



CAC Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 30, 2020
6:30-8:00 PM

Prior Lake City Hall
Parkview Meeting Room

Attendees:

CAC Members: Christian M., Jodi S., Jim W., Woody S., Matt N., Christopher C.

District Staff: Kathryn K-M.

Board Members: Mike M., Curt H., Bruce L.

- I. Welcome—Chair Christian Morkeberg
Introduction new member: Matt N who lives on Fish Lake, he is interested in fishing, both summer and winter, and shoreline restoration.
- II. June Meeting Minutes Approval (emailed) – motion carried unanimously.
July Approval of the Agenda – motion approved all ayes.
- III. CAC Business:
 - a. Board presentation process update
 - Mike M. presented a process for formal requests & budgetary requests.
 - Allows for early feedback from the board.
 - First cut draft; more to come, with input from both the board & CAC.
 - The purpose of CAC is to make recommendations and the purpose of the board is to consider recommendations and make budget decisions.
 - Recommendations may get into the budget or recommended for next year, depending upon where the budgeting process is at in any given year. Or recommendations may be able to fit into an existing budget.
 - Where is the CAC input in the budgeting process?
 - May not be formalized within a process at this time, but there is the opportunity for us to develop that process.
 - Sept 15 is the date to set the maximum levy.
 - CAC budget requests are needed by August 1 in any given year to make a better impact for inclusion.
 - All items can be put on a 'backlog' for future consideration or recommendations.
 - Communication is key between both groups – to help us work effectively together.

- Future discussion at CAC meeting as whether to present at a board or first at a board workshop.
 - Take away – is for the CAC to review the process and provide feedback to board.
- Clarification around a large topic like water quality that might have many smaller sub-topics to explore and make recommendations!
- DVD's available that were made a few years ago titled "What is the Watershed" can be provided to the 2 new members and anyone else who might like one – Kathryn will facilitate providing them.
- b. 2021 CAC budget requests
 - Possible upcoming request is for the I-LIDS technology.
 - Training/seminars for CAC members to attend.
 - MAWD is a good one
 - Many are being held virtually.
 - This years' budget had \$2,500
 - 50th Anniversary had \$5k in 2020
 - August meeting should discuss and finalize
- c. Update on limiting boat traffic from Christian/Woody
 - PLA did a survey counting boats before the 4th and they counted a very high number of boats launching onto the lake.
 - Sheriff has stepped up the policing of the bad behavior on the lakes
 - DNR is not interested in implementing a constraint on limiting boat access on to Prior Lake
 - Many are dropping boats in at the launch and parking further away to gain access.
 - Not much appetite for constraining the access to the lakes.
 - City has an ordinance in place to constrain the number of boats docked at each property. The owner cannot lease boat slips. Owners limited to 5 watercraft but these must be registered to the owner or immediate family member of the owner.
 - Kathryn did speak to our DNR Conservation Officer – and their insight was that the city must pass an ordinance to limit the amount of boats on the lake and then it needs to be enforced. Maybe working with the DNR to set the limit of boats allowed on each day would be a start?
 - Fish Lake is experiencing much of the same boat density.
 - What's the impact to water quality and fish stock (many are not getting the oxygen they need or the food source is stirred by the boat traffic)?
 - This is a topic for further exploration.

IV. July Board Meeting - CAC Member Report – Jodi

- 7 active construction sites

- The pipe from the outlet was inspected (done every two years). Recommended that the pipe be sealed/repared, could potentially be expensive.
- National weather service put together a precipitation forecast map which shows predicted precip for the District's watershed.
- Box traps and netting on the lakes for carp removal was discussed
- Positive responses to the alum treatments from the public.
- Upper watershed storage updates given
- These meetings & minutes are online at the website as well.

August Board Meeting Attendee – Woody

- Moved to Thursday, August 13
- Kathryn will seek CAC sign up for the upcoming months that need attendance.
- Steve Pany is filling a Board member term that was recently vacated due to a move out of the district
- Other open position was appointed as well- Frank Boyles begins in August.

