

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2023
RPBCWD Citizens Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting
Location: Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

CAC Members

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| Andrew Aller | P |
| Arne Bjork | P |
| Bonnie Nelson | P |
| Dave Paulson | P |
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| Jeff Weiss | E |
| Jessica Willey | E |
| Jim Boettcher | p |
| John Tyler | P |
| Louise Ludford | P |

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| Marilynn Torkelson | P |
| Michelle Frost | E |
| Savanna Larson | P |
| Sharon McCotter | P |
| Terry Jorgenson | P |

Others

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| Liz Forbes | <i>RPBCWD Staff</i> | P |
| Eleanor Mahon | <i>RPBCWD Staff</i> | E |
| Jill Crafton | <i>RPBCWD Manager</i> | P |

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CAC MOTIONS for the Board of Managers:

1. none

Key CAC discussion items for the Board of Managers:

1. There was a lot of interest in the first official EHAP meeting and how we can keep up to date on the discussions and information going forward.

I. Opening – 10 minutes

- A.** Call CAC Meeting to Order: Jim (sitting in for Andrew) Jim called meeting to order at 6:01 pm
- B.** Attendance: *As noted above*
- C.** Matters of public interest: none
- D.** Approval of the Agenda: John made a motion, Bonnie seconded
- E.** Designate timekeeper:
- F.** Approval of previous CAC meeting minutes: Bonnie has corrections/clarifications; Liz will edit and resend.

- II. Board Meeting Recap and Discussion 10 minutes**
- A. Highlights: Bonnie attended. Citizen presentation about Noble Hills I-tree eco model, value of trees. Friends of RPBCWD motion discussed.
 - B. New Advisory Topics from the Board: none
 - C. CAC members: [Please sign up to attend a Board meeting](#) Arne and Louise volunteered for the June BOM meeting.
- III. Program and Project Updates – 20 minutes**
- A. District Updates (staff)
 - 1. General:
 - a) Projects (Liz): EHAP update – TAP includes partner cities, USFWS, NRCS, Carver SWCD, Anne Marie Journey, 25 people RSVPd. First workshop on “What is a healthy urban ecosystem?” Liz shared draft maps from Barr Eng, including lawn surface area (approx 44% of district), historic and current tree cover, light pollution, population vulnerability, undeveloped land, habitat quality... etc. First TAP workshop May 18. Dave Paulson asked if the EHAP Barr report will be made public. Liz said that, once final, reports/summaries will be made available. Eventually there will be opportunity for the public and CAC to provide input.
 - b) New AIS Control webpage: rpbcwd.org/AIScontrol. Postcards sent to property owners adjacent to treatment areas. [Permit webpage](#) updated as well.
 - 2. E&O: (Liz for Eleanor)- Tree/shrub saplings arrived and placed into gravel beds so root systems can develop over summer. Giveaway in fall.
- IV. CAC Process and Function - 15 minutes**
- A. Committee/project interest/ideas (leadership needed)
 - B. CAC Friends Subcommittee
 - i. Update from members
 - ii. Subcommittee resolution: feedback from BOM; re-write needed.
 - iii. If CAC Friends Subcommittee organize their own events, they will need to sign RPBCWD liability waivers. No Friends events planned at this time, just sharing information on other events.
- V. Running List for guest speakers for Future Meetings – 5 minutes**
- A. 6/19/2023: Lee Frelich, Director of Center for Forest Ecology – Big Woods ecology
 - B. 7/17/2023: Kristine Maurer, Senior Conservation & Natural Resources Ecologist, Hennepin County land protection & restoration (info about program)
 - I. Jim request more water related presentations especially by lake ecologist Joe Bischoff
 - J. Misc. and loosely related to topic of presentations:

- Arne and Louise want to know how they can get their HOA educated on environmental violations that are occurring. Liz suggested they contact city and/or Terry (depending on the topic) to request a speaker to their HOA.
- Dave Paulson: What are outreach efforts and which are the most impactful? And how can CAC help? This was Dave's career so he is interested in helping. Liz followed up with him via email about opportunities.
- Savannah wants to know how the Citizen Science MPCA stream monitoring program data is used. Is data available to raise public awareness? Christine Peterson E&O for Minnetonka might be a possible presenter for how they do outreach.
- Bonnie would like to know how we can comment on a permit after the public comment period and after the meeting. Liz suggested she contact Terry Jeffrey with her concerns.

VI. Upcoming Events and Adjournment 5 minutes

- A. CAC Meeting – June 19, 6:00 PM, via Zoom Admin Jeffery contacted legal council re meeting in person. Hoping to set up for hybrid meetings. Quotes in progress.
- B. TAC meeting – to be determined
- C. View District calendar at rpbcd.com/calendar
- D. Next Board of Managers Regular Meeting – (1st Wednesdays at 7pm) June 7, 2023; 7:00 PM Regular meeting/virtual. CAC member **Louise/Arne** to attend.
- E. 7:55 PM – Jim made a motion to adjourn and Sharon seconded.