



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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CAC MEETING MINUTES 4/10/18

Call to Order

Staff liaison Gael Zembal (Education & Outreach Coordinator) called the meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the 9 Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 6:00, April 10, 2018 at Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

CAC Members present: Roger Bildsten, John Helland, Cal Johnson, Scott Jordan, Ember Kapitan, Charlotte Lefebvre, Bob Prince, Jenifer Prince, Craig Trenary, Roger Willette

CAC Member absent: Board Liaison Maressia Twele

CAC Roles

Gael Zembal presented 2 areas of focus that the CAC members will work on this year.

- Pollinators
- Education which will include adopt a tree and marketing efforts

A third area was discussed during the grant process. It was decided that a buckthorn group needed to be added to aid in discussing cost share grant parameters that will be later presented to the board. Another suggestion for staff was adding cost share informational session in the fall.

Cost Share Grant Applications

Erica Sniegowski, Program and Project Manager, gave an overview of the cost share grant review process. Discussions were held on each of the 13 applicants. Recommended projects will be presented to the board for approval at the April meeting. The following projects have been recommended to the board for funding.

Jesse Hughes & Matt Peterson – Raingarden in Minnetonka - \$3,000.00 This project is for a 3rd and final raingarden to infiltrate stormwater runoff from the remaining portion of their property. CAC would like to visit this project on a fall tour.

Brian & Patricia Borg – Raingarden in Edina - \$1,348.00 Install a raingarden is to collect runoff from their roof & yard and from their neighbor's property and minimize the runoff. Located close to Nine Mile Creek. CAC thought this application was very complete and a good demonstration on how to do it right.

Mimi Kennedy – Raingarden in Bloomington - \$1,375.00 A 300 sq ft raingarden is part of the Winchester Pond Restoration Project in conjunction with a Hennepin County grant. See Niziolek description.

Heidi & Dan Niziolek - Raingarden in Bloomington - \$1,375.00 This raingarden is also part of the Winchester Pond Restoration Project in conjunction with a Hennepin County grant. CAC thought this was a very visible project.

Tyler Ryan – Raingarden in Bloomington - \$1,440.00 Install a 230 sq ft raingarden to collect water from the roof and driveway.

Andrew & Jill Patton – Native Prairie Restoration in Bloomington - \$2,961.11 This project is to replace an eroding 3,750 sq ft hillside with a system of swales/berms and a native plant buffer. Close to Bush Lake.

Esau Underhill – Buckthorn Removal & Native Restoration in Bloomington - \$2,250.00 This project is to remove buckthorn and to allow native plant regeneration along with planting natives to stabilize soil. Volunteers from the Izaak Walton League will be utilized.

Pawel and Malgorzata Mroz – Buckthorn Removal & Native Restoration in Eden Prairie - \$3,000.00 This project is to remove buckthorn and other invasive plants and to replace with low grow seed mix and native plants. Their property borders the City of Eden Prairie walking path. CAC thought this would set a good example for other neighbors.

Elizabeth Miller – Buckthorn Removal & Native Restoration in Minnetonka - \$3,000.00 This project is to remove 11,000 sq ft of buckthorn and install a Savanna mixed height seed.

Ralph & Laurie Zickert – Shoreline Restoration in Edina - \$3,000.00 Has had previous grants from 9 Mile Creek. Area is of importance since their property borders Lake Cornelia. Will clear remaining buckthorn and non-native vegetation, install native perennials, shrubs and trees.

Alex & Toby McKenna – Shoreline Buffer in Edina - \$3,000.00 Install an 840 sq ft pond buffer along Knoll Pond. Their neighbors have already installed buffers. Projects includes installing native plants.

Susan Spindler – Shoreline Restoration in Edina - \$3,000.00 A 820 sq ft native plant buffer to restore shoreline on Birchcrest. Project includes removal of buckthorn and other invasive species and installing native plants.

John Traul – Holding Pond/Erosion Control in Edina - \$0

Project is to create two holding ponds on hillside to slow the rate of the water runoff, reduce erosion and silt deposition. – *Documentation Plan/Size of holding basin. Plus need updated cost breakdown since bid was from 2014. Project approval deferred until more information received.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.