



Wednesday, March 16, 2022

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Virtual Meeting**

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**Board of Managers:**

**Sherry White, President; William Olson, Vice President; Jessica Loftus, Treasurer; Eugene Maxwell, Secretary; Richard Miller, Manager; Arun Hejmadi, Manager; Steve Sando, Manager**

**Board Liaison: Manager Olson**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Members (Present):**

**Emily Balogh, Bill Bushnell, Dan Flo, Laurie Goldsmith, John Iverson, Shannon Martin, Drew McGovern, Rich Nyquist, David Oltmans, Cassy Ordway, Marc Rosenberg, John Salditt**

**(Absent): Lisa Fowler, Peter Rechelbacher**

**6:30 pm**

- 1. Committee Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call 6:33pm**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions) (Motion made by Flo, Seconded by Iverson – All approved)**
  - 2.1 March 16, 2022 Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes (Additions/Corrections/Deletions) (Motion made by Nyquist, Seconded by Iverson – All approved)**
  - 3.1 January 19, 2022 Minutes

**6:45pm**

- 4. Discussion Items 6:35pm**
  - 4.1 Multi-Year Project Implementation Framework (Brown)

*Brown presented the progress to date in development of a multi-year framework to prioritize and implement capital projects. The CAC members asked questions to clarify the intent and process for this new tool. Feedback also included questions to stress-test the tool and anticipate likely questions from community members.*

4.2 325 Blake Road Update (Sherman, Hayman)

*Sherman provided an updated as to the current stage of design for the 325 Blake Road project. The group asked clarifying questions about on-site stormwater management approaches and plans for on-going operations and management of facilities installed, as well as additional recreational and ecological restoration elements.*

Small group discussions were used to dig into additional questions among three breakout groups, as well as explore potential themes for site interpretation. Each group reported out key ideas discussed and questions asked; MCWD staff took notes in each small group to document each conversation to support continued work.

Sherman welcomed additional feedback from CAC members and noted that a likely future touchpoint with the CAC could include input on interpretative features and signage for the site, as captured in a to-be-developed Wayfinding Plan

8:10pm

## 5. Informational Items + Updates 8:31pm

### 5.1 CAC Member Updates

Drew shared updates on three events and related activities.

- Water quality has become a big issue with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's planning for a Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan. Cool documents about old islands in Lake of the Isles.
  - Cedar & Isles Historic info & watershed info:  
[https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/cлимп\\_cac4\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/cлимп_cac4_presentation.pdf)  
Draft Concepts: [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-12-12\\_Cedar-Isles\\_Initial-Park-Concepts\\_final.pdf](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-12-12_Cedar-Isles_Initial-Park-Concepts_final.pdf)  
Overall Project page: [https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park\\_care\\_improvements/park\\_projects/current\\_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/](https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/park_care_improvements/park_projects/current_projects/cedar-lake-lake-of-the-isles-cedar-isles-master-plan/)
- Training tomorrow with UMN to geek out on
  - U of MN Climate projections & Atlas 14 - Tomorrow: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKO2Y7fvni7vwMUN7LB1he-0Sb-15VrtxvPeem8CJuVGjnsW/viewform>
- April: Freshwater Society – Why is it raining plastics?
  - Freshwater Why is it raining plastics? April 13th: <https://freshwater.org/moos-family-lecture-series/>

### 5.2 Board Liaison Updates

Manager Olson provided updates on a number of items:

- The Star Tribune ran an article about a current project in Edina at Morningside. MCWD is working with partners to ensure sound water management across cities impacted.
- MCWD has released a Request for Proposals to rebuild the Minnehaha Creek Preserve boardwalk to ensure it is a safe facility to be enjoyed for many years. Legal proceedings are unfolding with original contractors.
- MCWD has five job openings and will be hiring this spring to fill.
- MCWD has worked with Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts to identify an alternative host for the 2022 spring tour; it will now be held in August with Red River Basin Commission.
- Manager Olson is the official liaison from the Board of Managers working on redesigning and developing a new MCWD website. Progress has

*been made with hiring new developers – Love Communications out of Utah.*

5.3 Staff Updates

**8:30pm**

- 6. Adjournment** (8:40pm: Motion made by Iverson, seconded by Bushnell, approved)

**Upcoming Meeting**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 Citizen Advisory Committee (Manager Miller, Board Liaison)