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MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12 November 2019

Attachment 3

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Location: 2522 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

Commissioners in Attendance

Steve Eggert, Fridley; Betty Risdahl, Hilltop; Jeffrey Dains, Lauderdale; Kevin Reich, Minneapolis; Jerry Faust, St. Anthony Village; and Chris Meyer, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB).

Staff and Guests: Nick Busse, Max Dalton, Brett Eidem, Brittany Faust, Brian Jastram, Dan Kalmon, Michaela Neu, Jim Rudolph, Udai Singh and Doug Snyder MWMO; Glenda Meixell, Anoka Conservation District; Gudrun Lock, citizen; and Amy Juntunen, JASS.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Reich.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion by Dains, second by Eggert to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Dains, second by Faust to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Meeting

The meeting was opened at 3:04 p.m.

As MWMO begins the process to update its Watershed Management Plan, it is required to solicit comments and feedback from state agencies, member cities, counties and other stakeholders for items to be considered for inclusion in the Plan. The Board received the written comments provided and opened the meeting for any other public comments.

Gudrun inquired if the watershed was planning any projects for the Shoreham Train Yards. A VOC chemical leak recently occurred, leaching into the groundwater there. Citizens are concerned and interested in projects to beautify the area, as well as using plantings and trees to mitigate pollution spreading out of the train yards. A community meeting with MPCA and MnDoT is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at East Side Neighborhood services regarding the area. Reich is planning to attend the meeting. MWMO was not notified of the VOC leak but does have a pending project in the area and will update Gudrun when the second phase of the 1E watershed project begins.

The public meeting was closed at 3:09 p.m.

Reports from Staff

At the Board retreat it was discussed that, in addition to regular meetings, the Board would meet on the second Tuesday of even months from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for watershed planning. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 14 and regular Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of odd months from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

A new Projects and Outreach Coordinator has been hired, Nancy Stowe. Her background is in modeling and project development and is expected to be a good fit for the organization.

Staff anticipate requesting funding for the Islands of Peace Park restoration project at the January meeting. The project will convert large swaths of lawn to pollinator-friendly plantings. The project may also include consolidation of culverts to allow better fish passage on the back side of the island. This project is a partnership with Anoka County Parks.

The City of Minneapolis is interested in partnering to clean out more of the Old Bassett Creek Tunnel. Phase one of this project resulted in the City installing an access hatch in the street to reach an area for cleaning. Phase two will clean the 800 feet of pipe just north of the Phase one cleanout and would require installation of another access hatch. The City will install the hatch this winter. Sediment measurements in this area of the tunnel are 1-2 feet deep, so it is a high priority area for cleanout. Funding for this project will likely be requested at the January meeting.

Jastram provided an update on monitoring completed at the Edison High School tree trench, Towerside Reuse Facility, Jackson Pond project and the MWMO stormwater park.

In 2018 MWMO signed an MOU with the park Board and Wall Companies for the Towerside Phase II District Stormwater System and there is currently no infrastructure in the area. Wall Companies has determined setbacks and easements across their private land for stormwater and other green infrastructure and received approval from City of Minneapolis to move forward with their Phase One. Staff will likely request funding for a feasibility study at the January meeting.

General Business

Resolution 2019-042: Metro Transit Bus Garage Reuse. MWMO has been working in partnership with Metro Transit over the past three years to create a stormwater reuse system with their planned Heywood bus garage. The building will be constructed in 2020 in North Minneapolis and the system will consist of a 40,000 gallon cistern with a robust filtration system. The reuse system has been reviewed by staff of both organizations. The reuse system is above-and-beyond city stormwater management requirements for the re-development project and is likely to save up to 2.5 million gallons of potable water per year with a designed life of 25-30 years, though it's likely to last longer. Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-042 approving funding for the Metro Transit Bus Garage stormwater re-use project at a cost not-to-exceed \$400,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-0043: Lead PM RD Feasibility Study. MWMO staff began the Restorative Development Initiative (Integrated Utility Hub in 2017 with a goal of forming a coalition of public and private support to fund and participate in a feasibility study at a cost not-to-exceed \$865,000. To date, \$445,000 has been committed by partners and grants have been awarded. Due to the sun-setting of some grants in 2019, staff will begin the feasibility study in November. An RFQ was released and resulted in seven firms submitting qualifications for Lead Project Team. Motion by Eggert, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-043 approving a lead project team for the restorative development feasibility study at a cost not to exceed \$865,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-044: UV Treatment System and Shelter Agreements. MWMO has been working with the owners of the Towerside District Stormwater and reuse system and the MPRB to finalize installation of a UV treatment system and shelter to provide treated stormwater for irrigation in Towerside Park and the surrounding area. This treated water may reduce the demand on potable water by up to 1.4 million gallons annually. Approval of three agreements is needed: 1) assigning the use to private landowners, 2) allocating storage capacity to MPRB, and 3) providing owners with easements on MPRB land for future repair and maintenance. Motion by Meyer, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-044 approving three agreements for an ultraviolet treatment system and shelter in Towerside Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-045: Levy Certification. The levy represents a 0% increase over 2019, the fifth year in a row with no increase. Motion by Faust, second by Dains to approve Resolution 2019-045 approving the MWMO levy amount for FY 2020 of \$5,700,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Input

None.

Board Updates and Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Dains, second by Eggert to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Juntunen

Recording Secretary

Record of Motions

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