

Minutes: Monday June 19, 2017

RPBCWD Citizen’s Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD new offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC MEMBERS		Peter Iverson	E	Joan Palmquist	P
Jim Boettcher	E	Matt Lindon	P	Dorothy Pedersen	P
Paul Bulger	P	Judy McClellan— Resigned	X	Dennis Yockers— Resigned	X
	P	Sharon McCotter	E	David Ziegler	P

Others

Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P
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Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers: None this month.

Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** President Pedersen called the June 19 meeting of the CAC to order at 6:37 p.m. Attendance noted above. Also note, two members, Yockers and McClellan have resigned, effective immediately. We thank them for their participation and wish them the best. Note: They will not be replaced until the regular annual appointments.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved with no changes. Motion was made (Ziegler/Bulger) and passed.
3. **Approval of meeting minutes from May 2017:** Motion to approve minutes, as drafted without amendments, made by Ziegler/Lindon and passed unanimously.
4. **Matters of general public interest:** None, no petitioners present.
5. **June Board of Managers meeting, if any questions (Bulger):**
 - Paul reported on the June Board Meeting and updated the timeline for the ten-year plan, reflecting a delay. See more on this below.
 - Joan requested that the CAC members who attend the Board Meetings bring details back to us on things we should be aware of that are not covered in sufficient detail in the Board Minutes (e.g. the minutes might say “questions were asked and answered” which doesn’t provide much information).
 - One such topic in June was discussion on alum treatments. There are many factors in terms of the type of sentiments, type of lake, internal and external loading of phosphorous, etc. that impact whether alum treatments are effective and how effective. The headline is that this is a relatively new approach, and there are still a lot of uncertainties and experimentation going on as we learn more about how to do this effectively.

6. Old Business:

a. Update on 10-year plan process: Michelle

- Michelle handed out the revised plan timeline, which calls for agency and public review in Nov./Dec. and review and response period in 2018.
- The CAC will receive the 10-year plan (draft version approved by the board) on September 7. It should consist of all sections. As noted in earlier minutes, Education and Outreach plan is a separate document, an appendix to the plan, but will also be provided at this time.
- It is the Board's preference to provide the CAC with the entire draft document they have approved, rather than in pieces, over time.
- This schedule will give us a little more than two weeks to review it individually and provide our thoughts and questions. Most likely we will use Google Docs for this purpose so we can make identified individual comments and track changes. Dorothy will set us up so it's a private account; we should all be able to make individual comments, and see each others' comments. Please keep the document and comments within our group until we've come up a consensus.
- On Sept. 25th the plan will be presented to the CAC at a workshop starting at 5:30 p.m. (see below). By then we should have all read it, made our comments, and be prepared with questions. CAC feedback to the board will be given on the 25th and additional feedback can be provided up to a week later.

b. Adopt a Storm Drain Update (ASD Subcommittee—Sharon and Matt): Matt Lindon

- Matt updated the CAC on activities. Sharon has contacted a few cities, and gave them their proposal addressing Storm Drains. Matt continues to try to connect with Lori at the City of Eden Prairie. He hopes to get Eden Prairie to agree to work with the CAC, treating their program as a two-year pilot phase. Plans include an event day, and other activities to get cities to coordinate with us and move forward. Dorothy offered to help connect them with Shorewood city staff. CAC provided positive feedback to Matt and Sharon (in abstention) for the work they are doing in this area and agreed that this is an area and a problem area shared by all, where we can have some impact.
- Michelle shared that RPBCWD new staff member, Terry, told her that from the city's perspective, he would have been very excited about this program if he had been asked about it when he worked for the city of Chanhassen.
- Note: Per May meeting minutes, Matt and Sharon will share a more fleshed out plan and timeline when it is available and at that point the CAC will determine what and when should be brought before the managers. This might include an overview of the 3-year plan, status update and specifics around the proposed fall clean-up.

7. New Business:

a. Cost Share Reviews:

- Michelle had provided CAC members an advanced copy of 8 applications, along with a summary sheet of staff recommendations.
- Discussion:
 - Pedersen provide some general comments and feedback on the applications, and will provide her written notes to staff for them to review and incorporate.
 - As we have not reached the cap amount for grants this year, we agreed it is logical to keep the application process open, with one more cut-off date, allowing applicants to resubmit plans by around August 15. Michelle will determine the exact day in August and will publicize on the site. Note, this is for residential only.
 - Michelle commented that we have many applicants for buffers; that people seem to understand the importance of buffers; we should be on the lookout for more opportunities for rain gardens or curb-cut raingardens. She asked how we can expand best management practices to incorporate this. Joan suggested a handout/flyer or FAQ on the topic of “Is a Rain Garden Right for You?” or something similar. How can we expand best management practices? Nine Mile has some good information on their site that perhaps we could benchmark (e.g. cost per square foot for various actions).
 - CAC members reiterated the importance of buffer and rain garden maintenance and plant identification, and need for educational events, like the upcoming Shoreline Maintenance program.
- Motion was made by Ziegler/Palmquist, and was passed, to accept staff recommendations for approval of applications by David, Hansen, O’Hara and Taffe with modifications of Taffe plan as noted (staff recommendations).
- Motion was made by Ziegler/Palmquist and passed, to:
 - 1) Accept staff recommendations for approval of applications by Ross and Griffin & Farley incorporating staff comments/requests, and input from Pedersen, and
 - 2) Ask Regan and O’Meara to resubmit with additional information, as staff requested, and incorporating Pedersen’s comments.

b. Date of September Meeting: Due to shift in timeline for availability of 10-year plan documents from the Management Board, the decision was made to move our regular September meeting from the 18th to the 25th, starting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will begin with a presentation of the plan, followed by discussion. Ziegler made the motion, Palmquist seconded and it carried.

Topics for Next Month: Ten-year plan and idea sharing session to discuss possible activities CAC could spearhead (e.g. a “Water week”), etc.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Palmquist, seconded by Ziegler, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Upcoming Events

- Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 12, 5:30 pm, District Office

- Next CAC meeting: July 17, 2017, District Office, 6:30 pm
- Watershed tour, 10-year plan highlights, July 31, 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Joan Palmquist, recorder