



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Next Gen Plan Steering Committee

Meeting Notes

4:30 p.m ~ Monday March 25, 2013
Plymouth City Hall Medicine Lake Room

Attendees: Committee Chair Linda Loomis; Commissioner Ted Hoshal; Alternate Commissioners Lisa Goddard; Administrator Laura Jester; Engineer Karen Chandler; TAC member Derek Asche

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loomis at 4:40 p.m.

2. Review and Approve Notes from February 25, 2013 Meeting

There were no suggested changes to the notes from the February 25, 2013 meeting. Consensus to accept the notes as presented.

3. Budget Review

The group briefly discussed the fact that the Administrator's time spent on the Watershed Plan was currently being tracked but funded out of the "Administrator" budget rather than the "Next Generation Plan" budget. There was consensus that this practice is fine but should be discussed by the BCWMC Budget Committee. Similarly, Engineer Chandler's time spent in Plan Steering Committee meetings is not being charged to the Plan because she has a dual role at these meetings and would likely attend them whether or not Barr was developing the Watershed Plan. Both Jester and Chandler were asked to continue tracking their time spent on the Plan.

4. Additional Small Group Meetings

Asche will invite representatives of lake associations to Plymouth's Environmental Quality Committee meeting. Jester will contact the AMLAC president inquiring about a special small group meeting for the lake association. Loomis reported that the City of New Hope Council indicated the Northwood Lake Homeowners Association may be interested in participating in a meeting. However, contact information for that group was not forwarded to her yet. She will follow up with New Hope, Golden Valley, Minnetonka and others for contact information of additional groups. Hoshal indicated the Loppet Foundation may wish to get involved. He will be in touch with them.

5. Update on Small Group Meetings

- Minnetonka: With city staff - complete
- Golden Valley: City Council and Planning, Environmental and Open Space and Recreation Chairs – March 12 6:30 pm - complete
- New Hope: City Council – March 18 at 6:30 pm - complete
- St. Louis Park: With city staff – Justin Riss - Date?
- Robbinsdale: April 18 at 7:00 – Linda Loomis
- Plymouth: Environmental Quality Commission – April 10 - Ginny Black
- Crystal: Council Work Session - March 25 7:00 – Linda Loomis
- Medicine Lake: Planning Commission – April 18 - Ted Hoschal
- Minneapolis: Combines Meeting with MPRB - March 30th 10:00 am - Wirth Park Chalet Fireplace room – Michael Welch/Lisa Goddard

Loomis reported that the meetings had been going well and she had received much feedback thus far. It was noted that a record of meeting attendees will need to be kept for reporting purposes. There was discussion about materials needed for upcoming meetings, including a large map, introductory PowerPoint presentation and display materials for the public meeting with MPRB in Minneapolis on March 30th. The group asked that Jester email the PowerPoint presentation once complete.

6. Online Survey

Jester reported that so far the survey had only been answered by about 36 people. There was discussion about other avenues and ways to distribute the survey link and the public interest article. Some ideas included Golden Valley Newsletter, the Patch, flyers at Plymouth Yard and Garden Expo (Jester to get 200 copies to Hoschal), North News, Harrison neighborhood website and social media sites. Committee members will continue to distribute the survey and article.

7. Proposal from GTS for Assistance with Summit

Jester was given direction to get a proposal from GTS for assistance with the Summit for Commission consideration at their April meeting. There was discussion about using electronic polling equipment at the Summit. Jester will mention this to GTS staff.

8. Further Distribution of Article

See number 6 above.

9. Next meeting and Adjourn - next meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 4:30 p.m., currently at the Plymouth City Hall. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.