



Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2024 | 7-8 PM

In person at Discovery Point and via Microsoft Teams

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1. Call to Order

- a. CAC Members present: John A., Charlotte, Tim, Roger*, John H.*, Mandy*, Josh*, James*
- b. CAC Members absent: Jon S, Heather
- c. Staff present: Gael Z
- d. Board Managers present: Chris-Ann Lauria*
*indicates attended virtually

2. Open Public Forum: none present

3. Member and Board liaison updates:

- a. Gael announced new staff member, Cynthia Rubio, Administrative Specialist. Chris-Ann talked about Upper and Lower Penn Lakes water quality study; the Board is now looking at ways to improve water quality in these lakes, with counsel from legal and engineering. There was also talk about the Southfork restoration project, part of which is presently out for bids.

4. District updates

- a. Flood mapping tool
 - i. Final edits being made, with review coming by mid-August
 - ii. This is still in works, and going back and forth between engineers and legal. Lots of planning still in works.
- b. Carp removal efforts to date
 - i. Carp removal from Normandale continues
 - ii. RFID tags inserted for tracking population and movements
 - iii. 4 goldfish traps installed on Cornelia, spring surveys found native fish in the lake
 - iv. Jordan is going out and so far has removed about 1000 carp from Normandale Lake
- c. Starry Trek, August 10—monitoring various lakes around the watershed
 - i. Jordan is leading this effort and has several volunteers lined up.



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- d. Many outreach events since last meeting: farmer's markets, student presentations and field trips: Bloomington Farmers Market, Wild ones tour, and others.
 - e. **Photo Contest deadline September 13—review and discuss at October 2 meeting**
 - i. **Please see promotional materials attached to the email and send out to your networks!**
 - f. ~~Sign up for grant review:~~
 - i. All funding has been given out for the year. Applications will still be accepted, but will be reviewed January 2025.
5. Conferences
- a. Highlights from Salt Symposium
 - i. Roger attended both days and is a Salt Watch Volunteer. He reported about learning about the impact water softening on water quality. And, reported about the “Paint the Plow” project.
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species Research Symposium (MAISRC): September 25, in person UMN St Paul campus (Roger and Mandy attending)
 - c. Water Resources Conference (UMN): October 15-16, in person St Paul (Mandy and John attending)
6. Events needing help:
- a. Wednesday, August 14, 5-7pm: Bloomington Wednesday market
7. **Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 7:40**

CAC meetings: every other month, first Wednesday from 7-8 PM in person at Discovery Point and over Microsoft Teams.

2024 meetings (first Wednesdays, from 7-8, hybrid)

October 2

December 4