

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2024
RPBCWD Citizens’ Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: RPBCWD Office

ATTENDANCE

Status: P=Present, E=Excused, A=Absent without notification

Members

Andrew Aller	P
Andrew Peterson	P
Sharon McCotter	P

Dave Paulson	E
Jeff Weiss	P
Jim Boettcher	P

Michelle Frost	P
Marilynn Torkelson	P
Terry Jorgenson	E

Others

Terry Jeffery	Staff	P
Liz Forbes	Staff	P
Eleanor Mahon	Staff	E

Manager Duevel	Manager	P
Manager Crafton	Manager	P

CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:
None

Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:
None

I. Opening

- A. **Call CAC meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Andrew Aller at 6:03 PM.
- B. **Attendance:** As noted above. Quorum present.
- C. **Matters of general public interest:** None
- D. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved without objection
- E. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Approved without objection

II. Learning presentation – Administrator Terry Jeffrey

- A. CAC could get a copy of the draft minutes from the BOM meeting prior to CAC monthly meeting
- B. Looking for CAC assistance on reviewing upcoming survey questions
- C. CAC suggestions on how to expand community outreach and partnerships
 - 1. Could work with other citizen groups like “Friends of Eden Prairie Parks” or “Friends of Frederick Miller springs”
 - 2. Work with DNR and EPA for larger oversight, guidance, and framework
 - a) Dept of Health is needed when discussing any water re-use
 - 3. Looking for suggestions on groups who may want donated Christmas trees from Spring Rd property
- D. CAC Suggestions on how to better work with the cities in the district:

1. When creating the rules, start each section with a statement regarding the objective of the rule.
2. Meet with the cities to discuss how it could be improved and build the trust
 - a) Include parks & rec in this process
3. Can feedback be provided to developers on projects before they are approved, even if it meets the rules
 - a) Trying to get cities to let WD added to the development review team (Bloomington currently does this) to allow for input earlier in the process vs after the plats are approved by city.
 - b) May allow for opportunities to change the norm when it comes to how the lots are developed.
4. Discussed steep slopes real-world example
 - a) See section VII for specific motion discussed.
 - b) Discussed proposed Bluff Creek high-density housing development and how the current steep slope regulations apply (development won't occur due to other city requirements)
 - (1) Review current city regulations on steep slopes and create a regulation
 - (2) Could WD buy easements to keep the sensitive/erosion prone areas undeveloped, and allow developer to use the remainder of the land?
 - (a) Minnetonka Creek WD had historically bought land, protected the areas they wanted to protect, built the storm-water management to their recommendations, and sold the remaining plats to developers to help recoup costs. No longer doing this, may be helpful to learn why
5. LCCMR grant of \$1.982m for helping purchase Spring Rd property tentatively approved. Final recommendation coming in November.
 - a) Grad students will be taking on a review of site and restoration recommendations as part of thesis project.
 - b) Hope to use the property to better test, study, and understand infiltration. The info could be used to inform rules regarding infiltration.

III. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion - report by Andrew Aller

- A. **Highlights from the (monthly) BOM meeting: recording on YouTube channel.**
 1. Presentation on Lake Lucy and Watershed management plans
 2. Concerns on resilience for Two Oaks development plan
 3. Discussion on terms of Galpin Road culvert purchased by Chanhassen
 - a) Planning for box culvert with natural bottom. Final costs may determine plans.
 4. Brief discussion on Spring Rd property tour scheduled for last Friday (10/18)
 5. Reminder that constitutional amendment for the Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund in on the ballot. Failure to vote on item counts as a "no."
 6. Applications open for new CAC members through Nov. 15. Help requested in encouraging people from other areas of district to apply.

- B. **Response on CAC recommendations to the Board:** Nothing brought to the board.
- C. **New Advisory Topics from the Board:** Seems to be looking to CAC for additional water conservation ideas to be brought to future meetings.
- D. **CAC members:** BOM meetings covered through end of year. Once BOM has set 2025 meeting agenda, more spots will be open

IV. Program and Project Updates

- A. General (Liz):
 - 1. Requests out for artists went out for North Lotus Lake Park project.
 - a) Open house on site for artists and the public happening on Nov. 2nd.
 - 2. 10-year plan update beginning. Will bring update CAC frequently.
 - 3. Please [vote for WD photo contest](#) to help create calendar for 2025.

V. CAC Business: Process and Function

- A. Discussion Items
 - 1. Consider adding ideas from conferences and other sources to the running list
 - i. Paddle to the sea education program for 4th-5th graders. Canoes are launched in spring after students learn through fall/winter. Canoes are then tracked
 - ii. Design company talked about where to put storm drains and where snow is piled to ensure it also takes advantage of the sun to melt.
 - iii. How do we take the ideas from those who attend the conferences and bring them back to CAC?
 - iv. Could add them to the “items of interest tab” of the motion list spreadsheet?
 - (1) Tab could be utilized for any ideas
 - (2) Could help inform relationship building
 - 2. Could we also re-look at the motion list to better track which items have and haven’t been discussed to avoid them getting lost?
- B. Google Drive and motions spreadsheet: Updates to spreadsheet with added tabs
 - 1. need for CAC member to manage Drive file maintenance
 - 2. Motions/items of interest spreadsheet:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qCdvti18kkcyrUiZhOnC3qnRIZhH6tNT/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=106276428836410205853&rtpof=true&sd=true

VI. Need for process to identify key discussion items

- A. Utilize the agenda process to ensure key items are discussed.
- B. Community projects/events of note – none
- C. C. Committee/project interest/ideas – none

VII. City water conservation/protection programs – not discussed due to time constraints

- A. Discussed pushing to next CAC meeting in November

VIII. Running list of PENDING priority motions/items of interest to share with BOM

Date	Motion	Action Requested	Status	Notes
11/1/2022	Recommend revisiting definition of steep slopes due to impacts from climate change.	Direction by BOM; Staff time		

IX. Scheduled Guest Speakers & Topics of Interest

- A. 11/18: Habitat restoration in Eden Prairie, Karli Witter, City Forestry & Natural Resources Supervisor
- B. Importance of native plants, resilient landscaping
- C. Climate change & watershed impacts
- D. Any guest speaker ideas can be shared with Liz Forbes

X. Upcoming Events and Adjournment.

- A. CAC Meetings – Nov 18, Dec 16
- B. BOM Regular Meetings (1st Wednesdays @ 7 pm): Nov 6, Dec 11
- C. BOM Workshops
 - **Wednesday, Nov 6, 5-6:30 pm:** EHAP Strategy prioritization workshop #2
 - **Thursday, Dec 12, 12-3 pm:** EHAP Strategy prioritization workshop #3

XI. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm by quorum.