V. Staff Project Updates

- Webinar on the Native Prairie have been positive and well attended.
- Link on the website for both shoreline & native prairie workshops
- More carp baiting at the box trap
- Boxtraps have been pulled twice this year and have been successful in capturing carp. Need more volunteers to help.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

1. 50th Anniversary (Kim)
 - a. Hike the Watershed
 - b. Stickers ordered to hand out for the hikes & BINGO participation.
 - c. Thoughts on putting the BINGO as an insert in the local newspapers? What would the cost be?
 - d. Kathryn did submit an article in the PL American.
 - e. Also a few are in the parks in the brochure holders.
2. Fish Stocking (Christian)
 - a. Update from Christian – stocking plan & sponsors
 - b. Passed by the board
 - c. Order for the fish is being finalized
 - d. SLA & PLA both supported this effort with \$1k each.
 - e. Rotary is also a possible supporter.
 - f. Will stock in the fall and do a baseline survey before and after.
3. AIS/Signage (Jodi)
 - a. Discuss Presentation for Board

- b. I-LIDS: Jodi provided some background on where she saw this technology in use which caused her interest in possibly setting this up in our watershed.
 - c. Primarily an educational tool, but it has more opportunities to assist in other areas including enforcement for AIS.
 - d. Jodi listed out 6 different funding possibilities.
 - e. If there is an appetite to pursue, then more research can be done.
 - f. The thought is that this could be in place of an inspector and act as more of a compliance enforcer, not a ticketing ability.
 - g. Tiered packages that can be purchased for I-LIDS.
 - h. Can pursue a Proof of Concept (POC)
 - i. Could budget \$10k for the POC and try one station first.
 - j. Could be funded by grants and partnerships with Scott County WMO too!
 - k. CAC can vet recommendation for Board.
 - l. Motion to invite a representative from the company to talk about I-LIDS and provide more accurate price quote – motion approved, all ayes.
- 4. Shoreline Restoration (Christopher, Matt)
 - More work on what the city ordinances are, rules or regulations
 - Guidelines brochure might be helpful for residents
 - Jodi will be removed from this committee as she is doing a lot with the other committee.
- 5. Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking (Christopher, Woody, Jim)
 - a. Update from subcommittee phone call
 - b. 5 initial thoughts came from the discussion
 - c. Carl Almer, District Engineer, participated
 - d. Sutton Lake is the low hanging fruit with easements potentially coming soon.
 - e. Geis pond might be a good second area, but it is doing a job currently with the ferric chloride facility
 - f. Ducks Unlimited would be a 3rd area. District holds the land title for this property.
 - i. Need different plants (instead of cattails) to lend to better absorption of the phosphorous.
 - g. Spring Lake west project (fourth potential project) could remove significant phosphorous.
 - i. Krueger farm area has potential from a creek that could use remediation to reduce the phosphorous that passes through.

- ii. The Spring Lake development that is forthcoming- may be a good time to get the benefits of doing a project in soon.
- h. Ditch 13 takes on a lot of water coming through it to the lakes. A 're-shaping' of Ditch 13 could be advantageous.
- ii. Who to call if Spring Lake is 'safe' of *E. coli*? Public beaches are tested by the city, but who to call?
 - 1. Could the Spring Lake Association take this on and test lake for *E. coli*?

VII. Goals & Topics for Next Meeting

- Continue to focus on boat traffic density
 - Are there any formulas for safe levels of boat traffic density?
Jim W will check into this.
- Budget for the 50 +1 Anniversary has been requested
 - If venues come back next year we will tap into them
 - PLA is celebrating 75 yrs and may be able to partner with them
- Wenck will have an update at the board in Aug/Sept., then can be shared with CAC
- Potential is to have a watershed tour in the fall. It may be smaller and travel via individual cars.
- Drone costs reported by Bruce – this may be a project for research by the CAC. Bruce said Wenck quoted a rough cost of ~\$1,500 - \$2k for taking drone video of the watershed for a video of the watershed.

VIII. Staff & Other Announcements

IX. 8:07 p.m. Adjourn – motion passed – all Ayes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting: Thurs, August 13, 2020, 6:00 p.m.