

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2009

Attendees:

Kristy DuBois (VH)

Sue Lundquist (WBL)

Marsha Anderson (AH)

Mark Gehringer (WBT)

Stephanie McNamara (VLAWMO)

Kristine Lampert (VLAWMO)

Absent: Jessica Collin-Pilarski (VH), Cindy Chua (NO), Larry Breimhurst (VH)

I. Education opportunities in schools

A. Agricultural Charter School – Sue has contacted the school and they have expressed interest in having VLAWMO help with projects. The students do a service project as part of their curriculum in May. Perhaps something could be done then. Other thoughts include raingardens or incorporating rain barrels on their site. Kristine will arrange a meeting with the school and will inform the CAC.

B. White Bear Lake School District – Marsha took part in the Save the Earth group at Centerpoint School.

C. East Metro Integration District – no report

D. Mounds View School District – no report

There was agreement that we want to have measurable projects with the schools.

II. Assistance with monitoring activities

A. Headcount for CAC members to attend May 2 training session – Sue, Kristy and Chris all plan on attending.

B. Volunteers needed for Charley, Deep, Black, Amelia, and Gem Lake – Chris will talk to some residents who live on the North Oaks lakes and let us know what she finds out. Kristy said she would be willing to do the sample collection on Gem Lake. We still need to secure and access to the lake since the land around it is all privately owned. Kristine will follow up.

C. Lambert Creek Volunteers – Mark volunteered to help with Lambert Creek. Staff will determine where he will monitor.

III. Local Fair Participation

There was discussion about coming up with quick and interactive activities to do with people who come by the booth. Kristy will do some research about activities. Kristine shared a book with nature experiments as well. Stephanie said that Hamline University has a water education kit and the East Metro Environmental Education Program has some activities and displays. Stephanie will check to see if we could use them. There was another discussion regarding if we should give away something such as pens, magnets, water bottles, note pads, etc. The CAC agreed they would like to have that. Staff will bring to the Technical Commission (TEC) for approval.

A. Earth Day Event at Tamarack Nature Center (April 18) – Kristy would like to participate in this. Staff will find out what the hours of the event are.

B. MN Fishing Opener on White Bear Lake (May 8, 4-7pm) – There will be a watershed tent and VLAWMO is the lead agency for providing content and people to run things. This will be outdoors at the Community Picnic and could have 3,000 – 5,000 people there. Set up will begin at 3pm. Mark and Kristy said they would participate.

IV. Raingarden Workshops

A. Two workshops scheduled – We have scheduled 2 workshops for April 9 at Heritage Hall in Gem Lake and for May 6 at the Vadnaiss Lake Fire Station Training Room. They will be from 6:30 – 8:30pm.

B. How to advertise the workshops – Chris and Kristy offered to email the flyer to their homeowner associations. Staff can have the Cities put the information on their websites. Mark offered to put them in his neighbor's newspaper boxes. Members will also post them at local stores, coffee shops, churches, etc.

- V. **Watershed Tour Update** – Stephanie has started to check with bus services to get a cost estimate. There was consensus among the group to have the tour in June starting at 6:30pm. The tour should be geared towards the Board of Directors, TEC, and CAC. Staff will ask the TEC for their opinion. Chris mentioned that we would need to get permission from the North Oaks Homeowners Association to enter the City.

- VI. **Date of next meeting** – April 2 at 6:30pm but will have another meeting on March 18 at 9:30am to talk about experiments and displays for local fairs.

Prepared by Kristine Lampert