

**MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
OF THE  
COMFORT LAKE -FOREST LAKE  
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**THURSDAY, February 21, 2013**

**1) Call to Order**

Administrator Thomas called the CAC meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Forest Lake City Offices, 220 North Lake Street, Forest Lake, Minnesota

Present: Bruce Anderson, Curt Sparks, Mark Peterson

Staff: Doug Thomas

Others: Andy Schilling, WCD

**2) Forest Lake Urban Stormwater Retrofit Study.**

Thomas introduced Andy Schilling from the Washington Conservation District who has been the lead staff for conducting the Forest Lake Urban Stormwater Retrofit Study. Andy went through a PowerPoint presentation that described 1) the purpose of the study, 2) the area that it is being done in which is the direct watershed area located primarily on the south side of the lake, 3) the methods used to identify and analyze potential stormwater retrofit projects, 4) examples of the types of projects that they are finding, and 5) what the final report will include in the way of a prioritized list of potential project along with some feasibility design work for a few of the higher ranked projects.

Curt Sparks asked if we were looking at the large ditched wetland complex south of Highway 97 near Timm's Marina. Thomas noted that it was not a part of this study which is focuses more on the old urban areas with stormsewer outlets to the lake. He commented that the suggestion will be noted and added to the list of potential hotspots to be looked at in the future. Curt then asked if monitoring is built into the projects. Thomas noted that the District does look for projects/sites that can be used to monitor the effectiveness of projects but in many situations the cost to monitor can be more than the project itself. He then discussed some of the projects that the District is monitoring.

**3) Advisory Committee Survey on Topics of Interest for 2013.**

Thomas gave an update on the responses to the survey that was sent out with the meeting agenda. The purpose of the survey was to seek input from the Advisory Committee on which of 9 subjects/topics were of the most interest to members to see the district work on in 2013 and which the committee would participate in.

He noted that the top three subjects/topics were:

Possible Subject	Yes	Rank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly Newspaper Colum/Article – <i>Goal would be 12 articles with CAC members identifying the topics, and possibly taking the lead on preparation of 1 article/column</i></li> </ul>	3	8, 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen Forum – Aquatic Invasive Species (zebra mussel, curly leaf, etc.)</li> </ul>	1	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen Forum – Carp its effects and control strategies</li> </ul>	1	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update cost-share/grant materials to get the message out better</li> </ul>	1	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outreach activities for schools and teachers</li> </ul>	2	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakeshore resident sessions on shoreline and backyard projects to improve water quality</li> </ul>	3	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Association Presentations – WQ past, present, and future</li> </ul>	2	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District wide newsletter – <u>help with identifying subject material</u></li> </ul>	3	5, 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNR factsheets on shoreline activities – <i>help with message and making them more localized</i></li> </ul>	2	6

The Committee then discussed and generally agreed the three activities listed above in yellow made sense to the group and the consensus was to go ahead and move forward with implementing them in 2013. Thomas commented that it was not the purpose of this meeting to begin work on the items but to reach agreement on if there were some activities that the Committee could reach agreement on. He further commented that he will begin to working on these activities and will be bringing things back for discussion and input on from the committee at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4) **Advisory Committee input on key messages for speakers at the March 9<sup>th</sup> AIS Workshop**

Thomas reviewed the speaker messages for an upcoming AIS workshop being held in partnership with the Carnelian Marine WD. Question to the group was if the speaker messages that he handed out were OK. General consensus was that the messages looked good. Thomas commented that once members had a chance to think about the message if they had anything more to add to let him know by next week (week of Feb 25<sup>th</sup>).

5) **Other**

6) **2013 Meeting Schedule**

2013 meeting schedule was discussed. Consensus was that the dates of June 13<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> were OK.

7) **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: June 13, 2013, 6:30 pm