the plan for the roof and parking lot.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Sanders commented that the event for Mr. Thienes and that it was a nice send off for Mr. Thienes. Ms. Texer commented that the Board is waiting on schematics from the design team. Ms. Cavanaugh asked about new board member process.

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IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for June 7, 2017 and June 28, 2017 Board of Managers Meeting
- c. 2017 CAC Agenda Planner
- d. Upcoming CRWD Events

A) New & Old issues

none

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings June 7, 2017 and June 28, 2017

N/A

C) CAC Agenda Planner

N/A

D) Upcoming CRWD events

X. Adjourn

CAC 17-018 Motion: *To adjourn the May 10, 2017 CAC Meeting.*

Sanders/Swanson
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner

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