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MEMO

TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: April 7, 2020
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators Report for April 2020 Board Meeting

Program Updates

Many aspects of the education and outreach efforts of the District have changed quite drastically due to the stay at home order from the Governor on March 27.

Adult Education

We are working on converting the scheduled upcoming adult programming to virtual webinars.

K12 Education

I am working on ways to provide educational content to teachers while they create their remote lesson plans. I will be working with teachers to see what they may want from us in terms of videos or instructional content.

Also, the Riverwatch program through Hennepin County has been cancelled for spring but hopes to continue in the fall.

Outreach

Many outreach programs have been and will be cancelled due to COVID-19. Erica and I have been brainstorming ways to still reach our audiences without these community programs.

Public Programs

The Sumer Education Series programs had not been fully scheduled before the stay at home order went into effect. So, I am working with the presenters to create virtual content and/or contingency plans for if this situation extends into the summer.

Partnerships

I am continuing to work with our WD and City partners to adjust our upcoming programs to new, virtual formats.

Meetings

Multiple staff meetings and board meetings to adjust education and programming, learn Microsoft Teams, and check in about progress.

- April 1 Virtual meetings with staff and CAC subcommittee to review all grant applications
- April 7 Virtual meeting with MWS to discuss capstone project
- April 13 Virtual meeting with WD educators on adjusting our programming

Volunteers

Master Water Stewards

The 2020 cohort of Master Water Stewards are making progress on their capstones despite the disruptions to their schedules. Erica and I have been working with them on their project plans, reading through draft applications, and providing more resources to keep their projects moving forward.

Citizen Advisory Committee

The grant review subcommittee of the CAC met to discuss residential grant applications. After the Board makes final decisions, the subcommittee will present to the full CAC at their May 28th meeting. The April meeting of the CAC was cancelled.

Upcoming Events

- April 17-April 30 Earth Day Birthday!: Safe distance Adopt a Drain event
- May 9 Adopt a Drain Hopkins (replacing the Hopkins Valley Park cleanup)
- May 28 CAC meeting | 6-8 PM | Location vs. virtual TBD
- May 28 Sustainable Lawns | 6-7:30 PM | Virtual webinar