

Minutes: Monday, January 29, 2018
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	E	Matt Lindon	P	David Ziegler	P
Paul Bulger	P	Sharon McCotter	E		
Lori Tritz	P	Marilyn Torkelson	E		

Others

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

- 1. Addition of bylaw change procedures** (See #8 below): Currently the CAC Bylaws do not include information on how those bylaws may be amended. After consulting with our Legal Council and reviewing language used by the Board, we agreed upon the following language. **The CAC requests that this wording get incorporated into the CAC Bylaws.**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the CAC on 30 days written notice of the proposed change(s), unless such notice is waived by all CAC Members. Notice of any amendment is to be contained in the notice of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. An amendment to these bylaws must be approved by a four-fifths majority of the CAC. Proposed bylaw amendments are to be provided to RPBCWD Board of Managers for review 30 days before amendments are made.

- 2. Support of sustainability event on water.** (See 11d below) The CAC believes that it is a good idea for the Watershed District to sponsor the Beginner's Guide to Sustainability Water Class that Lori Tritz has outlined, and we recommend further discussion with staff to determine if this is feasible.
- 3. The CAC requests the same type of help/assistance from the District Staff** related to storm drain and gutter clean-up for Chanhassen and Shoreview that Sharon McCotter received last year. (See 11a below) This would include a few hours of Michelle's time (estimated 3-4 hours¹).

Agenda

- 1. Call CAC Meeting** to order at 6:12 PM
- 2. Attendance** as noted above
- 3. Matters of general public interest**
 - No members of the public were present.

4. Approval of Agenda: Joan made motion, seconded by Lori, to delay the elections until February, so more members, including the new members can be present. Motion passed and agenda approved as modified.

5. Welcome New Members (All) Lori Tritz, new member of CAC was introduced. She is a Master Water Steward, a Master Naturalist and on the Eden Prairie Conservation Commission. She introduced herself and spoke of her interest in working on storm drains in particular.

6. Approval of previous (December) CAC Meeting Minutes: Joan motioned and Matt seconded to approve minutes of the December meeting as amended, indicating that Matt was present.

7. Election of Officers: This is being delayed until next month, when more members and more new members will be here.

8. Addition of bylaw change procedures (David, Michelle) see proposed bylaw amendment procedure below. Currently our bylaws do not include any wording on how to amend them.

Motion was made Joan and Lori to submit the recommendation that this wording gets incorporated into the CAC bylaws. Passed, unopposed and agreed to call this to the attention of the Board in our minutes.

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9. Review 10-year plan (All), Update on public comments for 10-year plan (Michelle):

The comment period is closed. Comments were received from individual citizens as well as agencies, cities, etc. Staff created a giant spreadsheet of the comments and are reviewing them now. Michelle will check on the process. Joan feels strongly that several CAC members provided specific comments, (e.g. related to the creation of SMART goals) and we would like to hear how our ideas were incorporated, or not. If they are not in the plan, how might they be included? In the end it was decided that we would request Administrator Claire come to the Feb. CAC meeting and give us an update, if possible. March 15 is the public meeting to discuss the plan the CAC would like to and we would like to have a chance to discuss changes before it is locked down. Michelle will confirm date of public meeting and next steps and let the CAC know.

10. Input on Education & Outreach for 2018, including proposed interface with other watershed CACs. At MAWD Sharon talked to some others representatives and discussed the idea of doing a “CAC Swap” to discuss common issues. Lori said the Conservation Commission has discussions with other sister cities, and they get together to share ideas, etc. She thinks such an exchange with other CAC’s would be a great idea. Paul suggested getting together at Unmapped Brewery, as it includes a map of the watershed as part of its decor. Michelle will get an update from Claire on the status of this idea.

Update from Michelle:

- Focus topics for E and O have been chosen for the year and they are wetlands, chloride, and restoration. Terry and Zach will be leading a Wetland Walk May on 19 which will include small groups and an interpretive walk discussing healthy vs. unhealthy wetlands, etc.
- This year (2018) Michelle's efforts are targeting outreach to professional community through series of workshops for realtors, property managers, and builders (on chloride, rule changes, etc.)
- Also, next year is our 50th anniversary, July 31, 2019. If the CAC wants to get involved in that, we can. Overall theme will be Come Explore with Us as well as Water Conservation and Ground Water.

Request was made to get a calendar updated for 2018. Michelle will provide examples to David and he will draft one for the next meeting.

11. Updates from subcommittees as available

- a. Storm Drains (Sharon, Matt):** Sharon requests the same type of help/assistance from the District related to storm drain and gutter clean-up for Chanhassen and Shoreview that she received last year. This would include a few hours of Michelle's time (estimated 3-4 hours or less). See attached request from Sharon. Matt will continue to work on the placards piece, but he hopes that ideally, we could get cities involved in the construction part of the road piece—as storm drains are replaced every 5 years. He also indicated we might be worth working the city on testing different types of drains. As an aside, Joan got information from Leslie on what was involved cleaning it up the runoff that created a small island on Red Rock Lake. Michelle will ask staff to see if they can use this to estimate what the dollar cost might be.
- b. Ground Water (Paul):** Barr did an initial report/groundwater survey of groundwater vulnerability.
- c. Silt Sock (Anne):** Trying to get in touch with Terry Jeffries and will talk with him including discussing ideas from MAWD.
- d. Speaker's Bureau (Joan):** Met with Michelle and Claire and discussed the vision for this and possible topics. She distributed the original proposal and notes from that meeting to Matt and Anne who are interested in helping. The group will get together after the Feb. Meeting. Others are welcome to join. We will be starting with creating presentations for the three focus E and O topic areas and perhaps one other. Also, we have narrowed the target audiences to adults, as work with K-12 is well established. Lori suggested that one of our topics also be what you can do to be more sustainable in your own back yard.

