AGENDA

Brown’s Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Stillwater Public Library – 2nd Floor Conference Room

1) Call the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2) Introductions/Approve Agenda
3) Approve minutes from October 9, 2017 & December 11, 2017 meetings
4) 2018 Activities
   a) Review list and identify CAC’s top priorities
   b) Get volunteers to take leadership/determine follow up
   c) Set calendar for events/activities
5) Next Steps – Homework Assignments and next CAC meeting on Monday, April 2nd, 2018 6-8PM (one week earlier?)
6) Adjourn at 8pm
CAC Members Attending:
Karen Richtman, CAC Chair
Paul Richtman
Jyneen Thatcher
George Vania
Rick Vanzwol
Larry Timmerman

Others Attending:
Sharon Schwarze, BCWD Board
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator

1) Chair Karen Richtman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

2) Approved Agenda as presented

3) Minutes from August meeting approved as presented.

4) Feedback from September 16, 2017 Community Event
   a) Next year additions – DNR Fish Connection, Story of the creek, raptors (Raptor Center, Carpenter Nature Center, or Warner)
   b) Improvements – Porta-potties were not clean and more were needed for the event, more obvious main tent and where to get punch cards, give punch cards to all sites for participants to start, have more floater volunteers to give stations a chance to look around
   c) Include a raindate in promotions next year (next day)
   d) Tentative Dates September 15th or 22nd

5) 2018 Activities Brainstorm
   a) Work in BCWD/Hands-on Engaging Activities
      • Coordinate with Master Naturalist/Master water Stewards
      • Curbcut Raingarden (adopt-a RG maintenance)
      • Maintenance Workshop – tour/pull weeds
      • Buckthorn Management Event/class
(1) 110th Street – Brown’s Creek Conservation Easement Area
(2) Millbrook HOA
(3) Former Palmer Property
(4) Brown’s Creek Park

b) Outreach – promote BCWD accomplishments
   • Articles
   • Newsletter ideas
   • Website updates

c) Networking Event
   • Goal to get vision/mission of each group
   • Why you do what you do/what’s your motivation or passion?

d) Coordinate with other garden tours (Master Gardeners, Family Means)

e) Hands-on Family Activities
   • Flipping logs/rocks to see bugs, etc.
   • Pond Dipping
   • Get Dirty

f) Community Event-September 2018

g) Open Yard Series
   • same as 2017 but not septic
   • Add a small urban lot, ideas:
     (1) Pocket Prairie
     (2) Connie Taillon’s yard?
     (3) Angela Anderson on North Hill?
     (4) Nelson - north Hill with Raingarden and green roof

6) 2018 CAC Education Topics
   a) EMWREP Education Updates
   b) Watershed Game – play at the December 2017 meeting
   c) What we need to do to improve Brown’s Creek?

7) Adjourn at 8pm
CAC Members Attending:
Karen Richtman, CAC Chair
Paul Richtman
Rick Vanzwol
Larry Timmerman

CAC Absent:
Jyneen Thatcher
George Vania

Others Attending:
Angie Hong, EMWREP
Anne Maule Miller, BCWD Board
Sharon Schwarze, BCWD Board
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator

1) Chair Karen Richtman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2) Approved Agenda as presented

3) Played Watershed Game – facilitated by Angie Hong

4) Networking event discussion – focus to get others to partner to support our mission and vision where mutually beneficial
   a) Meeting format ideas:
      • Watershed game & potluck
      • Slideshow Slam – 8 minutes max
      • Speed Meeting Style with time limit for each interaction
   b) Possible groups to invite:
      o Sustainable Stillwater
      o David Washburn – developer/native landscape plans
      o Art Reach
      o Developers
- Master Naturalists
- Champion Teachers – i.e. Andy Weaver, invite to schools
- Wild Ones
- Champion Students – i.e. Max Vogel – invite to national honor Society
- Trout Unlimited
- Other government agencies – County, WDs, Cities, Townships, State Agencies- MPCA, DNR (area hydrologist, conservation officers), BWSR
- Brown’s Creek and Gateway Trail Association
- Friends of Washington County Park
- Farmers
- 4H
- Scouts
- Audubon/birders
- Isaac Walton League
- FFA
- St. Croix River Association
- Stillwater Chamber
- Drone Club?
- Gardening Clubs?
- Horse Clubs – Trail Rangers, Grand Riders
- Lakes of Stillwater Senior Center
- Community Thread
- Freshwater Society

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