

Minutes: Monday, June 18, 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	P
Anne Deuring	P	Sharon McCotter	P	David Ziegler	P
Peter Iverson	P	Joan Palmquist	P		

Others

Michelle Jordan	District Liaison	P
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Summary of key actions/motions for the Board of Managers:

- Motion: Sharon McCotter moved and Lori Tritz seconded that the CAC support asking the Board of Managers for up to \$150 for the storm drain stenciling project for the Silver Lake Homeowners Association.**

I. Opening

- Call CAC meeting to Order:** President Ziegler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Attendance:** As noted above
- Matters of general public interest:** None
- Approval of Agenda:** Sharon asked to have her name deleted the watershed pamphlet and add the Silver Lake Homeowners Association stenciling project expenses item to the agenda. Michelle asked to add status of website and 10-year plan to the agenda. Anne asked to add Staff Reports as a standing agenda item. Joan moved and Matt seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- Approval of May 21, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes:** David remembered that Pete Iverson had told him he would be gone for the May meeting, so the minutes should reflect "Excused" instead of a question mark. Jim Boettcher moved and Paul Bulger seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

- Staff Report:** Michelle reported the web designer has made a lot of headway and Maya, Claire and Michelle are all on track to get it launched. There will be some tweaking after launch. Michelle asked that we also review it after launch to help tweak.

High School student, Beth, is installing a raingarden for her, Master Water Steward, capstone project at Eden Prairie High School today and tomorrow. She will be interning at the district for the summer before heading out for college.

III. Old Business

- RPBCWD Board Workshop and Meeting information:** David reported on the Board of Managers meeting. Draft minutes of the meeting were distributed as well as David's notes. Richard Chadwick is not applying for another term. Replacement will need to be from Carver County. The Board was very supportive of Paul's groundwater conservation idea but unfortunately there is not staff to support it this year. They suggested we study similar efforts by Chanhassen and Eden Prairie to refine the program for next year. Michelle would like a larger education component; giving tips and tools for conserving and would like to incorporate it into 50th anniversary commemoration. Lori reported Woodbury purchased water sensors and resold them. There are concerns that the sensors don't work. Paul had a question on the Board's decision that the Lower Riley Creek Stabilization Project did not require and EIS. This was based on favorable reviews of the EAW from the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), the State Historical Preservation Office, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the project does not create significant environmental issues and that the long-term effects of the project are beneficial to both the natural and the human environments.

- B. 10-Year Plan Status: Michelle reported the plan was submitted to the BWSR Central Regional Committee who recommended approval. On June 27 it will go to BWSR for final approval.
- C. Recommendations for Interface with other CAC groups: David reported that he had sent around a list of topics to share with other CACs. Jim as rep from Carver County WMO reported on the differences in methodology of our groups. The education and outreach person from Carver County WMO is Madeline Seveland. It seems no other CACs are clamoring for our expertise, so no need to push it. If we get more requests in the future, we should get personal contacts.
- D. **Updates from subcommittees as available**
 - 1. Storm Drains: Sharon reported the storm drain clean up in Chanhassen is on. She asked Michelle to send the RPBCWD logo to be included on the save the date cards. Silver Lake Homeowners Association decided to stencil their 30 storm drains. Rather than a community project they want to do it themselves and have "awareness" after the fact. Part 2 of 100 drains will occur next year. They're all set up with vendor and paint. Sharon McCotter moved and Lori Tritz seconded that the CAC support asking the Board of Managers for up to \$150 for the storm drain stenciling project for the Silver Lake Homeowners Association. Motion carried. We would like to see before and after photos.
 - 2. Sharon reported the Sun Sailor newspaper reported on High school student Aimi Dickel's Scenic Heights capstone project and our Michelle got some good press. Aimi will be doing some illustration work for the watershed district this summer.

