



Capitol Region Watershed District

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August 14, 2024
Community Advisory
Committee Meeting
Approved

Community Advisory Committee Meeting **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

CAC Members Present:

Mike MacDonald
Richard Weil
Mary Lilly
Steve Duerre
Gwen Willems
Bob Simonet
Lauren Wheeler

Others Present:

Hawona Sullivan Janzen, CRWD Board
Anna Eleria, CRWD Manager
Rachel Funke, CRWD Staff

CAC Members Absent:

Andrew Montain, (unexcused)
Tom Elko, (unexcused)
Mike Trojan, (excused)
Michelle Ulrich, (excused)
Barbara Hall, (excused)

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Lilly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked for any announcements or updates. Anna noted that thunderstorms were happening near the district building and informed the CAC of shelter-in-place locations.

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 24-019: *To approve the CAC June 12, 2024, Agenda.*

Wheeler/Duerre
Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A) Approval of the *May 8, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes*

CAC Motion 24-020: *Approve the May 8, 2024, CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Weil/Simonet
Unanimously approved.

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

- A) Phalen Natural Resources Inventory (Funke)

Ms. Funke reported on the Phalen Natural Resources Inventory. CRWD in partnership with Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, Payne-Phalen and Dayton's Bluff Community Councils and Barr Engineering conducted a natural resource inventory for an area on the East Side of St. Paul. The purpose of this survey is to help guide community groups to protect and improve natural resources in that area.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VI. CAC Initiatives

- A) CAC Reinvigoration Project Update (Eleria)

Ms. Eleria gave an update on the CAC Reinvigoration Project. Progress has slowed due to Ms. Armstead currently being on family leave, but information and evaluation is continuing. The Plan is projected to be finalized and implemented by late 2024. Manager Sullivan Janzen reflected on the board's roles as they relate to the CAC, namely, that the board's primary role is to earmark funds and provide support to the CAC through facilitating changes to reduce barriers, supporting active membership, and prioritizing CAC needs.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

- A) Meeting Minutes (Lilly /Wheeler)

Ms. Lilly and Ms. Wheeler introduced a new proposal for CAC Meeting minutes and CAC Observers at Board of Managers meetings. A spreadsheet was developed for CAC and Board of Manager meetings. CAC members are encouraged to sign up to take minutes at CAC meetings and attend Board of Manager meetings.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VII. Project and Program Updates

- A) Climate Resiliency Framework (Funke)

Ms. Funke reported on the Climate Resiliency Framework. Barr Engineering has been approved to work with staff to develop a scope and budget. This scope will develop guiding principles, review climate resiliency work already done, conduct a vulnerability assessment and develop goals and actions for future work. Gwen noted that coordination with the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership (MCAP) seemed like a natural partnership opportunity. Ms. Funke noted this, she plans to review the \$80,000 budget for this work with the CAC at a future meeting.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

A) TBI Flood Mitigation / Water Quality Studies (Funke)

Ms. Funke reported on Trout Brook Interceptor (TBI) Flood Mitigation and Water Quality Studies. Twenty flood prone areas were scored. Rice Street scored the worst. Due to constraints with implementing any stormwater control and treatment projects in that area, it was decided to put in a bigger stormwater sewer pipe. The Jackson, Wheelock, Grotto and Maryland areas will be all lumped together due to impending road reconstruction. The area upstream of Gottfried's Pit was also identified as a problem area.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

B) Upcoming Events (Eleria)

Ms. Eleria presented a list of upcoming events where CRWD will be having a table display and is looking for CAC volunteers to help. A link is embedded in each event to sign up to help or contact Ms. Xiong.

C) CAC Tour (Eleria)

Ms. Eleria reported on the annual CAC tour which will be held on July 17 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Meet at the CRWD office by 5:00.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Trojan reported on the May 15, 2024 Board of Managers Meeting.

Mr. Simonet reported on the June 5, 2024 Board of Managers Meeting.

IX. Discussion

A) New & Old Issues

There were none.

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

There was no volunteer for the June 20 meeting

C) CAC Observer for July 10, 2024. Board of Managers Meeting.

Ms. Wheeler volunteered to attend the July 10 meeting

X. Adjourn

CAC Motion 24-021: *To adjourn the June 12, 2024, CAC Meeting.*

Willems/Trojan
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Lauren Wheeler