



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Minutes
Citizen Advisory Committee
Tuesday, August 3, 2021
Spyglass Drive, Eden Prairie, MN

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Vice-Chair Karkowski. Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Judy Berglund, Theresa Kuplic, and Jenny Karkowski.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Berglund moved to approve the August agenda, and this was seconded by Kuplic. The following attendees voted in favor of the motion: Karkowski, Kuplic, and Berglund. No one voted against the motion.

3. Approval of the August Minutes

Berglund moved to approve the August minutes, and this was seconded by Karkowski. The following attendees voted in favor of the motion: Karkowski, Kuplic, and Berglund. No one voted against the motion.

4. Citizen Input on Non-Agenda Items

There was no input.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Old Business

Hold the Water Back—priority discussion.

At the last meeting, the CAC created a list of priorities (cost-share grants, runoff, rain gardens, native plants, salt reduction, rain barrels, watershed education, and resident success stories) to focus their outreach efforts on. Jen Dullum shared the list with the CAC to narrow it down further on what to prioritize first. Judy Berglund suggested that rain gardens and native plants are focused on first and cost-share grants second. The CAC agreed and suggested that any materials created should include where to purchase native plants and who to consult when creating your own rain or native plant garden. CAC members also hope to share resident success stories related to cost-share grants in any materials developed.

The conversation moved on to tabling events that the District and the CAC could be involved with. The CAC will be involved in the development of outreach materials, including the rain

garden and native plant handout for 2022 events.

7. Communications

Linda Loomis mentioned the pollinator summit at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in September as an opportunity for CAC members to attend. Both Judy Berglund and Theresa Kuplic showed interest in attending. Linda also shared plans for the district bus tour on September 24, 2021. The CAC is invited to attend.

Next, the CAC discussed bringing speakers into the meetings on different topics. Speakers from the University of Minnesota on turf and native plantings and watersheds were suggested as well as a master gardener.

Last, the CAC then discussed in-person and virtual meetings. As it was left, the CAC will determine month to month whether to meet in person or virtually. September and October's meetings are planned to be in person at an outdoor location to be determined.

8. Adjournment

Berglund moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Karkowski. The following attendees voted in favor of the motion: Karkowski, Kuplic, and Berglund. No one voted against the motion.

The next meeting will be on September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.