Additional (great) idea Sustainability: Lori has been trying to do a sustaining Eden Prairie programs/class, and has some volunteers to create presentations on two-hour sessions. The review process by the City is taking longer than expected, and they can't be ready this Spring. She has one event coming up on March 11, at Pax Christi with Paul Douglas. Two-hour sessions, with adult learning principles. Needs sponsorship for one of these, wondering if Watershed can sponsor one. She has a presentation on water she will share with us. Focus how can you be sustainable. What can you do. Want to capitalize on this March 11 event, and run Water - Sustainability event in Mid-April, but members need to be present. May need a location for all four events. Can use the Outdoor Center on Sundays. The working title is "The Beginner's Guide to Sustainability in Your

Topic". Open on time frame. To make it happen, Lori needs official blessing and perhaps use of Watershed Demonstration Board.

A motion was made (Joan/Matt) and approved, as follows: The CAC believes that it is a good idea for the Watershed District to sponsor the Beginner's Guide to Sustainability water class that Lori has outlined, and good idea and should warrant further discussion with staff to determine if this is feasible.

- e. **Lake Associations (David):** David reported that the lake associations are quite varied, have different purposes, and he is not sure that this sub-committee is necessary. Upon discussion we agreed that the purpose of this was to try to engage with lake associations, educate and inform them (as they already had some vested interest in our waters) and potentially get volunteers from them. Paul volunteered to work with David on what this sub-committee should be addressing and potentially dove tailing with Lori's ideas on sustainability, etc. Michelle also confirmed that the leaders of several of these associations are on Michelle's list and receive news from us.

Matt added that, as we add new people we should revisit the subcommittees, and their scope as well as welcoming new people onto them. Perhaps we should also have a wetlands subcommittee.

Priorities for Education and Outreach for the year: Restorations, wetlands and chloride. To set goals, we need to know where we are starting, e.g. what shape are the wetlands in now, or they may be a like, etc.

Suggest that we also look at the website:

1. To get an update on where it is
2. To use the website effectively as a source and promote community events, to use it as a social media mechanism

12. Topics for 2018 agenda items and next meeting and pre-meeting/orientation:

1. New Member orientation workshop, introductions, what I care about
2. Bylaw changes,
3. Subcommittee updates and review to determine if new ones are needed, some should be disbanded, and committee membership
4. Update on public comments on 10-year plan (Claire)
5. Draft calendar for 2018 (David will do a draft, with input/examples from Michelle)
6. Review of priorities for 2018: 10-year plan implementation, Ground Water conservation and reuse, wetlands, chloride reduction, creek restoration, 50th Anniversary planning, E&O, Scenic Heights
7. Input on E&O for 2018 including how to interface with other CAC's (moved to March meeting month)
8. Update on Website and how we use the website in 2018.
9. Update on status of Sustainability Class sponsorship requested by Lori and supported by CC

13. Upcoming events

- a. RPBCWD Board of Managers Workshop on 10-year plan Feb 7th at 5:30 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East
- b. RPBCWD Board of Managers CAC Meet and Greet February 7th at 6:30 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East
- c. RPBCWD Board of Managers regular board meeting February 7th at 7:00 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East
- d. Annual Road Salt Symposium February 8, 2018 | Plymouth Creek Center

- d. February 26th CAC meeting at 6:00 PM, 18681 Lake Drive East
- e. March 15 public comment hearing for 10-year plan.

Upcoming CAC 2018 Meeting Dates (2018), Feb 26, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17) at 6:00PM

14. Adjourn CAC meeting: Motion was made Pete/Lori to adjourn, at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,

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Request for presentation at the January 29th CAC meeting

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Thu 1/25/2018, 10:52 AM

To:david_ziegler@outlook.com <david_ziegler@outlook.com>;
Hello David,

If time permits, can you present the following to the CAC for a vote/motion to the managers? Thank you.

I would like to request the same assistance, from the board of managers, I received in 2017 from RPBC watershed staff (Michelle) as I coordinate a Spring leaf clean-up campaign and adopt-a-drain program for Shorewood and a fall leaf clean-up campaign in conjunction with the Environmental Commission for Chanhassen. Below are the updates with where I am with both cities as well as next steps. If the CAC supports the expanded storm drain program, can you make a motion requesting the managers support the programs? I'm hoping the managers would approve the work at their February meeting.

Shorewood

- Meet with Dorothy Pedersen week of January 29th to discuss her ideas and what ideas her lake association have around implementing a storm drain adoption program and annual leaf clean-up
- City personal changed last year; new person is anxious to work with us on a Spring cleanup; meeting will be scheduled once Dorothy and Sharon have met
- Opportunity to pilot the revised "Clean Streets Clean Water Neighborhood Cleanup" kit from the cleanwatermn.org in conjunction with the Freshwater Society
- Opportunity to add a composting element to a clean-up
- Opportunity to set up a "shadow" adopt-a-drain program until the state expands the state program to the western suburbs

Chanhassen

- Meeting scheduled for February 12th with Jill Sinclair, Chanhassen's Environmental Specialist and Arborist and Vanessa Strong (the new Terry Jeffrey) to talk through details
- Jill is also the liaison with between the city of Chanhassen and the Environmental Commission; the commission would like to include the Chanhassen fall leaf clean-up as part of their 2018 volunteer work
- Opportunity to expand the clean-up work we did in fall of 2017 to a larger audience with more advance notice and the help of the commission

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