



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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CAC MEETING MINUTES 2/13/18

Call to Order

Staff liaison Gael Zembal called the meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the 9 Mile Creek Watershed District to order at 6:35 PM, Tuesday February 13, 2018 at Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point, 12800 Gerard Drive, Eden Prairie MN 55346.

CAC Members present: Craig Trenary, John Helland, Jenifer Price, Bob Prince, Charlotte Lefebvre, Roger Bildsten, Roger Willette

CAC Members absent: Cal Johnson, Scott Jordan, Ember Kapitan, Board Liaison Maressia Twele

Check-In

CAC Members shared reasons why they wanted to be on the CAC, as well as knowledge or skills they would like to gain during their time on the CAC. These are listed below.

Why you wanted to join the CAC:

Were involved with water issues in own communities

Background knowledge in water, and water issues

Live on 9 Mile Creek, enjoyed recreating on/around 9 Mile Creek

Concerned about stormwater runoff

Knew Barbara Kaerwer, who donated Discovery Point to the District

Complements goals as Master Water Steward volunteers

Hope to gain/improve:

Knowledge about health of 9 Mile Creek, water pollutions, and solutions

Improve outreach skills to advocate for health of 9 Mile Creek, and promote Cost Share Grant Program

Improve education skills for teaching K-12 programs

See an increase in community member's knowledge of the District

Learn about salt pollution/legislation

CAC Roles

Members discussed scope and function of the CAC Chair position. Members agreed that while the position is necessary for leadership, perhaps individual members could sign up to lead a specific project or program to maximize the District's educational offerings.

Bob Prince and Roger Bildsten agreed to be the Co-Chairs for the CAC in 2018. They plan to meet with Education and Outreach staff to define the role and duties of the Chair position. Bob and Roger will also help E&O staff write out 2-3 goals they would like the CAC to accomplish in 2018.

ACTION: Bob and Roger will set up a meeting with staff sometime before the April 10th meeting.

The role of Recorder was not filled at the meeting, with Gael designated to check with past Recorder, Ember. Ember has since agreed to be Recorder for 2018.

Volunteer Experience Improvements

Members discussed ways to improve the experience of all volunteers with the District; specifically, they discussed recognition opportunities. Members brainstormed a list of various ways to recognize volunteers and identified a few that they believe would suit both short term and long term volunteers for the District.

Social gatherings

Taking group pictures, posting to social media or sending to local papers

Volunteer(s) of the Month

Food

Planting trees in honor of...

Continuing education events and/or gatherings for volunteers and their guests only

Members also discussed ways for the CAC to increase the reach and effectiveness of the Districts E&O Program. A couple of ideas posed were outreaching to businesses and high school volunteer groups.

ACTION: CAC members will email 2-3 areas of specialization or project idea areas that they would like to lead or work on to Gael by March 16, 2018.

District Updates

Gael updated the CAC on initiatives the District is working on, including an update on the Discovery Point restoration and current and upcoming Capital Improvement Projects. Gael also gave a short introduction to a new teaching tool that will teach about watersheds using a sandbox and augmented reality topographic lines. Gael also requested feedback on updated winter maintenance brochures.

ACTION: Members should watch for emails in the next few months requesting feedback on educational materials.

Adjournment

Gael adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.