



Community Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 1, 2025 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Hybrid: In person at Discovery Point and via Microsoft Teams

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Meeting ID: 223 041 475 563

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1. Call to Order

- a. CAC Members present: John A, Mandy P, Tim R, Heather J, Charlotte L, Roger B*
- b. CAC Members absent: James C, Jon S
- c. Staff present: Gael Z
- d. Board Managers present: Chris-Ann L*

* indicates attended virtually

2. Open Public Forum

3. CAC business

- a. Pass along information to others who may be interested in applying for the CAC.
Application here: <https://www.ninemilecreek.org/wp-content/uploads/CAC-Application.pdf>
- b. We currently don't have CAC representation from Minnetonka or Richfield.
- c. Think about if you would like to re-apply for next year. Gael will ask for confirmation from each CAC member individually in December.

4. Professional development

- a. Water Resources Conference: October 14-15
 - i. Those who wanted to attend should have received a confirmation email
- b. Our visit and guided tour to [Hocokata Ti](#) has been rescheduled to **Thursday January 8 from 10am-12:30pm!** All CAC and Board members are invited and encouraged to attend: please email Carrie directly if you'd like to come! (cbush@ninemilecreek.org) We are looking into lunch options, but hope to be able to provide a group meal within that time frame.
- c. Gael and Cynthia were approved to attend a Tribal-State Relations Training last month: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/tribaltraining/> It was very informative in understanding the State's tribal liaisons and how to be a better partner for tribes in shared natural resource projects and programs.
 - i. Suggestion that maybe our tribal liaison could present at the State of the Waters event in 2026

5. Member and Board liaison updates



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- a. Mandy talked through work that the equity committee has done in the past few months including ADA audit and bathroom accessibility updates. Hired a paver company to re-level and clean the pavers.
 - b. Board updates:
 - i. 2026 budget and levy approved.
 - ii. Board discussing the watershed-wide flood study with staff and Barr Engineering
 - c. Hopkins central park project got the ok. It creates more water storage in the park and more site runoff removal of phosphorus and sediment
 - d. Rosland park filtration vault continues to be worked on to maximize efficiency
 - e. 1 GreenCorps member starting next week for 11 months
 - f. Gearing up for the 10 yr water management plan
- 6. District updates**
- a. Thank you for all your help with the survey! We have ~~192~~ 238 survey responses, and ~~39~~ 44 map comments! These will be compiled and presented to the board in November. Will also be available on our website.
 - b. **State of the Waters! Save the date: Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 6-8 PM**
 - c. All grant funding is given out, but will open back up in January. Idea was put forward for a tour of grants for CAC members.
- 7. Upcoming volunteer events**
- a. Trash clean up at Oxboro lake (93rd and Syndicate Ave, Bloomington) October 12 10am-12pm. Historically hasn't had much involvement from NMCWD, but the lake gathers a lot of trash. Recent community meeting showed that residents appreciate a more active involvement from NMCWD. The trash cleanup has a community partner, Deeper Water Arts, who will have their people volunteering, and also hopefully getting lunch delivered.
 - b. May need CAC input on website changes, later in the year, or early next year.
- 8. Other**
- a. Question on if permitted raingardens get inspected. Staff/interns do inspect them, which gets put into our tracking system. But once the permit is closed, less inspection to see if the garden remained.
 - b. Salt Watch program sunsetting, Gael will send out more later in October.
 - i. Previously collected data had not shown clear trends or specific areas to target. Staff have decided to pivot to more targeted salt reduction education to large campuses and businesses.



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- ii. Idea to send out salt reduction postcards to addresses along the creek
 - iii. Also, Izaak Walton League still sends strips for free to test lakes/creeks.
 - c. STEM on Tap workshop for teachers: Art and STEM happened on October 8 and was a great success! Full house, and lots of good questions and discussion.
9. **Adjourn**

CAC meetings: every other month, first Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 PM in person at Discovery Point and over Microsoft Teams.

2025 meetings

February 5

April 2

June 4

August 6

October 1: 6:30-7:30

****December 10: please note this is the second Wednesday, to not conflict with a conference****
6:30-7:30