



Citizens Advisory Committee Agenda and Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

6:30-8 PM

Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

Action items/help requested in red, at end of document

1. Call to Order

- a. Members present: Ember, Rich, Roger B, Charlotte and Grace (Board Liaison)
- b. Members absent: Jenifer, Bob, Roger W, Cal, Kim, Scott, Maressia

2. Updates on Education/Outreach initiatives of 2019

- a. Over 3,000 people served so far in 2019 (similar to previous years)
- b. Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point expanding in spring 2020 to add two more offices
- c. 2019 summer intern, Megan, completed many tasks including creating new popup cart games and performing inspections of Cost Share Grant projects

3. Project Updates

a. Lake Cornelia Alum Treatment

- i. Alum Demo day at Rosland Park fishing pier on October 29, noon. Alum treatment will take place over the last week in October. CAC members and public are welcome to attend.

b. Nonprofit BMP Project

- i. Projects will go out for bid in January

c. Normandale Lake Project

- i. Plant surveys and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) turion sampling has been conducted and data is being analyzed. The District is planning to conduct a herbicide treatment for the remainder of the CLP in 2020.

4. Updates on Cost Share Grant program



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- a. Based on CAC feedback from 2019 process, staff have been making changes to the application to make the process more efficient and user-friendly.
 - i. We will request CAC review the updated applications when ready
 - b. CAC review of upcoming changes
 - i. Staff are also reviewing past buffer and restoration grants to determine the need for updated policies on these types of projects.
- 5. Working Groups discussion**
- a. In 2020, form a Grant review subcommittee: 6-8 CAC members with interest or knowledge in grants and/or landscape architecture. This is a change from having the whole CAC review grants to make the process more efficient.
 - b. Pollinator group has accomplished many tasks, including Monarch caterpillar care sheet, Volunteer Planting, addition of other native plants to Discovery Point grounds, and establishment of a Monarch Waystation.
 - c. In 2020, change working groups to flexible, at-need subcommittees, formed when a need arises, and more short term. For example, a Volunteer gathering planning subcommittee of 6-7 people.
- 6. December volunteer gathering?**
- a. Move to January, as December is too busy for many. Host at Discovery Point.
 - b. Keep December meeting as tentative, as needed for planning this gathering.
 - c. Planning committee from CAC needed
- 7. Other**
- a. Incorporating more art
 - b. Weeding: buckthorn, invasive wild parsnip, other types
 - c. Lending library—could be a subcommittee on how that would work



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- d. More family events, creek exploration
 - e. More education for CAC members requested on BMPs, climate change, bringing in speakers, other topics.
 - f. Need identified for more presence at community meetings and events
8. Adjourn

Dates to remember:

- December 11, 6:30-8:30 PM, Changing to a tentative business/planning meeting
- Volunteer gathering: January TBD

Help needed:

Storymap bookmark distribution to local libraries

Mixing up trivia coasters, and delivering to specified locations.

Charlotte, Roger, Ember, others?

Entering past Grant data into spreadsheet

Ember

Assistance in planning volunteer gathering in January