

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting  
South Washington Watershed District  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 6:00pm  
City of Woodbury Public Works Building

**CAC Members Present:**

- Nayere Ghazanfarpour
- Patty Goertz
- Dan Henely
- Howard Markus
- David Nuccio
- Bill Sumner

**SWWD Staff & Board:**

- Sharon Doucette, Board of Managers
- John Loomis, Deputy Administrator
- Kyle Axtell, BMP Project Specialist
- Tony Randazzo, Watershed Restoration Specialist

**Others:**

- Angie Hong, EMWREP
- Sarah Lilja, SWWD Artist-in-Residence

**1. SWWD Project Construction Visits (OPTIONAL, PRE-MEETING)**

Beginning at 5:00pm, Deputy Administrator John Loomis and BMP Project Specialist Kyle Axtell led an optional guided tour of two active SWWD stormwater management construction project sites at Hasenbank Park and Kargel Park in Woodbury.

**2. Call to Order and Setting of Agenda**

SWWD BMP Project Specialist Kyle Axtell called the meeting to order at 6:20pm. A motion was made by David Nuccio to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Sumner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes – June 27, 2023**

A motion was made by Dan Henely to approve the minutes as presented. Sumner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Public Open Forum**

None.

**5. Artist-in-Residence (Photography) Program Update**

Sarah Lilja provided a presentation including sample images and information about her background and interest in natural resources and her approach to photography. Sarah discussed the value of compelling imagery in outreach and engagement efforts. She also sought input from the committee about places in the watershed they personally felt were important to explore. Nayere Ghazanfarpour inquired about SWWD's plan for using the image library generated by this program. Axtell and Loomis then led a general discussion regarding the many benefits to SWWD of working with Sarah, including the use of her imagery for the District's new website, watershed management plan, social media, project signage, and other outreach efforts to promote the District's projects and programs to the public and to partners.

**6. East Metro Water Resources Education Partnership (EMWREP) Update**

Angie Hong provided an overview of EMWREP's ongoing work throughout the county and specifically in SWWD's area, focusing on highlights from 2023 and a proposed work plan and areas of focus for 2024. Generous discussion about EMWREP programs, goals and

opportunities ensued, including topics of shoreline restoration, native landscaping and pollinator plantings, winter maintenance to reduce chloride use, and several others. Howard Markus discussed Minnesota legislation enacted in 2023 that requires cities to allow native landscaping in residential yards. Axtell agreed to find the legislation and share with the CAC members via email after the meeting.

#### 7. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Axtell inquired about CAC members' availability for an early December meeting to avoid the holidays. A consensus was reached to plan for a meeting on December 5, 2023.

- December 5, 2023, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting
  - Begin WMP Update Process
  - Review 2024 Cost-Share Programs
- March 26, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- June 25, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- September 24, 2024, 6:00pm, CAC Regular Meeting

#### 8. SWWD Campus Greening Overview

Watershed Restoration Specialist Tony Randazzo presented a background on the history, scope and evolution of SWWD's Campus Greening program. He provided concept plans and photos to describe the restoration processes and successes of the program at seven school campuses across the watershed. Angie Hong discussed the idea of expanding the program across Washington County, as well as the implementation and long-term maintenance challenges such an effort would present with so many varied local partners.

The planned site visit to Lake Middle School was cancelled due to a lack of time and diminishing daylight.

#### 9. Adjourn

The next regular CAC Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00pm. A motion was made by Patty Goertz to adjourn at 7:45pm. Nuccio seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Axtell, BMP Project Specialist

Approved By:



David Nuccio, SWWD CAC Secretary

12-7-2023

Date