



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Pat Cavanaugh
Richard Weil
Nicole Soderholm
Tom Elko
Mary Lilly
Steve Duerre
Bob Simonet
Gwen Willems
Bill Barton

Others Present:

Bob Fossum, CRWD
Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Forrest Kelley, CRWD
Lindsay Schwantes, CRWD
Joe Sellner, CRWD
Rick Sanders, Board of Managers
Jenny Eckman, Parkview
Elementary
Jess Kreager, Parkview
Elementary

Members absent:

Mike MacDonald, w notice
Michelle Ulrich, w/ notice
David Arbeit, w/notice
Kathryn Swanson, w/notice

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Mr. Duerre opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Duerre asked for any announcements or updates and introductions.

Ms. Willems mentioned a good article and activity getting kids involved in learning about watersheds with Legos and passed around the article.

Ms. Gardner announced the CRWD groundbreaking event for the 595 Aldine building will be held on May 22nd at 11:30 am.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 18-016 Motion: *To approve the CAC May 9, 2018 agenda.*

Willems/Weil
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) April 11, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 18-017 Motion: *To approve the April 11, 2018 minutes as amended.*

Simonet/Weil
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) Parkview Water Project, Jenny Eckman, Parkview Elementary School

Ms. Schwantes introduced Jenny Eckman who is a science teacher at Parkview Elementary. The Parkview Water Project is a water resource education program designed to target elementary school age students at Parkview Elementary. The program goals are to permanently provide education resources to elementary students at Parkview Elementary. The program is in the second year of the grant. Students in grades 1-3 work with an artist in residence.

Mr. Simonet asked if the students are learning about other aspects such as food chains and ecology. Ms. Eckman replied that the students are learning about forestry, succession and the food chain.

The CAC thanked Ms. Eckman for their presentation.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) 2018 Student Learner Program Update (Soderholm)

Ms. Soderholm stated that the student learner has been unreachable, so they will make contact with his instructor and update the group next month.

B) 2018 Tour Draft Itinerary

Mr. Fossum reviewed the tour itinerary.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Building Update (Doneux)

Mr. Fossum provided a brief update on the building.

B) 2018 Rules Revision Update (Kelley)

CRWD and RWMWD staff met in December of 2017 to discuss potential regulatory topics to consider for rule amendments in 2018. There will be a number of administrative updates to ensure consistency with CRWD's MS4 permit and the upcoming NPDES Construction General Permit re-issue. Mr. Kelley reviewed the draft 2018 Rules work plan.

The CAC thanked Mr. Kelley for his update.

C) Como Lake Management Plan Update (Fossum)

Mr. Fossum provided an update and presented the Scope of Work for the Como Lake Management Plan. The Como Lake Management Plan scope of work includes the development of a Stakeholder Engagement

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Plan. This component is intended to engage the public in the planning process for Como Lake and assist in developing goals and expectations. The Engagement Plan will include public workshops and the formation of a Public Advisory Group. Staff are seeking designation of at least two members of the CRWD Citizen Advisory Committee to be directly involved in the 2018 Como Lake Management Plan development process. This commitment will include attending public outreach events and other assistance between events yet to be determined. The CAC, as a whole, will be provided regular updates and input opportunities throughout the planning process at regularly scheduled meetings.

D) CRWD History Study Update (Cavanaugh)

Ms. Cavanaugh provided a brief History Study update. The next phase includes reviewing documents and producing a written narrative from which the Bluestem Heritage Group will take the narrative and make a brochure for the District's 20th Anniversary.

E) McCarrons AIS Plan

Aquatic invasive species continue to be a concern and potential threat to all lakes in CRWD. As the only lake with a public boat launch, Lake McCarrons is likely the most prone to introduction of aquatic invasive species. District staff have worked with Wenck Associates and District partners to develop a draft Lake McCarrons AIS plan (enclosed). Mr. Sellner reviewed the draft plan with the CAC.

Ms. Willems commented Lake Association members asked about flexibility and budget. Mr. Fossum replied that the District has a budget. Mr. Simonet asked about the projected threats. Mr. Sellner replied Zebra Mussels is one of the threats. Ms. Cavanaugh asked about Lake McCarrons before invasive plants. Mr. Duerre asked about treatment options. Mr. Elko asked about an example of an established species. Mr. Barton commented that the reliance on inspection is a waste of time, the solution is having a dual system for licensing and boat inspections and asked what authority do we have as an organization. Ms. Willems mentioned that Ramsey Washington has a program that educates the public.

The CAC thanked Mr. Sellner for his presentation.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Weil provided an update from the last Board Meeting.

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for May 16, 2018 and June 6, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting
- c. 2018 Agenda Plan

A) New & Old issues

Mr. Barton asked about the St. Catherine's parking lot project. Mr. Fossum will review the information with Mr. Kelley and provide an update at a future meeting.

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings May 16, 2018 and June 6, 2018

Ms. Cavanaugh volunteered for May 16nd.

C) 2018 Agenda Plan

Mr. Duerre read the 2018 agenda plan. Reminded CAC about CAC tour next month.

X. Adjourn

CAC 18-018 Motion: *To adjourn the May 9, 2018 CAC Meeting.*

Soderholm/Weil
Unanimously approved

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

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