IV. New Business

- A. **2018 Cost Share reviews:** Michelle says the process has varied in the last 4 years. We usually try to get staff recommendations prior to the CAC review, but Seth is backed up because of covering very pregnant Michelle's part of cost share, so the staff review is on the back end this year. There is enough in the budget so that the applications are not competitive. Worthiness is the only consideration.
 - 1. Campbell, Shoreline Restoration on Duck line: Staff recommends this project for the full amount. Turf grass conversion to native plants; Applicants are very invested. Fencing is recommended by watershed to prevent new plants from getting eaten. People who do their own labor are often more invested and will tend to maintain the project.
 - 2. Rod Fisher, Duck Lake Shoreline Restoration: Staff recommends to approve this project. The homeowners are very invested. Reasonable quote. Joan would like to see how it addresses goals and longer than two years of maintenance. Marilyn requested to include some species of milkweed.
 - 3. Jay: Staff does not recommend this project yet. It needs a site visit and a lot more information. It also includes a retaining wall which is not considered a natural best practice. Plus the drainage area is already in a wet place. If they resubmit, this project will come back to the CAC for review.
 - 4. Moeira Rain Garden: Staff recommends funding this project.
 - 5. Mairose: Staff recommends funding this project. It is a multiple phase project but this year includes conversion from turf to low mow grass. Not a native species, but qualifies under water conservation goal. Rules allow applications for one project per property per year. Anne asked that the composition of the erosion blanket be determined and discouraged if it contained plastic.
 - 6. Ross: Staff has requested a site visit and more information before it can recommend funding. Matt thought it was tree heavy, too vague on "native plants," and more ground cover for infiltration. If they resubmit it will come back to CAC for review.
 - 7. Smithson: Staff does not recommend this project. It is lacking much information, too many nonnative plants; needs a site visit. If they resubmit it will come back to CAC for review.

Joan moved and Matt moved to support the staff recommendations with additional questions from the CAC.

An application from Prairie East Fifth Homeowners Association has also come in and will be reviewed by staff. Staff is still working on the Rustica rain garden application to hopefully happen yet this year.

- B. Wetlands Walk:** Michelle reported the new date for wetland walk is July 17 with a rainout date on July 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 starting at the district offices led by Terry, Zach and summer intern Emma. We will then carpool to a wetland. Wear sensible shoes or boots and bring bug spray.
- C. Watershed awareness pamphlet:** David asked if anyone is interested in pursuing updating the users guide to watershed permitting pamphlet. Michelle feels it is worth keeping it up to date and likes the idea of making what we have more visually appealing and more graphical and possibly incorporating the info on the website. Matt likes a big poster format. Michelle will talk to Claire about it.
- D. Ground Water Conservation Incentive:** Paul reported we can take a step back and think about incorporating other ideas – partnership with city, businesses, incorporating low flow faucets and sprinkler sensors. Sharon suggests individually gathering info and feeding it back to Paul. Paul will determine next steps.
- E. U of M Stormwater Pond Study Proposal:** While the 5 stormwater ponds in the iron filings study have not been identified yet, David thought we should identify 5 similar pond in size and condition to monitor as a control. Staff recommended looking at methodology available from the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP). Marilynn has been trained on monitoring macroinvertebrates, so she and David will confer.
- F. Floating islands:** These are a structure of plastic beverage containers used to clarify a water body. Plant roots grow through the structure and bacteria forms on the bottom. The science supports that they definitely clean water.

V. Looking Forward

A. CAC 2018 agenda items for our July meeting

1. Cost shares
2. More info on floating islands
3. Budget review: The CAC requests to preview it

B. Upcoming events

1. We wish Michelle good luck. We will miss you.
2. Pollinator workshop by Paul Erdman, Tuesday, June 26, 2018 from 7-8:30 pm hosted by Nine Mile Creek WD
3. RPBCWD Board of Managers meeting, July 11 at 7:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
4. RPBCWD CAC meeting July 16 at 6:00 pm, 18681 Lake Drive East
5. Wetlands Walk July 17, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
6. Property Manager lunch on July 18, 2018 at 12:00 pm
7. Splash Bash: July 21 at Lake Ann Pavilion, everything water related 1:00 to 4:00
8. Turf to Fescue Workshop Carver WMO and 9-Mile Creek, June 25, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Chanhassen Library. (Second session July 27 at Southdale library)

VI. Adjourn CAC meeting: Motion and second to adjourn by Joan/Marilynn, approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:08.