



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 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: Roger B*, James C*, John H, Charlotte L, Josh L, Tim R, Jon S*, Heather J, Mandy P*
- b. CAC Members absent: John A
- c. Staff present: Gael Z
- d. Board Managers present: Chris-Ann Lauria*
*indicates attended virtually

2. Open Public Forum

3. Member and Board liaison updates

- a. Recent conference attendance and report-out
 - i. A few members attended the recent Bloomington City Council meeting, where the Nine Mile Creek Corridor Renewal project was on the agenda.
 - ii. Staff and managers attended the MN Watersheds Conference

4. Grants: sign up at new link:

- a. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CAFAD2CA3F49-53863337-caccost>
- b. Need reviewers for Monday Jan 6 2025 at 6pm. 8 grant applications to review (holdover for the new grant cycle from 2024)
 - i. January review is now covered (thanks Jon S and Roger!), check link for other months. Each CAC member should try to attend at least one review session in 2025.
 - ii. Only the first 6 months are in the Sign Up Genius form, as we wait to see if all funding will be given out by then.

5. Central Park project, Hopkins

- a. Flyering was done in Hopkins neighborhoods to inform residents about upcoming changes to Central Park, and give them an opportunity to make comments. Thanks to Charlotte and Mandy for help with that—no more action needed right now.
- b. More information at: <https://www.hopkinsmn.com/1194/Central-Park-Master-Plan>

6. Equity Committee



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- a. Staff are putting together an equity committee to digest and prioritize the plan put together for us by Zan Associates. They came and presented at an earlier meeting.
 - b. The committee will be made up of a few staff, a manager, and a CAC member
 - c. Mandy Pedigo is willing to serve as CAC rep on this committee. There is space for one more person, but we can also have just one person.
 - d. Gael will let the CAC know when the final Zan documents are posted online
- 7. Snow storage pile monitoring**
- a. Volunteers needed, January to April, once per month
 - b. Monitoring size and shape of piles, visually; tools and training will be provided
 - c. Snow cannot be hauled off site for this research project
 - d. We have a few locations and volunteers already, but can use more of each.
 - e. Potential locations of snow piles include: Bredesen (Heather can monitor if this is a good site—Gael will check with city staff). Cub parking lot off France in Bloomington, potential historical photos of size?
- 8. Water Management Plan engagement**
- a. Kickoff at State of the Waters, March 2025
 - i. Location for kickoff needed: places identified: 9 Mile Brewing in Bloomington, Staring Lake Pavilion, Hopkins Pavilion in Central Park, Wooden Hill Brewing Edina, Edina Lunds and Byerlys, VFW/Legions
 - b. CAC input will be needed on issue identification and goal prioritization
 - i. Other staff will attend future meetings to facilitate this process more—the whole CAC group will be asked to help with this process, with at least one meeting in 2025 being dedicated to the WMP.
 - ii. Roger, Tim, and Heather volunteered to help in addition to this future meeting with the whole group.
- 9. Reappointment in 2025 and Recruitment**
- a. Members voted to change the name to Community Advisory Committee (both to be more inclusive of those who are not citizens, and to keep the acronym).
 - b. Congratulations to Roger Bildsten and Charlotte Lefebvre who have served on the CAC for 8 years! Here's to their 9th year in 2025!
- 10. Adjourn: 8:03pm**

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



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2025 meetings (first Wednesdays, from 7-8, hybrid)

February 5

April 2

June 4

August 6

October 1

December 3