



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

February 5, 2025 | 7-8 PM

Hybrid: In person at Discovery Point and via Microsoft Teams
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1. Call to Order 7:08 by Gael

- a. CAC Members present: John A*, Mandy, James*, Roger*
- b. CAC Members absent: Heather, Charlotte, Jon S, Tim
- c. Staff present: Gael Z, Claire V
- d. Board Managers present: Larry O
- e. Others:

*indicates attended virtually

2. Yearly Business—postponed until April meeting

- a. Electing officers:
 - i. Chair:
 - ii. Secretary:
- b. Review CAC policies/bylaws/code of conduct- move to April Meeting
- 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, the Minnesota Water Resources Conference and the Minnesota Watersheds Annual Conference. 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.

3. Open Public Forum

4. Member and Board liaison updates



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- a. Equity committee initial meeting last week: Mandy, Claire, Gael, Cynthia, Manager Brian, Lizzy. Overall Equity Plan has not been officially approved by Board of Managers yet, but will be brought up at next board meeting.
- b. March 13 State of the Waters 6-8 PM at the Minnetonka Community Center
- c. Gael will e-mail invitations to CAC for State of the Waters

5. District updates

- a. Two open positions, Communications Manager and Summer Intern until late February, please pass on to your networks:
 - i. <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/hiring-communications-manager/> This is not Gael's position, it's a newly created position) Applications are being taken until Monday, Feb 24.
 - ii. <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/district-hiring-summer-intern-2025/> Applications due on Friday Feb 21.
- b. February grant application reviewers needed
 - i. No more Signup Genius link, just let Lizzy know and she will find a time that works for all reviewers (eboor@ninemilecreek.org)
 - ii. John A volunteered for Wed. Feb 12 5:30pm at Discovery Point; James for a future month

6. State of the Waters: plan process and issues identification activity practice

- a. Brainstorming exercise on ideas for State of the Waters
- b. General public does not have as much awareness as CAC members
- c. Concern about staff/cac members skewing data with concerns
- d. Have access to WOMP data (e-coli counts?)
- e. colored sticky notes were appealing organizing helped.

7. Adjourn 8:04



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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****

What issues come to mind in these categories?

Ideas here

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FEB 5 2025

What we're doing

Identifying issues in 4 major categories
Part of the water management plan update process

Steps

1. Add sticky notes
2. one idea/issue per sticky
3. stamp to emphasize what someone else wrote

What's next

After today's brainstorm, we'll consolidate ideas, refine brainstorm process, and make better questions for State of the Waters.

Water quality

Salt

soap/foa

petroleum products

Bacteria

Carp

Goldfish

Other invasive species

Phosphorus

safety for dogs to drink

educate broader community (not just preaching to the choir)

Pet waste/ animal waste

Adopt-A-Drain

Nitrates

Illegal pumping/dumping

Water quantity

drought

stormwater

Climate change

water temperature

streambank stabilization/re-meandering

Wetland protection

Adopt a drain

too much

impervious surfaces

erosion

speed of water

terrestrial invasives like buckthorn/habitat restoration to promote infiltration

Groundwater

private wells/ capping or sealing or abandoning unused wells

PFAS

residential pumping?

retaining stormwater for a period on redevelopment (commercial)

amount of use (irrigation, industrial)

chloride contamination of shallow groundwater

headwaters signage/education

Wetlands

Whited fen

general pollution

Invasive species

cleansing of the watershed

Public education on benefits of wetlands

wetland banking/ credits

Diverse habitat for native plants and animals

Skunk cabbage other spring species

spring management/ hydrology