

Minutes: Monday, August 20, 2018
RPBCWD Citizen's Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD offices: 18681 Lake Street, Chanhassen

CAC Members

Jim Boettcher	P	Curt Kobilarcsik	P	Marilynn Torkelson	P
Paul Bulger	P	Matt Lindon	P	Lori Tritz	E
Anne Deuring	P	Sharon McCotter	P		
Peter Iverson	P	Joan Palmquist	P		

Others

Terry Jeffery	RPBCWD staff	P
Larry Koch	RPBCWD Board Member	P
Dorothy Pedersen	RPBCWD Board Member	P

Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:

1. **Motion:** The CAC recommends the Pat Pauls' Cost Share project with conditions that the best methods will be used for matching grade, planting in rip rap, no plastic in erosion control blanket, and maintenance be included for 5 years and be a contingency if the property was sold.
2. **Motion:** Paul Bulger was elected CAC President.

I. Opening

- A. **Call CAC meeting to Order:** Vice President Sharon McCotter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. **Guest: Larry Koch, new manager of RPBCWD, stated he appreciates having been appointed and is very interested in our ideas and opinions on the activities of District.** Email lakpa471@gmail.com or 612-210-5001
- B. **Attendance:** As noted above
- C. **Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** The budget and a cost share were added to new business. Anne reminded that we were going to have staff reports as an ongoing agenda item. Joan moved and Pete seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- E. **Approval of July 16, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Paul and second by Matt. Motion carried.

II. Staff Reports: Terry stated he had nothing specific to report.

III. Old Business

- A. **Updates from subcommittees as available.** Sharon reported on the storm drain subcommittee. The Silver Lake Association completed the first phase (30 drains) of a storm drain stenciling project. Sharon shared pictures. Their goal is to do the Adopt-A-Drain program and get residents to adopt all 210 and encourage them to paint their own drain. Adopt-A-Drain will be officially rolled out at the State Fair with a booth, interactive table and a sign up. Dorothy thanked Sharon for getting it organized. Sharon reported that the Chanhassen leaf raking event on Oct 27 could be an opportunity to promote the Adopt-A-Drain program with a printed card or something.
- B. **New 2018 Cost Share review:** Terry described the project on Lotus Lake proposed by Pat Paul: originally developed in the 1950s with a concrete boat launch, patio and sea wall. Working with Natural Environments (who also did a native restoration on Mitchell Lake), the design incorporates shoreland plantings and riprap where necessary. The staff feels, while not perfect, it is the best approach and is much better than the original condition. They still hope to tweak some things. The project will require a permit for the hardscape. There was no plant list for us to review. The expected completion date is June of next year. Staff will look at the score sheet to make sure the appropriate erosion control method (riprap or coir logs) will be used. Joan moved and Pete seconded to recommend the project

with conditions that the best methods will be used for matching grade, planting in rip rap, and no plastic in erosion control blanket. Matt asked about the responsibility for maintenance if the property changes hands within 5 years. Terry responded that the permit specifies that maintenance continues with property owner. Joan amended her motion to include the condition that maintenance be included for a 5-year period and be a contingency if the property was sold. Pete seconded the amended motion. Motion carried.

- C. **Board Meeting:** Marilyn attended. One typo was noted: the water conservation lunch and learn is Sept 14 instead of 4. Marilyn reported that the Eden Lake School project to remove turf to create permeable asphalt patio areas was rejected as ineligible for the cost share program. Marilyn wondered if this site were to come back in a few years to replace impermeable asphalt with permeable paving, it might be then considered eligible. Wouldn't it make sense to do it right in the first place? The cost of permeable paving is about 35% more than impermeable.

IV. New Business

- A. **Wetlands Walk review:** Terry reported there has been interest in classes on delineating wetlands and he would be happy to teach small classes. Matt suggested having a water-focused month: classes, walks, inventory info. Another walk would ideally be at the end of May. Dorothy thought it would be helpful to be able to see the differences in damaged wetlands as opposed to pristine wetlands.
- B. **Adopt a Water/Creek/Lake/Shoreline:** Tabled until Sharon can introduce it energetically. 😊
- C. **Water Conservation Incentive Program:** Lunch and Learn with a representative from Woodbury at noon on September 14 for Board, CAC and TAC. Terry reported that the City of Woodbury has done cutting edge work on water conservation incentives and have never seen a grant as expensive as the Prairie East 5th Association proposal. There are less expensive but good options for smart water controllers. Sharon will ask Maya to do a sign up for the lunch and learn.
- D. **Education requirements for cost share grant program:** Marilyn stated it is important for cost share applicants to understand the myriad reasons native plants are a better option than non-natives, even though non-natives are not prohibited by cost share rules. She cited Douglas Tallamy's book "Bringing Nature Home" as a great source. Discussion on the best way to get this information to cost share applicants included webinars, pamphlets, websites, class(es) slide show. The lists are a starting point but do not fully explain the "why." Joan and Marilyn will look to see what info is already available and report back.
- E. **Election of new CAC President:** Sharon is happy to remain as vice president. Joan nominated Paul as next CAC president with Anne seconding. Paul stated he is happy to do it but wanted us to know that he is moving out of the district next year so won't be renewing on the CAC. There were no other nominations. Motion carried.
- F. **Budget:** Terry reported this budget is very preliminary, but wanted to go over the increases with us. Increases include:
- a. Office cost: due to a full year in the office space and staff increase
 - b. New Staff: Maya
 - c. Staff benefits
 - d. Staff Salaries: The Board retained an outside HR firm to do metro wide salary comparison and found one employee especially to be undercompensated
 - e. 101 Project: 3 contiguous property owners with homes built in 1960s in a wetland are ready to move creating an opportunity to restore the wetland. We were excited about the outreach opportunities this might provide.
 - f. Lower Riley Creek: slight increase engineering costs
 - g. Permitting Software: Currently the two databases are difficult to use. We are looking for the best option at the best price and for partners to share the cost.
 - h. Chloride Reduction: our district is spearheading the chloride impairment initiative for several counties.
 - i. Ground Water

IV. Looking Forward

- A. CAC 2018 agenda items for our September meeting
 - a. Marilyn and Joan will update on education on natives for cost share applicants.
 - b. Budget
 - c. Adopt a Water/Creek/Lake/Shoreline
 - d. Permitting database update
 - e. Cost share for water conservation
 - f. Update on Adopt-A-Drain – Sharon
 - g. Website?
- B. **Upcoming events**
 - 1. State Fair, Adopt a Drain
 - 2. RPBCWD Board of Managers budget workshop August 27 at 5:30 to 7:00
 - 3. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting and workshop, September 5 at 5:30 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 4. Water Conservation Lunch and Learn Friday, September 14, at 12:00 noon at RPBCWD offices
 - 5. RPBCWD CAC meeting September 17 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
 - 6. Cycle the Creek, September 29

- V. Adjourn CAC meeting:** Motion to adjourn by Paul with Pete seconding. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.