

**Notes From
BCWMC Education and Public Outreach Subcommittee Meeting
May 3, 2006
9:00 a.m.
Golden Valley City Council Chambers**

Subcommittee members present:

Ginny Black, Liz Thornton, Richard Johnson, Mary Gwin-Lenth, Margie Vigoren and Pauline Langsdorf

The subcommittee reviewed the Education and Public Outreach Proposed 2007 Budget that we submitted to the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) in April 2006. We had considerable discussion regarding where in the budget CAMP (volunteer lake monitoring), River Watch (volunteer stream monitoring) and Public Communications should be placed. Since we believe that the commission uses information gained from the monitoring programs in project planning and reports, there is value gained from the programs beyond education and public outreach. It is our understanding that the Public Communications line item is used for legally required meeting notices and other committee notices. The subcommittee recommends that all of these items be retained in the 2007 Budget, but questions the proper placement of these items within the budget. Therefore, we asked Commissioner Black to raise these placement questions at the next Budget Committee meeting.

The Education and Public Outreach Subcommittee has collected grant proposal applications and criteria from several metro area Watershed Management Organizations and Watershed Districts. We continued our review of these as we develop the parameters of a BCWMC grant program. There is a tremendous range in the amount of money various watershed organizations have available in their grant programs. Some of the things we are evaluating are the types of programs, groups and geographic area eligible for grants and also how these projects will be monitored. This will be the main subject of our next subcommittee meeting. We are committed to having a recommendation on grant criteria no later than for our August Commission meeting.

The next Education and Public Outreach Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Golden Valley City Council Chambers.

Submitted by
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