



Capitol Region Watershed District

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

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Pat Cavanaugh
Mary Lilly
Steve Duerre
David Arbeit
Bob Simonet
Mike MacDonald
Nancy Ulrich
Nicole Soderholm
Richard Weil
Tom Elko
Kathryn Swanson
Bill Barton

Others Present:

Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD
Adam Flett, Friends of the
Mississippi River
Kate Clayton, Friends of the
Mississippi
Rick Sanders, Board of
Managers

Members absent:

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

The Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mike MacDonald at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Swanson asked if the committee would like another opportunity to bring aboard the next student learner in spring. The committee agreed to continue supporting the Student Learner Program.

Public Comment for issues not on the agenda

Mr. MacDonald commented on the Nicollet Mall reconstruction. He contacted the engineer about the project involving BMP's and the reply was that there were no BMP's involved in the construction. He commented that pavers surround the trees along with engineered soil.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 18-001 Motion: *To approve the CAC January 10, 2018 agenda as amended.*

Willems/Duerre
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) December 13, 2017 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 18-002 Motion: *To approve the December 13, 2017 minutes.*

Duerre/Arbeit

Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) Youth Environmental Stewards, Friends of the Mississippi River

Ms. Bromelkamp introduced Mr. Flett and Ms. Clayton from the Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR). Ms. Bromelkamp mentioned that the organization is a long-standing partner of the District. Mr. Flett provided information on the organization. It is a non-profit organization with four main program areas including service and education-based programs: land conservation programs, habitat restoration, water program, river corridor program. It is a communitydriven organization providing opportunities for the public involvement. FMR is celebrating 25 years. Ms. Clayton presented on programming and the organization's philosophy. Mr. Barton suggested that the organization give more presentations in different neighborhoods. Ms. Lilly asked in which watersheds FMR's organization works. Mr. Flett responded that the work is within a 72-mile radius and that they do work in various watershed districts. Ms. Bromelkamp asked about FMR's diversity statement and how it benefits FMR's work. Ms. Clayton and Mr. Flett replied, and Ms. Bromelkamp agreed to be in contact at another time to discuss further. The committee thanked FMR for attending and presenting.

B) Como In-Lake Data Analysis Study

Mr. Fossum presented the final report and summarized the analysis and the Como Lake Management Plan. The purpose of the document to simplify the science and communicate with the public and partners; it includes background, lake history, designated uses, Water Quality issues, CRWD information and monitoring. There was much discussion on the layout and content of the brochure. Mr. Duerre commented that the plants in the lake recycle. Ms. Swanson asked about the depth of the lake. Mr. Fossum replied that it's not so much the depth but the water quality. Ms. Cavanaugh commented on the graphics and the text and the use of the document. There was much discussion about the use of the document. Bill Barton expressed concern about the level of investment in the Como Lake subwatershed compared to other areas of the District.

The CAC thanked Mr. Fossum for his work and presentation.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) Student Learner Presentation (Soderholm)

Ms. Swanson introduced Kevin Shearen, CRWD student learner who presented on Climate Change Adaptation Research. He completed the required hours for his project. The poster will be available at the awards ceremony. Mr. Shearen presented to the committee on his research and his experience with the project. His research involved obtaining relevant documents and looking at nearby watershed districts and

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state agencies. His research focused on St. Paul, Maplewood, and Falcon Heights and provided information on programming that he found for each city. The committee thanked him for his work and presentation.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Phalen Creek, Daylighting Study Update

Update will be provided at the next meeting.

B) Research Program Update

Update will be provided at the next meeting.

C) Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary Update

Update will be provided at the next meeting.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh provided an update on the previous Board meetings.

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for January 17, 2018 and February 3, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting
- c. Upcoming CRWD Events

A) New & Old issues

Mr. Barton commented that he would like to have more research on the Mississippi River. He would like to see more work done with the river. He asked to see more from the District on this topic. Ms. Gardner recommended that Mr. Barton send her an email outlining his comments and suggestions.

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings January 17, 2018 and February 3, 2018
No volunteers.

C) CRWD Watershed Awards Program

The Watershed Steward awards will be on January 18, 2018. Ms. Bromelkamp asked the group to RSVP.

X. Adjourn

CAC 18-003 Motion: *To adjourn the January 10, 2018 CAC Meeting.*

Weil/Duerre
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner