

**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 5:30pm
City of Woodbury Public Works Building**

CAC Members Present:

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

SWWD Staff & Board:

- Kevin ChapdeLaine, Board of Managers
- John Loomis, Administrator
- Kyle Axtell, Watershed Project Manager

Others:

- None

1. Call to Order & Setting of Agenda

Watershed Project Manager Kyle Axtell called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. A motion was made by Bill Sumner to approve the agenda as presented. Patty Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes – June 25, 2024

A motion was made by David Nuccio to approve the June 25, 2024 minutes as presented. Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Open Forum

None.

4. Introductions

Jay Sockness introduced himself as SWWD’s newest CAC member. He came to be familiar with SWWD’s work through his role working for HR Green as a site observer on the Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility. Sockness is a resident of Cottage Grove. Others present shared their backgrounds as well.

5. SWWD Watershed Management Plan Update

Watershed Project Manager Axtell shared a presentation summarizing input received and key takeaways from two resident input workshops hosted by SWWD in July and August. Nuccio inquired about the prospects of finding a developer to work with SWWD and the local community to build a development that could serve as an example of what to do and how to do it in terms of responsible stormwater and vegetation management. Administrator John Loomis shared that this has been tried in SWWD in the past, with difficulty, as once individual lots begin to sell, people want to do whatever it is they want and the larger goals can be quickly discarded. Howard Markus stated that he struggles with seeing mature woodlands being replaced with a small number of new saplings when developments move in. He would like to see more emphasis on protection of existing woodlands. Goertz indicated she was surprised that PFAS concerns didn’t register higher in the summary of public workshop input. She also advised SWWD staff to provide more advance notice and promotion of workshop events such as these.

Dan Henely noted that he saw education and engagement as two separate concepts and advised that the SWWD treat them as different programs in the future and in the watershed management plan. Nayere Ghazanfarpour agreed with Henely's statement. She felt that public involvement in the SWWD's planning process was important, but added that her impression was that participants wished their ideas could be a more active part of decision making.

Goertz proposed an idea to engage HOA's to get more involved in the Adopt-A-Drain program in their communities as a way of improving stormwater BMP maintenance. SWWD staff will explore this!

6. SWWD Project Update

Axtell shared photos along with a verbal update of several ongoing major SWWD projects as well as a snapshot of projects coming up in the near future. He invited CAC members to attend Woodbury's upcoming PNRC meeting on October 1 at 6:00pm for a tour he is providing of the Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility.

7. Public Art Opportunity: Wilmes Lake Alum Facility

Axtell introduced CAC members to the idea of taking on a project in 2025 to develop an RFQ and assist with realizing a public art installation near the lift station at the Wilmes Lake Alum Treatment Facility. The large screen wall at the lift station presents a huge opportunity to install some interpretive art to add to the public experience at this high-traffic site. Staff still needs to discuss the concept and potential budget with the SWWD Board of Managers. Several CAC members expressed interest in serving on a review committee and providing input, including Ghazanfarpour, Goertz, Sumner and Sockness.


8. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- October 1, 2024, 6:00pm, Woodbury PNRC Tour of Wilmes Lake Alum Facility
- October 9, 2024, 4-6pm, SWWD Trout Brook Celebration @ Afton Alps
- December 3, 2024, 5:30pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- March 25, 2025, 5:30pm, CAC Regular Meeting
- June 24, 2025, 5:30pm, CAC Regular Meeting

9. Adjourn

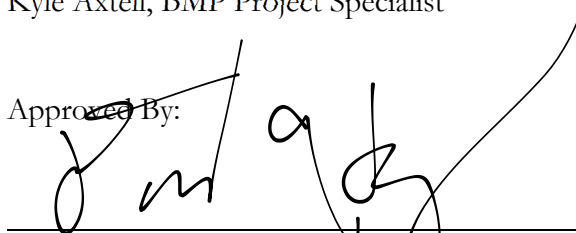
The next regular CAC Meeting will be held on December 10, 2024 at 5:30pm. A motion was made by Goertz to adjourn at 6:20pm. Sumner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Axtell, BMP Project Specialist

Approved By:



Dan Henely, Acting SWWD CAC Secretary

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Date