



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Bob Simonet
Cheryl Braun
Richard Weil
Nicole Soderholm
Steve Duerre
Mike MacDonald
Tom Elko

Others Present:

Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Mark Doneux, CRWD
Lindsey Schwantes, CRWD
Mary Texer, Board of Managers
Anna Eleria, CRWD

Members absent:

David Arbeit
Mary Lilly
Pat Cavanaugh
Michelle Ulrich
Kathryn Swanson
Carol Zierman
William Barton

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

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

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 19-016 Motion: *To approve the CAC June 12, 2019 agenda.*

Duerre/Barton
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) May 8, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 19-017 Motion: *To approve the May 8, 2019 minutes.*

Duerre/MacDonald
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) 2020 Watershed Plan (Eleria)

Ms. Eleria provided an update on the 2020 Watershed Management Plan (WMP). She reviewed the timeline and the many strategies that the District has taken to gather information for the WMP. Four community conversation events. St. Paul District Council Meetings. Face to Face meetings and Online survey available on the website. Additionally, there will be three total meetings with Technical Advisory Committee. Ms. Eleria provide a sample of issues that the TAC voted on that needs addressing within the plan. The CAC participated in an exercise identifying WMP Issues and Goals. The CAC spent 30 minutes answering the questions. Ms. Eleria thanked the CAC and let them know that the information will be summarized and emailed to the group. The next step will be draft goals. The CAC thanked Anna and Erin for their presentation.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) CAC Tour (Doneux)

Mr. Doneux commented on the Draft Tour agenda and asked the CAC. The CAC commented the it was a good tour agenda with a lot of good information.

VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Adopt a Drain Program Update (Schwantes)

Ms. Schwantes shared a new website and spring update for the Adopt a Drain program. Mr. Duerre asked about the removal of debris and where to put it. Ms. Schwantes commented that the recommendation is if sediment type material should go into garbage. Leaves can go into compost. Ms. Schwantes said the disposal method and communication is still being worked through.

Mr. Simonet asked about how are they keeping participants motivated to participate year over year. Ms. Schwantes commented that the new website should help offer motivation because it highlights the impact. Ms. Gardner asked about offering incentives to motivate residents to continue with the program.

B) Master Water Stewards Update (Schwantes)

Ms. Schwantes provided an update on the Master Water Stewards program. Ms. Schwantes asked the CAC to promote the program. Ms. Schwantes asked if the CAC engaged with any stewards. Mr. Duerre mentioned one way the CAC could get involved is helping with projects. Ms. Willems offered to have MWS present at CAC meetings.

C) Partner Grant Program (Schwantes)

Ms. Schwantes reviewed the Partner Grant Program. She provided an update from the review process.

Ms. Schwantes asked the CAC to provide comments on the staff recommendations for the 2020 Partner Grant review process and identify two members to serve on the 2020 Partner Grant Review Committee.

Ms. Soderholm and Mike Macdonald volunteered to be on the Partner Grant Committee

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VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Doneux and Mary Texer provided an update from the past two Board meetings

IX. Discussion

- a. New & Old Issues
- b. CAC observer for May 15, 2019 and June 5, 2019 Board of Managers Meeting

A) New & Old issues

B) CAC Observer for the Board of Managers Meetings May 15, 2019 and June 5, 2019

X. Adjourn

CAC 18-015 Motion: *To adjourn the May 8, 2019, CAC Meeting.*

Soderholm/Simonet
Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Gardner

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