



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Kathryn Swanson
Gwen Willems
Nicole Soderholm
Rick Sanders
Pat Cavanaugh
Mary Lilly
Bob Simonet
Michelle Ulrich

Others Present:

Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Mark Doneux, CRWD
Joe Collins, Board of Managers
Mary Texer, Board of Managers
Val Jensen, Azon Consulting

Members absent:

David Arbeit, w/notice
Mike MacDonald absent
w/notice
Richard Weil absent w/notice
Steve Duerre absent w/notice
Bill Barton absent w/notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

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

Claudia Hochstein resigned the CAC, her schedule did not allow flexibility to participate.

Ms. Willems thanked the District for their work on the 25 by 25% event.

Public Comment for issues not on the agenda

None.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 17-027 Motion: *To approve the CAC September 13, 2017 agenda.*

Sanders/Ulrich
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) September 13, 2017 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 17-028 Motion: *To approve the August 9, 2017 minutes.*

Duerre/Sanders
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) Diversity Strategic Plan (Bromelkamp)

In 2016, the Board discussed the need and benefit of developing a Diversity Plan for the District. The Board directed staff to begin developing a Diversity Plan and to initiate a request for qualifications to hire a consultant to guide CRWD through this process.

In September 2017, the Diversity Committee reviewed and commented on the draft CRWD Summary & Findings and Diversity Strategic Plan. Next, Azon Consulting will present both documents to the CAC, Board and staff for comments. Those comments will be incorporated into the final documents and staff will begin identifying milestones and indicators of success to guide CRWD's work over the next 2-3 years.

It was requested that the CAC Reviewed and commented on the draft CRWD Summary & Findings and the draft Diversity Strategic Plan.

The committee had a great discussion and recommendations for implantation of the plan. Mr. Collins recommended hosting meetings at ethnic restaurants in St. Paul. Ms. Cavanugh recommended partnering with Advocates for Peoples Rights. Mr. Sanders

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) Student Learner Update

Ms. Swanson reported that there is a new student learner on board. She will schedule a District tour and visit. Ms. Soderholm volunteered to assist with the Student Learner due to Ms. Swanson's schedule.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Partner Grants-Annual Program Update (Bromelkamp)

Ms. Bromelkamp reviewed On September 6, the Board authorized staff to promote the 2018 Partner Grant program and solicit applications. The Board has identified Managers Jones and Reider to serve on the Partner Grant Review Committee with Managers Collins and Texer to serve as alternates.

Staff request that the CAC identify two members to serve on the review committee. The committee will meet to review applications and select grant recipients the week of November 13-17. Jessica will be managing the program in my absence October-December.

The CAC identified Ms. Willems and Mr. Sanders as members who will serve on the 2018 Partner Grant Review Committee.

B) Snelling Midway Redevelopment Update (Eleria)

MN United FC started project construction in late spring and final design of the stormwater management system is nearing completion. The soccer team has designed a comprehensive stormwater management system that includes two cisterns for capturing roof runoff from the entire 35-acre site including the soccer stadium roof and tree trenches for treating runoff from the new street and sidewalk grid. The captured rainwater will be filtered and treated with UV light for irrigating the Great Lawn north of the stadium and other greenspaces. The stormwater plan includes the reuse tanks, tree trenches, temporary surface basins and underground sand filters.

Staff have reviewed numerous iterations of the stormwater management plans as the comprehensive approach has evolved and additional details have been provided. The proposed plan would result in an estimated annual volume reduction from stormwater reuse of 45,000 cubic feet, in addition to 28,000 cubic feet of filtration and infiltration from traditional stormwater BMPs.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh observed the last Board meeting AIS plan update. Ms. Bromelkamp provided an update on website. There was a Willow Reserve update. Mr. Sanders commented on the Willow Tour. There was a Como High School update and Mr. Fossum presented on the Ford Site.

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for September 20, 2017 and October 4, 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 September 2016 and October 4, 2017

C) Upcoming CRWD events

Ms. Willems asked about the Clean Water Summit. Ms. Eleria commented that the Clean Water Summit will not happen in 2017.

X. Adjourn

CAC 17-029 Motion: *To adjourn the September 13, 2017 CAC Meeting.*

Sanders/Soderholm

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

Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Gardner