



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Bob Simonet
David Arbeit
Cheryl Braun
Mary Lilly
Richard Weil
Nicole Soderholm
Steve Duerre
Pat Cavanaugh
Mike MacDonald
Michelle Ulrich

Others Present:

Belinda Gardner, CRWD
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Joe Collins, Board of Managers
Elizabeth Hosch, CRWD
Forrest Kelley, CRWD
Nathaniel Kolasa-Lenarz, Service Learning Student

Members absent:

Tom Elko
Kathryn Swanson
Carol Zierman
William Barton

Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

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

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC 18-010 Motion: *To approve the CAC May 8, 2019 agenda.*

Arbeit/Willems
Unanimously approved

IV. Approval of Minutes

A) March 13, 2019 CAC Meeting Minutes

CAC 18-011 Motion: *To approve the March 13, 2019 minutes as amended.*

Arbeit/Soderholm
Unanimously approved

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

A) Website Updates (Bromelkamp)

Ms. Bromelkamp walked through the new CRWD website features and functionality. Mr. Arbeit mentioned that he was concerned that the features don't transfer to his mobile device. Ms. Willems asked about providing CAC members contact information on the website. Overall, the feedback was positive. The CAC thanked Ms. Bromelkamp for her update.

B) Watershed Management Plan (Eleria)

Mr. Fossum reviewed the dates and times for the next Watershed Planning Community meetings:

Monday May 13, Hallie Q Brown Community Center

Thursday May 30, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Tuesday, June 4, Arlington-Hills Community Center

C) Elect CAC Officers

CAC officer elections for two Co-chairs and a Secretary. Mr. Duerre opened the floor for nominations. Co-chairs: Ms. Ulrich nominated Gwen Willems and Steve Duerre as Co-chairs. Secretary: Mr. Duerre opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Willems nominated Michelle Ulrich.

Motion 18-012: *Elect Gwen Willems as CAC Co-chair.*

Unanimously approved

Motion 18-013: *Elect Steve Duerre as CAC Co-chair.*

Unanimously approved

Motion 18-014: *Elect Michelle Ulrich as Secretary.*

Unanimously approved

D) CAC Tour

Mr. Fossum reminded the CAC about the July CAC tour date. The CAC meeting is July 17. Mr. Fossum mentioned that we are open to suggestions for the tour. He also recommended Allianz Field. Ms. Cavanaugh recommended the Ford Site. Ms. Soderholm recommended Como Lake. President Collins recommended Frogtown Farms.

VI. CAC Initiatives

A) Service-Learning Student Update (Lilly)

Mr. Kolasa-Lenarz provided a summary of his service-learning project. He interviewed three Master Water Stewards. The Adopt a Drain program stood out for each of the interviewees. The student commented that his work will be featured on blogs and used a recruitment tool for the Master Water Stewards program. The CAC thanked Mr. Kolasa-Lenarz for his summary.

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VII. Project and Program Updates

A) Como Park BMPs Design Update (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley reviewed the BMP goals, feasibility sites, recommendations and concept sites. Mr. Kelley discussed performance bidding and construction timeline, treatment volume and construction cost. Mr. Arbeit asked about the numbers and if they are in the Strategic Management Plan.

The CAC thanked Mr. Kelley for his update.

B) 2018 Permitting Review Update (Hosch)

Ms. Hosch reviewed the 2018 permitting update. She reviewed the total number of applications for the past few years. Ms. Hosch mentioned that the District is hiring a full-time inspector and currently the division has a seasonal inspector. Ms. Hosch reviewed the data. Ms. Hosch reviewed a couple of projects with active permits and provided information about the 2019 updated rules.

Ms. Willems asked about the low number of permit applications. Ms. Hosch mentioned that we are seeing construction activity that has carried over from previous years. Mr. Arbeit asked about the permit deadline for completion. Ms. Hosch commented that the period is 1 year to begin a project. Ms. Cavanaugh asked if there have been many changes to permitting. Increase in water reuse as a treatment practice was identified. President Collins mentioned that Public works is more willing to try new solutions.

C) District Strategic Plan

Mr. Fossum reviewed the draft 2019 Strategic Plan, next steps and timeline. Ms. Lilly asked about equitable access. Mr. Fossum commented that some communities have less access to bodies of water. The idea in the plan is making sure we are providing and offering connections to water for all communities. The District would like to improve water stewardship. Individuals with limited access to water don't engage in water stewardship. Mr. Weil asked about the headers and mentioned they are unclear and short. Mr. Simonet mentioned that the plan should incorporate using habitat and promote visibility.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Ms. Cavanaugh provided an update of her observation for the previous Board of Managers 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

Ms. Lilly volunteered for May 8, 2019 Board of Managers meeting.

X. Adjourn

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

Soderholm/Simonet

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Unanimously approved

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Gardner

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