



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting and Agenda

September 24, 2020 | 6-8 PM
Microsoft Teams Remote meeting
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1. Call to Order

- a. Members present: Roger, Scott, Beth, Josh, Tim, Bob, Scott
- b. Members absent: Charlotte, Ember, Jon, Rich, Kim
- c. Managers present: Larry
- d. Staff present: Gael, Lizzy

2. Intro: I spy, video chat style

3. Member recap of Salt Symposium: key takeaways

Water softener education looking likely for next year as the road salt has got traction. This is because water softening is another big source of chloride to metro waterways. Lots of good/simple enough ideas to improve community education and involvement. Good conference, technical info thorough.

4. Debut of community video!

Nice, very cute and short (2 min) video. Fun to put together. :) Gael will be getting permission requests emailed out - there wasn't sound at the meeting but will be in the final video.

5. Project updates

- a. Cardinal Creek trail project: help needed for seeding Sep 30th!

Will need help to finish off, Wed 9/30. 9-11. Raking seed into soil. They have 8 people so far, and need more.

- b. Recreational advisories on Lake Cornelia, Arrowhead Lake, Lake Edina and Lake Holiday

High blue green algae counts. It's a fairly common occurrence in summer time although can be dangerous for humans and pets. Stay out of *especially* shallow lakes with it. The watershed has been in contact with cities and keeping folks informed. Seems like the reports are adequate and people have been getting the warnings.

6. Photo Contest discussion

- a. 46 photographers, 320 photos



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Instructions for selecting photos were sent out. Span the watershed for a good representation and we want a variety of photographers. Gael and Erica will rearrange/make other selections if there's too many from one artist. Make a note if there is something really outstanding you'd like for the cover.

- b. Walk through judging process/survey
 - c. Which ones best represent the character of the watershed? Both its looks and its inhabitants.
 - d. Vote by October 4th. Sooner the better.
7. State of the Waters discussion - December date TBD

Zoom is actually a good format for the meetings, overall it looks like the best option. Zoom has 'break out rooms'. Possibly google would have the feature but concerns regarding connectivity as well.

How to advertise the newer platform?

Social media

Website

School handouts

The idea is for an 'end of year' or 'celebration' or 'honor volunteers' or 'success stories from the watershed' as well as updates. Less informational and educational.

Something to enjoy and celebrate -

CAC members hosting for breakouts would be a nice touch. Screen for the video, with descriptions of where the lakes (etc).

Speaker : ok but maybe keep to only 10 min. Possibly add a second.

8. Adjourn - thanks everyone!

Upcoming meeting dates: Thursday, November 19: 6-8

Upcoming events:

Help needed! Wednesday, September 30th, 9-11: Raking and seeding of Cardinal Creek Trail behind Discovery Point. Please let Gael know if you can attend—bring your own gloves and metal rake. Please wear a mask—this group will have more than 10 people, though socially distanced.