



Capitol Region Watershed District

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Community Advisory
Committee
Approved

Community Advisory Committee Meeting **Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Cheryl Braun
Mary Lilly
Bob Simonet
Steve Duerre
Mike MacDonald
Michelle Ulrich
Mike Trojan
Richard Weil

Others Present:

Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD Staff
Hawona Sullivan Janzen, CRWD Board
Jessica Bromelkamp, CRWD Staff

CAC Members Absent:

Lauren Wheeler, (excused)
Andrew Montain, (excused)
Tom Elko, (unexcused)
Barbara Hall, (excused)

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Lilly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Lilly asked for any announcements or updates. There were none.

II. Public Comment for Issues Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lilly asked for comments that were not on the agenda. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lilly asked for comments or corrections to the Agenda. The Highland Bridge Redevelopment Update was removed from Project and Program Updates.

CAC Motion 24-001: *To approve the CAC January 10, 2024, Agenda as amended.*

Duerre/MacDonald
Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A) Approval of the *December 13, 2023, CAC Meeting Minutes*

CAC Motion 24-002: *Approve the December 13, 2023, CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Willems/MacDonald
Unanimously approved.

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

- A) Climate Resiliency Framework Project Charter (Zwonitzer)

Mr. Zwonitzer provided an overview of CRWD's Climate Resiliency Framework Project Charter. This charter will serve as a guide for the Board and staff as to the project and program changes needed to mitigate the impacts of climate change. It will focus on protecting stormwater infrastructure and water resources in the District from the impacts of climate change. The charter will include project development, scoping, internal review, partner buy-in, and CAC and Board input. Desired outcomes include developing actions/recommendations for each program area, alignment with existing plans, consideration and incorporation of CRWD's DEI goals, engaging and collecting feedback from partners and stakeholders, evaluation of risks to natural resources and infrastructure, review of existing local climate data and identifying anticipated changes and determine the need for future investigations.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VI. CAC Initiatives

- A) Annual Watershed Steward Awards Update (Bromelkamp)

Ms. Bromelkamp discussed the Watershed Steward Awards Ceremony, which will be held at the CRWD office on February 1, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. It will start with a catered Meet and Greet, followed by the formal Awards presentation. Ms. Bromelkamp requested assistance from the CAC with introducing awards. There were no volunteers. Let her know if you change your mind before February 1st. Ms. Bromelkamp requested that all CAC members wear their name tags to introduce themselves to new faces during the Meet and Greet and stick around after the Ceremony for photos.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VII. Project and Program Updates

- A) Right Track Internship Program Update (Bromelkamp)

Ms. Bromelkamp presented an update on the Right Track Internship Program, which offers internship opportunities for St. Paul youth ages 16-21. CRWD hosted two interns last summer, which was a big success

for the interns and the district. CRWD plans to host two more interns this summer. They would work 1-2 weeks in each division to get the big picture of watershed management. This initiative has been fully funded in the 2024 budget.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. MacDonald attended the 12/20/2023 CWRD Board Meeting. Mr. MacDonald reported on the reappointment of all CAC members and approvals of some permits, partner grants and the approval of the 2024 CRWD budget.

Mr. Simonet attended the 1/3/2024 CRWD Board Meeting. Mr. Simonet reported on permits for Highland Park Middle School, Skyline Apartments parking lot and modifying an access point in the Trout Brook Interceptor to allow equipment entry.

IX. Discussion

A) New & Old Issues
There were none.

B) CAC Observer for January 17, 2024, Board of Managers Meeting

No volunteers for the January 17 meeting. Attend if you can.

C) CAC Observer for February 7, 2024. Board of Managers Meeting.

Mr. Simonet volunteered to attend the February 7 meeting.

X. Adjourn

CAC Motion 24-003: *To adjourn the January 10, 2024 CAC Meeting.*

Ulrich/Simonet
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Steven Duerre