

**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 5:30 pm
City of Woodbury Public Works Building**

CAC Members Present:

- Nayere Ghazanfarpour/virtual
- Patty Goertz
- Dan Henely
- Howard Markus/virtual
- Bill Sumner
- Jay Sockness
- Sarah Lilja

SWWD Staff & Board:

- Emily Stephens, Board of Managers
- Kyle Axtell, Watershed Project Manager
- Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator

CAC Members Not Present:

- David Nuccio/with notice

Others:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2024

A motion was made by Bill Sumner to approve the minutes as presented. Patty Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Open Forum

None.

4. Introductions

Emily Stephens introduced herself as a SWWD Board Manager and resident of Cottage Grove, noting that this was her first time participating in a CAC meeting. Sarah Lilja was introduced as SWWD's newest CAC Member. She provided a brief background and insight into her decision to join the CAC.

5. SWWD Pilot Chloride Reduction Program: Grit Giveaway

Tekiela summarized events since the launch of the grit giveaway pilot program in early December for CAC members. Henely noted that the grit giveaway bags and giveaway locations were an opportunity to provide further educational materials about how to specifically use the grit, due to its difference from salt. Tekiela affirmed.

6. 2025 SWWD Artist-in-Residence: Aerial Photography

Tekiela summarized the AiR 2025 RFQ Draft included in the packet and solicited feedback from the CAC. Henely asked how this application would be distributed. Lilja provided insight into the application process and various artist-call websites.

7. Public Art Opportunity: Wilmes Lake Alum Facility

Axtell outlined the opportunity for public art on the lift station control panel screen wall at the soon-to-be-completed Wilmes Lake Alum Facility. Axtell asked for CAC feedback on the thematic direction and possible media types to consider in a future Request for Proposal. Sockness inquired about the material of the screen wall, and Axtell responded that it was a heavy-duty poly-type surface. Axtell noted the blankness of the screen and its location alongside a wooded bike trail made it a potential target for vandalism, and why a public art option was under consideration. Members provided input to staff on potential mediums and themes that could be appropriate for the site. Durability from weather and graffiti was seen as most important from a media selection perspective. Themes of water quality and connectivity were discussed. Henely suggested an artistically rendered map of water's flow path from the upper watershed to the Mississippi River as an option to pursue. Goertz remarked that in her experience, parks with a clear plastic pane over art or other signage quickly become beaten up and illegible, and that should be avoided in this case.

8. Enhanced Engagement

Tekiela summarized the idea behind Enhanced Engagement outlined in the agenda packet and asked for the CAC's interest level. She then asked for CAC members to email any organizations or contacts they may have already to Tekiela between the current meeting and the March 2025 meeting. Markus and Ghazanfarpour provided lists via Teams message during the discussion.

9. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- March 25, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting
 - April 1st, 2025, 5:30 PM CAC Special Meeting for Grants Discussion has been scheduled preemptively
- June 24, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting
- September 23, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting
- December 16, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting

10. Adjourn

The next regular CAC Meeting will be held on March 25th, 2025, at 5:30 PM. A motion was made by Sumner to adjourn at 7:15pm. Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator

Approved By:



David Nuccio, SWWD CAC Secretary

3-25-2025
Date