



Capitol Region Watershed District

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April 10, 2024
Community Advisory
Committee
APPROVED

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

CAC Members Present:

Mike Trojan
Mike MacDonald
Richard Weil
Mary Lilly
Steve Duerre

Others Present:

Hawona Sullivan Janzen, CRWD Board
Belinda Armstead, CRWD Staff
Anna Eleria, CRWD Staff
Marta Wichman, CRWD Staff
Sarah Wein, CRWD Staff
Gita Ghei and the East Side Arts Council interns Jennifer, Janya, Jacques, and Raine

CAC Members Absent:

Andrew Montain, (unexcused)
Tom Elko, (unexcused)
Gwen Willems, (excused)
Michelle Ulrich, (excused)
Barbara Hall, (excused)
Bob Simonet, (excused)

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Lilly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and 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. There were none.

CAC Motion 24-007: *To approve the CAC March 13, 2024, Agenda.*

MacDonald/Trojan
Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A) Approval of the *February 14, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes*

CAC Motion 24-008: *Approve the January 10, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Duerre/Lilly
Unanimously approved.

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

- A) Climatological Summary (Wichman)

Ms. Wichman reported on climate data collected across CRWD in 2023. Minnesota is already experiencing impacts from climate change, and it is important to document and analyze climatological data and events to assess their impacts and change over time. District climate data will be used to develop the CRWD Climate Adaption Plan.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

- B) 2023 Lakes Data Summary (Wein)

Ms. Wein reported on the 2023 Lakes Data Summary. Monitoring data collected from all five lakes located in CRWD includes chemical, physical, and biological data, which is then analyzed, summarized, and compared with previous years. In general, 2023 was a good year for CRWD lakes, with above-average precipitation following two years of drought, bringing water levels back to normal. Como Lake has been a big success story and has positively responded to the management actions undertaken in the CRWD Como Lake Management Plan.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VI. CAC Initiatives

- A) CAC Reinvigoration Project Data Collection (Armstead/Lilly)

Ms. Armstead and Ms. Lilly conducted a follow-up session on introducing the CAC Reinvigoration Plan, presented at the February CAC Meeting. CAC members were provided with a series of questions before the meeting. Each member then wrote down their answers at the meeting. After all answers were collected, a discussion ensued about how everyone answered the questions and what the future direction and activities of the CAC should be.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VII. Project and Program Updates

There were none.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

There was none.

IX. Discussion

A) New & Old Issues
There were none.

B) CAC Observer for March 20, 2024, Board of Managers Meeting

Mr. Trojan volunteered to attend the February March 20 meeting.

C) CAC Observer for April 3, 2024. Board of Managers Meeting.

No volunteers for the April 3 meeting. Attend if you can.

X. Adjourn

CAC Motion 24-009: *To adjourn the March 13, 2024, CAC Meeting.*

Lilly/Trojan
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Steven Duerre