

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Managers
FROM: Liz Forbes, Eleanor Mahon
DATE: December 19, 2023
RE: Applications for the CAC

Staff solicited applications for the Citizen Advisory Committee Nov 8 through December 17 through these methods:

- News story on website, 11/08/2023
- Banner alert on website homepage
- Quarterly newsletter, 12/11/2023, 808 recipients
- Facebook ad: ran for 7 days to local audience; reached 3,316 with 94 link clicks
- Active recruitment with materials at Minnetonka Farmer's Market booth, 11/11/2023
- Flyers left at Minnetonka Public Library and Eden Prairie Public Library
- Verbal recruitment to Minnetonka High School Envirothon Club
- Social Media (3 Facebook Posts, 1 Instagram post)
- Asked CAC members to spread the word

One person submitted an application (attached):

Andrew Peterson

11741 Tanglewood Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Watershed: Purgatory Creek

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee! The RPBCWD Board of Managers appoints new CAC members. All applications will be forwarded to them for consideration.

I am applying to be a *

Regular CAC member (18+ years old; no longer in high school)

Youth CAC member (currently enrolled in high school)

First Name *

Andrew

Last Name *

Peterson

Address where you reside *

11741 Tanglewood Drive, Eden Prairie

If you are employed within the watershed, please also list that address.

Email Address *

Andrew.peterson@allina.com

Phone Number *

9524515903

Why are you interested in becoming a Citizen Advisor for the Watershed District? *

During the summer of 2020 took up backyard bird feeding, like many others during the lockdown periods. As I became more serious in this hobby, I learned much more about the impact natural landscaping has on birding habitat. This lead me to learn more about how I could plant natives, which got me digging into many other items I could be doing to improve not only my landscape, but the quality of the water draining from my lawn, and how I can minimize the amount of water I utilize by planting native. I also live right next to an access point of purgatory creek, and have enjoyed walking that creek on many occasions.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the committee? *

My desire would be to not only increase my knowledge of the watershed and its management, but to be an active participant in making this happen.

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What are the strengths and/or qualifications you can bring to help this committee fulfill its purpose and duties? *

I have an extensive history of project management, committee meeting participation, budget setting/tracking, and even leading meetings over the past 15 years working at a not-for-profit organization.
I also take great pride in ensuring collaboration and participation occurs as needed/appropriate, but can make tough decisions as well.

One of the roles of CAC members is to identify education needs in the community. What is one need, related to water, that you have seen? *

I have many neighbors who have automatic sprinkler systems who are unaware of options to replace them with smart systems. This has become abundantly clear on days where it is pouring rain, yet I see their sprinklers running.

Are you able to commit to attending monthly meetings and special topic meetings as needed? *

Yes
 No



How did you hear about the RPCWD Citizen Advisory Committee? *

Rpcwd website