



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 O'Brien Wagner,
Bluestem Heritage Group

Members absent:

Mike MacDonald w/notice
Kathryn Swanson w/notice
Bill Barton, w/o notice

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

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

Mr. Arbeit thanked Lindsay Schwantes for sending the note to the group about the passing of Ms. Ryan. Mr. Arbeit acknowledged Ms. Courtney Ryan who was a champion for environmental issues. Ms. Ryan was a CRWD Watershed Steward and was nominated for the Watershed Stewardship Award for her work, however she did not receive the award this year. Mr. Arbeit recommended that Ms. Ryan receive a memoriam award next year for her work.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Duerre/Soderholm
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 O'Brien Wagner)

Administrator Doneux provided the background information on Bluestem Heritage Group and introduced Ms. Wagner who worked on the history projects for Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary, Willow Reserve History Project and 595 Aldine History Study. Ms. O'Brien Wagner presented to the group on the early history of 595 Aldine, beginning with the earliest settlers through the previous owner MacQueen Equipment Group. Ms. O'Brien Wagner's report includes pictures and maps of the site. The group thanked Ms. Wagner for her presentation.

B) Strategic and Watershed Management Planning (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux presented on the process for the Strategic Watershed Management plan. He reviewed the planning cycle and mentioned that the current plan is 10 years old. The State approves, and the Board adopts the final plan. The watershed management plan is a two-year process. Mr. Doneux reviewed the process from 2008, facilitated by the State of MN Management Analysis and Development. He provided an overview on the Mission, vision, goals.

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

The group thanked Administrator Doneux for his update.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) 2018 Student Learner Program Update (Soderholm)

Ms. Soderholm provided an update on the student learner. He is in the interviewing phase and hoping to have four to five CAC interviews via phone or email.

B) Urban Roots Tour/Speechcraft Program (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux mentioned Mike MacDonald will speak more to this opportunity at a future next meeting.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Building Update

Mr. Doneux provided a detailed presentation on the new building plan rendering of interior and exterior views of the building and included information about the conceptual plan to connect the building to the community. Mr. Doneux provided an updated timeline schedule with construction to begin March 26, 2018 and completion and move in on November 6, 2018.

Administrator Doneux commented that the primary use of the cistern is to flush toilets. Mr. Duerre asked about the contaminated groundwater. Mr. Doneux replied that we have a remedial action plan and it includes monitoring wells and looked at the benefit of infiltrating water. The stormwater is breaking down the pollution better by infiltrating stormwater.

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 current plan is LEED Gold and it includes plans for bike rack, charger for electric car are all part of the sustainability process.

The CAC thanked Mr. Doneux for his presentation.

B) 2018 Tour Planning (Doneux)

Administrator Doneux asked for tour ideas. The following sites are of interest to the group: Swede Hollow, Bruce Vento, Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary and Lift Station. Mr. Jones mentioned the new stadium. Mr. Simonet recommended Bang Brewing. Ms. Willems asked about the Ford Site. A draft itinerary will be available at the next meeting.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh reviewed the topics from the last board meeting. The City of Saint Paul presented, and Mr. Kelley provided a report of Rules Revision.

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

Mary Lilly volunteered for April 4 meeting

C) 2018 Agenda Plan

Ms. Willems reviewed the agenda plan.

Mr. Arbeit asked that the agenda plan and asked that it 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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