



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Steve Duerre
Gwen Willems
Bob Simonet
Michelle Ulrich
Nicole Soderholm
David Arbeit
Richard Weil
Pat Cavanaugh

Others Present:

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Seitu Jones, Board of Managers
Nancy Wagner, Bluestem
Heritage Group

Members absent:

Mike MacDonald w/notice
Kathryn Swanson w/notice
ADD look at outlook

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Willems opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Willems asked for any announcements or updates and introductions.

Mr. Arbeit acknowledged Ms. Courtney Ryan who passed away in a tragic accident last month. Ms. Ryan was a CRWD Watershed Steward who was nominated for an award for her work and projects as a steward. Mr. Arbeit recommended that Ms. Ryan receive an award for her work. Listen to audio.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 18-007 Motion: *To approve the CAC March 14, 2018 agenda.*

Duerre/Simonet
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) February 14, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 18-008 Motion: *To approve the February 14, 2018 minutes as amended.*

Duerre/Weil

Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) 595 Aldine History Project (Nancy Wagner)

Mr. Doneux introduced Ms. Wagner...

B) Strategic and Watershed Management Planning (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux presented on the Strategic Watershed Management plan. The strategic plan is the foundation for what were going to do. Reviewed the planning cycle. The old plan is 10 years old. The state approved, and the board approves the plan. The watershed management plan is a two-year process. Mr. Doneux reviewed the plan from 2008. Facilitated by the State of MN Management Analysis and Development. The Mission, vision, goals. An emphasis on Science was important. 2008 goals measurably cleaner waters and education. The plan includes initiate, draft, review and adopt.

Ms. Cavanaugh asked how the Diversity Plan ties in. Mr. Doneux replied that it would be part of the plan.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) 2018 Student Learner Program Update (Soderholm)

Ms. Soderholm provided an update on the student learner and where the student learner is at in his work. He is in an interview phase and hoping to have 4-5 CAC interviews via phone or email.

B) Urban Roots Tour/Speechcraft Program (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux mentioned that Mike MacDonald will speak more to this opportunity at the next meeting.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Building Update

Mr. Donuex provided a detailed building plan rendering of the interior and exterior of the conceptual plan to connect the community. Mr. Doneux provided an update timeline schedule with construction will begin March 26, 2018 with completion and move in on November 6, 2018. There were revisions to the plan to get to the guaranteed maximum price.

Mr. Arbeit asked if the District presented to Hamline Midway and Mr. Doneux replied that he presented last week, and the organization is excited about the building.

Ms. Willems asked about LEED certification. Mr. Doneux replied that the plan is to LEED Silver and plans for bike rack, charger for electric car.

The CAC thanked Mr. Doneux for his presentation.

B) 2018 Tour Planning (Doneux)

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

Mr. Doneux asked the CAC for ideas. The building project will be on the tour. Urban Roots is another project. Visit to Swede Hollow and here from Parks and rec on what their planning. Mr. Duerre asked about Bruce Vento project. Ms. Cavanaugh asked about Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary. Mr. Duerre asked about the Lift Station. Seitu Jones mentioned the new stadium. Mr. Simonet recommended Bang Brewing. Ms. Willems asked about the Ford Site. Add **Draft itinerary in the April meeting**

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh reviewed the topics from the last board meeting including the City of Saint Paul presented at that meeting. Mr. Kelley provided a report of Rules Revision. Cost cap adjustment that protects over spending

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for March 21, 2018 and April 4, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting
- c. 2018 Agenda Plan

A) New & Old issues

Mr. Arbeit asked about a project happening on Wheelock to the storm sewer. Mr. Doneux replied that he is unaware of additional work, but that he will follow up.

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings March 21, 2018 and April 4, 2018

Maty Lilly volunteered for April 4 meeting

C) 2018 Agenda Plan

Ms. Willems read the agenda plan.

Mr. Arbeit asked that the agenda plan include the timeline for the Strategic Management Plan

X. Adjourn

CAC 18-009 Motion: *To adjourn the March 14, 2018 CAC Meeting.*

Soderholm/Simonet
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner

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