



Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

June 5, 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, Mandy P, Josh L, Charlotte L, John H*, Heather J, Tim R, Roger B*
- b. CAC Members absent: Jon S, James C
- c. Staff present: Gael Z
- d. Board Managers present: Larry O

*indicates attended virtually

2. Open Public Forum: None from the Public were present

3. Business: None at this meeting

4. Member and Board liaison updates

- a. Sharing background and expertise of CAC members: All present shared a short bio describing their backgrounds and interests

5. District updates

- a. Update on Restore the Nine group: John Arthur and John Hickman attended a gathering hosted by the City of Bloomington to gather feedback about possible improvements to the Moir Park stretch of Nine Mile Creek held on June 5 in the afternoon. Many members of the citizen group, "Restore the Nine" were present to give their feedback as well. The watershed district was represented by Erica Sniegowski and Brett Eidem, who had a display highlighting work being done.
 - i. The group, "Restore the Nine", is mostly seeking to keep the current path through Moir Park, mostly as it is, but with improvements to habitat. NMCWD staff have met with members of this group.
 - ii. NMCWD staff are working closely with the City of Bloomington on this project (including relevant permits when they get to that phase) to prevent damage to the creek. NMCWD will not get involved in decisions on trails.
- b. Update on purple loosestrife beetle rearing
 - i. Gael presented video and photos of the project. This involved:
 - ii. Collecting purple loosestrife
 - iii. Collecting beetles from a park in Roseville



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- iv. Releasing the collected beetles into pots covered with nets
- v. Waiting for the beetles to skeletonize the loosestrife
- vi. When the pots and beetles are ready, place the pots in a wetland, which was completed (almost, one pot wasn't ready)
- vii. Since the beetles matured so fast and it is fairly easy to collect larger numbers, it was agreed to future undertakings will be just a collect and move, rather than rear and release that was done this year.
- viii. Nik (new education intern) is producing a video of the project.
- c. Controlled burn on Discovery Point restoration area—include current picture/drone shots of what's happened
 - i. Gael showed photos and video of the burn, which took place in late April. The burn was a complete success, with no complaints from neighbors. Now after a little over a month later, no sign of the burn is evident and all very green.
 - ii. It was suggested to get photos of current and future blooming.
 - iii. More information available here, though current photos are posted on our social media channels: <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/prescribed-burn-at-district-office/>
 - iv. Nik will also be producing a video of this burn.
- d. Flood mapping tool—review needed in late July
 - i. A web app is being developed that will show users areas of possible flood risk around the watershed based on modelling of various precipitation events.
 - ii. The CAC has been tasked with reviewing and testing this app in July.
 - iii. Legal, Engineering, and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) are also reviewing prior to the CAC.
 - iv. Adaptive Level Control Systems Study (for informational purposes for CAC members, no action needed): <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/current-studies/adaptive-level-control-systems-study/>
 - v. Watershed Wide Flood Study (also for informational purposes only, no action needed): <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/whats-happening/current-studies/atlas-14-flood-study/>
- e. Carp removal efforts to date—Jordan to give carp presentation at a later date?
 - i. Gael gave an update to progress on this project, including removal of close to 950 carp this year, which is more than previous years at this date.
- f. Sign up for grant review:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4CAFAD2CA3F49-46803308-cost>



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6. Events needing help:
 - a. Thursday, July 11, 3-5pm or 5-7pm: Edina Farmer's Market
 - b. Saturday, July 20, 8-10:30am or 10:30-1pm: Bloomington Farmer's Market
 - c. Thursday, August 8, 3-5pm(now covered) or 5-7pm: Edina Farmer's Market
 - d. Wednesday, August 14, 5-7pm: Bloomington Wednesday market
7. **Adjourn: 8:07pm**

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)

August 7

October 2

December 4