

## Minutes: Monday October 16, 2017

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

### CAC Members

Anne Deuring	P	Peter Iverson	P	Joan Palmquist	P
Jim Boettcher	P	Matt Lindon	A	David Ziegler	P
Paul Bulger	P	Sharon McCotter	P		

### Others

Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P
Claire Bleser	Administrator	P
Leslie Yetka	RPBCWD Board President	P

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

- Regarding length of terms of CAC members:** There is consensus within the CAC that continuity of members has not been a problem, and if that is the primary reason for adjusting term length, we do not think changes are necessary (either minimum or maximum term limits.) We are concerned that asking for longer term commitment may reduce the number of qualified volunteers applying. So, unless there are other major objectives to be achieved we recommend no change. We also request that reapplications process be made easy for existing members who want to reapply.
- Attendance:** Also, please note that the 50% attendance reflected in the Position Description is inconsistent with the bylaws, which require attendance at 2/3 of regular meeting.

### Meeting

- Call to Order:** President Ziegler called the October 16 meeting of the CAC to order approximately 6:32 P.M. Attendance noted above.
- Matters of General Public Interest:** None
- Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved with additions of a photo of CAC to be taken at the end of the meeting, and a discussion of impaired water assessments that were released, if time allows. Motion was made (Palmquist/Boettcher) and passed.
- Approval of meeting minutes from September 2017:** Move to approve by Bulger, second Deuring. Passed.
- Draft Ten Year Plan appendices review (All)**
  - Comments**
    - Paul mentioned that some things like alum treatments are not considered capital improvements. Perhaps, a dollar amount should be added. Administrator Bleser clarified that right now the threshold is \$100,000 for CIP and alum treatments have been put in that category because they are often such a large expense. If the amount is more than \$100, they are required to get 3 quotes. We have identified funds for AIS, for \$50K and \$25K. His question is

whether we should call this category something other than capital improvements projects. Perhaps call it CIP/or high expense projects.

- Consensus from the CAC on the Plan: Wow, breathtaking etc. Joan and Anne did add comments to the Google document, which Claire will review.
- They are considering the plan making it more of a wiki, so readers can delve deeper into the document—making it interactive. But each chapter is stand alone.
- Question on Report Card (I and E) was clarified as incentive and education. Excellent weaving the stewardship into the E&O plan.
- Discussion if there was a skew in the review process to one type of project. It was suggested that we test the tool. Might be good to call that out to address this.
- Question: Difference between a quote and a bid. Quote is can you give me an estimate, but a bid they publish the specifics and they must put in a specific bid based on the specifics.
- Define the LGU the first time: Local Government Unit.
- Status: TAC wanted help reaching out to MN Pollution Control agency, to see if other communities can take credit for helping improve a water body. How do we distribute the benefits of a project; how does a community take credit? Is there fair way to distribute the allocation? Some communities have limitation to space (e.g. Deephaven) wanted to know if they can contribute to another communities and get “credit” for their participation. So, TAC is working with MPCA to address this question. Depending on how the MPCA responds, it may require some changes to the plan, delaying its release until December.
- Next steps: The Staff will review the comments we made, add comments to ours and then present it to the board.

**b. Recommendations for board and staff review:**

- CAC recommendations are as reflected in the google docs document and outlined above.
- There are numerous pollutants, and the restoration, green corridor, scenic wildlife etc. to consider. If there is an impaired waterbody, it must be determined how much reduction has is necessary to restore the waterbody, e.g. 50 lbs. 250 lbs. Each waterbody will be different, depending on how much the model says you should remove.

**6. Review 25 by 25 and see how it relates to our goals and actions (Paul - All)**

- a. Paul went through 25x25 comments and how they aligned with items in the plan that addressed them. (Thank you Paul!) He showed how most of them were covered, except for: 1) Real cost /value of water, 2) Idea of cap and trade on water quality (new, unconventional idea), and 3) Embedding water resource education in state curriculum in terms of goals and strategies. Conclusion: no major gaps, or conflicts, but generally in alignment.
- b. We agreed that when we get the next version back, we should review it one more time in light of the 25 x 25.

