



Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025 | 7-8 PM

Hybrid: In person at Discovery Point and via Microsoft Teams
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1. Call to Order

- a. CAC Members present: John A, Mandy, Heather, Tim*, James*, Roger*
- b. CAC Members absent: Charlotte, Jon S
- c. Staff present: Gael, Claire
- d. Board Managers present: Chris-Ann*

*indicates attended virtually

2. Yearly Business—moved from Feb meeting

- a. Electing officers:
 - i. Chair: James Clark
 - ii. Secretary: Heather Johnson
- b. Review CAC policies/bylaws/code of conduct
- c. Review open meeting law: a gathering of 4 or more CAC members constitutes a quorum, which must be noticed and accessible to public. Email communications to whole CAC will be blind carbon copied.
- d. Conference attendance fund: Each CAC member has funds set aside to attend at least one conference, workshop, or seminar of their choosing throughout the year. Examples of eligible conferences include the Road Salt Symposium (Aug), MAISRC (Sep), the Minnesota Water Resources Conference (Oct) and the Minnesota Watersheds Annual Conference (Dec). Other events such as communications workshops, online webinars, or conferences/symposiums not listed here may be approved on a case by case basis. Members must submit a request to the staff liaison for these events.
- e. No additional questions or comments raised.

3. Open Public Forum

- a. One member of the public attended, but left again after learning we would not be discussing the Anderson Lakes on the meeting.

4. Member and Board liaison updates



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- a. An update on the 9 mile creek corridor project that the City of Bloomington is working on. A member attending a city council meeting that described recent studies and design process
- b. Board updates: community event to kick of 10 year water management plan went well (State of the Waters). Thanks to those CAC members who attended!
- c. Equity committee meeting recap and upcoming outreach
 - i. An area has been identified by the equity workgroup and staff will be reaching out to schools, homes, and other location. There will be some engagement opportunities coming up, including door flyering, tabling, and more.

5. District updates

- a. Loosetrife beetle collect and release workshop coming up, date TBD.
 - i. Will need help from volunteers filling collection bottles and moving to designated spots. Gael will send more information later.
- b. Recap on snow pile monitoring research project (Claire)
 - i. Measuring snow piles gives researchers a better understanding of sizing needs for snow storage in parking lots. 126 measurements at 9 sites this winter.
 - ii. There was discussion about other potential measuring devices.
- c. Recap on STEM on Tap workshop for teachers
 - i. Good attendance, great feedback. Will be continuing this workshop series next school year.
- d. An electrofishing backpack was purchased, and several efforts have been done so far to collect and remove goldfish. Several members expressed interest in joining for field fisheries work this summer.

6. Upcoming volunteer events:

- a. Valley Park Trash Cleanup: Saturday, May 10, in conjunction with City of Hopkins garden clean up day. No rsvp form yet.



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- b. Reminder that 9 mile has trash clean up materials and stormdrain marking kits available to check out. (request was made to consider stencils instead of glued on stickers)
- c. 2 Earth Day/week events:
 - i. April 19: Ridgedale Library earth day fair
 - ii. April 26: Richfield eco fair
- d. Greencorps planting event at Discovery Point. 10am-12pm May 20th along Cardinal Creek wetland trail.

7. Adjourn

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

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

February 5

April 2

June 4

August 6

October 1

****December 10: please note this is the second Wednesday, to not conflict with a conference****