



Capitol Region Watershed District

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March 19, 2020 Board Workshop
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Board Workshop Agenda of the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) Board of Managers, for **Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:30 p.m.** (Workshop) at the office of the CRWD, 595 Aldine Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA

The Board Workshop is a meeting with the Board of Managers of the Capitol Region Watershed District and City of Saint Paul Directors. A quorum will be present however the meeting is informational only and no actions will be taken by the Board.

I. Call to Order of Regular Workshop (*President Joe Collins*)

Managers

Joe Collins
Seitu Jones
Shawn Murphy
Rick Sanders
Mary Texer

Staff Present

Mark Doneux, CRWD
Anna Eleria, CRWD
Bob Fossum, CRWD
Forrest Kelley, CRWD
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD
Michelle Sylvander, CRWD

Public Attendees

Mary Lilly, CAC
Russ Stark, City of St. Paul
Wes Saunders Pearce, City of St. Paul
Mike Hahm, City of St. Paul
Alice Messer, City of St. Paul
Ricardo Cervantes, City of St. Paul
Steve Ubl, City of St. Paul
Kathy Lantry, City of St. Paul
Bruce Elder, City of St. Paul
Kristin Guild, City of St. Paul
Luis Pereira, City of St. Paul

A) Introductions

President Collins opened the workshop with a review of the agenda. The group provided introductions. President Collins and Administrator Doneux reviewed highlights and accomplishments of the district partnering with the City of St. Paul. Mr. Wes Saunders Pearce provided an example of the Allianz Field Rainwater Harvesting and reuse system. Mr. Saunders Pearce shared the roles of the City of St. Paul provided and continues to provide in this project.

President Collins reviewed the goals and objectives of the workshop to provide and continue more open lines of communication between the District and City of St. Paul.

II. Open Forum

A) Watershed Management Plan – Key Elements

Willow Reserve Restoration Project – 3 year program extended in to 4 year plan will get wrapped up this year

Midway Peace Park Water Feature – Water feature in new park, partnered with City
ROW curb cut raingardens over 300 to date Right of Way raingradens.

Adopt A Drain program, nearly 2500 adopted, great program partnering with residents

Updating 10 year watershed management plan, draft plan review phase, end in Sept with approved and adopted plan

Built environment – land and water connection, restoring natural water cycle,

Water quality – sediment,

Public has spoken up and share concerns regarding ecosystem health, communication and engagement, regulation (

Infrastructure management,

Organization – looking thru diversity lense

B) Como Lake – 2020 Implementation Activities

Como Lake Management plan – plan updated,

Community meetings, alum & herbicide treatments this spring

Como Lake Implementation projects – Alum treatment and herbicide treatment for curly leaf pondleaf

C) Facility Management

Wes – planning a key part

Mary – more we work together

Maintenance consortium – public entities doing same work, bundling work

Mr. Saunders Pearce described how it is time to start thinking differently and a new line of thinking is needed over the next ten years.

President Collins shred concerns of retention of water above land, with more BMP's tied in with property development. President Collins added that we need to hold and maintain these systems.

Administrator Doneux replied to the question, is the District maintaining other systems not owned by CRWD. Administrator Doneux shared examples of Curtiss Pond and Parkview that CRWD manages the technology. Ramsey County has approached CRWD about some sites and management of systems

D) Wetland Management

Doneux – land use needs

Mr. Hahm shared that there are a number of reasons park land is dedicated to be park land. Mr. Hahm added that water changes the behavior and use of land, and that water is a strong reflection to parks and recreation department.

Mr. Saunders Pearce – wetlands transmission, key sites still hold wetland, good opportunity to talk about collaboration

Planning on wetland management plan,
President Collins – MNDOT always looking for wetland, need for wetlands in the metro area, large development projects, in need of better planning, option to find land elsewhere, most land not suitable to restore as wetland or development, options for large developments

Wes, willow reserse is a wetland, done under , historical land use, CRWD better suited for collaboration
Mike – interested in knowing Parks and rec need help with bike lanes, wet land forever commitment.
Identifying, how taking care of us first, running out of spaces to take care of self, what main standard, Pars not good for maintenance, we cut grass and keep the parks clean, how are we managing spaces, wanting to know where we are, what are we getting into

PED property mostly single family lots, not ideal for wetland, larger parcels, could be benefit to revisiting
Climate change – wise to consider future sites

Alice - great value to working together, reevaluation every few years

Doneux – letter from Board requesting partnership

Wes – good discussion, formalize thoughts

E) Regulatory Issues

Regulatory Program – continue having effective science-based watershed rules, maintain flexibility, consider new ways to make water quality improvements and efficiencies

Sites let than one acre

Deicing practices

ESC coordination

Post-Construction inspection

Wes – shared resilient & innovative stormwater Management, modernize to optimize

Compare to Mpls regulatory program, divers for stormwater code change – surface water management, municipal stormwater program, green infrastructure program

Discussion forum – value to align

Mary – each watershed different, sometimes land is different

What is Mpls doing

Wes – Mpls looking at ½ acre for regulating, as of Dec.

St. Paul West Side watershed Mgmt – topic

Doneux – watershed types, regulatory authority, joint powers with Cities, default to City, as CRWD started watershed plan, why can't I get a grant?, platform for dialog, what does City of St. Paul want

Should we keep in, continue discussions

F) Watershed Management in St. Paul

Infrastructure mgmt. – partnerships in maintaining

New formal program – TBI, green line, Arlington Pascl

Regional Water Management system – Como
Plan to better mgm systems, goal for effective management of systems.

Mr. Saunders Pearce consolidating efforts across departments

Administrator Doneux - systems
Key redevelopment site – development

Idea on level of service for west side,
President Collins, - CRWD has ability to apply for grants, St. Paul water management
Wes, 1/3 of , small portions of several municipalities, Lower Mississippi, default to standards,
redevelopment,
Mike – would have to be included?
President Collins, cities would have to petition to board of management,
Mike, all water going to south
Limited partnership, Ramsey Washington,
City need to talk with Lower Mississippi watershed mgmt.

Mr. Hahm stated that he would love to see CRWD manage Como Lake flow from other sources.

Lower Mississippi conversation recap, Admin Doneux clarified that CRWD has in their plan to have
conversations regarding joint powers
Alice – research with intention, people benefit with resources, enormous lift, show benefits, large
undertaking, very complicated, multi-year commitment

Mr. Hahm described how CRWD has invested a great deal into Trout Brook. The City has invested a large
amount of money into the park and now all the features are working. The Parks and Recreation department
are now looking for ways to get people to Trout Brook.

Mr. Hahm, Director of the Parks and Recreation encouraged others to continue bringing forward
opportunities for CRWD and City of St. Paul to working together.

III. Adjournment

Manager Texer and Managers thanked City of St. Paul Directors for coming and sharing ideas
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