**7. Updates from subcommittees as available**

- a. **Storm Drain (Sharon, Matt):** Sharon and Matt split responsibilities between them, so Sharon reported on her efforts. The first ever event--storm drain cleanup is in Chanhassen next Saturday starting at 9:30 at the Senior Center. Volunteers can sign up at city site and there are five sites to clean up. Congratulations on this first ever event! Sharon also closed the loop with Shorewood, and agreed they will be first next year, maybe in the Spring. Sharon is giving one of them the Spark Plug award—acknowledging that they put the spark into it.
- b. **Ground Water (Paul):** He reviewed the Barr plan with Groundwater in mind. A lot of the report is structured for large scale ground water recharge (retain the aquifer) but don't really describe how this

works in a mostly urban area. He has heard of other markets where they do this on a watershed district—e.g. in California on a much larger scale (square miles, not the small couple of acres that we do). We don't have large scale projects, like taking over a whole soccer field and making a project. He will give his to Claire and Scott. There will be ongoing groundwater programs, so these comments would be incorporated there as well.

- c. **Sock (Anne):** She continues to pester Minnetonka, without much success. They responded that they consider the 8-inch socks unsafe, and don't want them in the street, unsafe. She is working with the DNR to try to come up with another solution e.g. filter bags. The problem with this is that you must pick up the grate and empty them, but they weigh 70 pounds, so this is not a practical solution. Anne suggested that they consider the 4-inch sock, and she is waiting to hear back.
- d. **Speaker's Bureau (Joan):** Gathering materials that already exist, from Rochester, Freshwater Society and Michelle. Will begin in more earnest in early December, for content review/editing in Jan/Feb. Paul: Suggested look at USGS site. Also note that Leslie works at the Freshwater Society.
- e. **Lake Associations (David):** Dorothy was the lead, and needs to be replaced, so Dave will lead with Pete's help. Dues and activities vary by association.

#### 8. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Conference (MAWD) (David, Sharon - All)

- a. Sharon and David are going to this conference and we have budget to send two more. Let Michelle know if you are interested in going. Most of the sessions have handouts, but they don't cover everything, and a few are available online. Sharon and Dave will both send what sessions they are planning to attend, so we can provide input on the following:
  - What sessions will we want to and be able to attend?
  - What sessions will we want to report back on
- b. **Please provide feedback on what sessions you want covered, before the next meeting—or attend!**

#### 9. Applications for CAC Members (David, Michelle)

- a. There will be new forms which are still being **worked on**. The CAC picked up on the discussion at the Board about adopting three-year terms. We considered level of commitment, and the value of having people have different terms, so we have some continuity. Some expressed concern about having a three-year commitment for the first term. Others suggested that the first term could be one year if the candidate desires, and if not then three years, and renew for three years or even having one third on each of a 1, 2 or 3-year term. When then focused on what problem this was trying to solve, and what the benefit would be. From the Board notes, it appears that the big concern was continuity, but that has not been a problem for the CAC, historically. Also, we are concerned that such a long term may reduce the number of qualified candidates who apply. We reached consensus that it does not appear to be a problem and we see no reason to change the existing one-year terms.
- b. **We will all need to reapply:** The CAC understands, and just asks that the Board makes it simple to reapply.
- c. **Feedback:** A motion was made by Joan, seconded by Jim, to provide this feedback to the Board. See the section at the top of these minutes, providing our feedback to the Board of Managers.

#### 10. Dates for remaining CAC meetings in 2017 and agenda items for our next meeting (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) (All)

- a. Agree to do Nov. 20 meeting as scheduled. Will determine date for December next month.

#### 11. Upcoming events

- a. Chanhassen storm water event: October 21, 9:30 to 12:00 Chanhassen City Center/Senior Center
- b. Board Workshop and Regular Meeting, November 1st, 5:30 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East

- c. Cycle the Creek make up day, Saturday Oct 28<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM to noon, 18681 Lake Drive East. The previously scheduled date was rained out.
- d. MAWD Conference, November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
- e. December 14, at Bent Creek Golf Course: 6:30 to 8:00 Holiday party and volunteer recognition.

**12. Adjourn CAC meeting**

- a. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Paul/Jim) at 8:27. The photo of the CAC was then taken by Michelle.

**13. Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Subcommittee updates
- December meeting date
- 10-year plan: executive summary
- Input for MAWD
- Input for training of new CAC members: materials to provide, etc.
- Impaired water discussion: how to blend that into goals and strategies

Respectfully submitted, Joan Palmquist, recorder