

CLFLWD CAC Meeting

May 17, 2016

Meeting Summary

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- Update on CLFLWD activities
 - BWSR conducted an audit on the Bixby Park grant at the CLFLWD office today
 - Bixby Park pre-construction drone flight videos can be accessed by searching “Bixby Park Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District” on YouTube.
 - Log lane pond project (east of third lake of Forest Lake) is moving forward and construction will begin next winter
 - New monthly coordination meetings with the City of Forest Lake have been a great way to facilitate our relationship with the City and their Public Works staff

- Update on Hilo Lane stake holder meeting held May 11th
 - CLFLWD held a neighborhood meeting on May 11th that was well attended (15-20 people) despite rain. Jerry expressed interested in drafting an informational flyer about the Hilo Lane project that can be sent to Forest Lake Lake Association members

- Continue discussion on Master Education/Communication Program for WSD
 - This was discussed briefly at the end due to lack of time and will be carried forward to the June CAC meeting

- Decide on one education activity to be undertaken in 2016
 - Mike Sorensen recently hosted a booth at the Forest Lake High School Agricultural Open House and was impressed at high school student’s ability to name aquatic invasive species (AIS). He later found out that AIS lessons related to AIS are taught in two different classes at the school.
 - Mike Kinney suggested starting next month’s CAC meeting with a discussion of where CLFLWD staff is at with regard to drafting a 2017 budget and work plan.

Discussion could then move to staff availability to implement education and outreach activities.

- CAC and CLFLWD staff will work together on drafting an education outreach plan.

- Forest Lake Schools bond activities for water quality improvement projects
 - The CLFLWD has an interest in working with local schools to implement BMPs onsite in conjunction with the RCWD as a large percentage of the CLFLWD student population resides within the CLFLWD. Unfortunately, remodeling of the Forest Lake High School already has a finalized design and construction plan that was submitted to the Rice Creek Watershed District for a permit without CLFLWD input, and the project is out for bid. Jack M. inquired about this with the school Finance Director, but was not able to get any kind of interest from this person. The CAC decided that it is likely best to not to try to change what is happening at the high school, but is interested in pursuing projects at other area schools that are either in the early planning stages or will be in the future.
 - To ensure that a partnership with the CLFLWD is considered during future planning periods at the High School, the CAC is interested in crafting a correspondence in conjunction with the Board of Managers saying something to the effect of: “We missed an opportunity to collaborate on the high school project and want to make sure that doesn’t happen again in the future”.
 - Action Items:
 - Mike Kinney offered to make a cover memo for the CLFLWD Board Packet that summarizes the issue
 - Jerry G. offered to reach out to Stev Stegner to confirm that the City of Forest Lake is communicating with the School district about the upcoming 17% reduction of municipal well water use. This may offer chances for the City, CLFLWD, and School District to collaborate with regard to water reuse projects.
 - Curt Sparks offered to contact some School Board members and learn more about the situation

- Other activities for the CAC to undertake in future
 - This was not discussed due to lack of time

- Other discussion topics
 - The attending CAC members agreed that they would be interested in holding subsequent meetings from 5:00-6:30 pm, rather than the normally scheduled

time of 6:00-7:30 pm. Jerry will check with all non-attending CAC members to see if this time would work.

- EMWREP Activities
 - EMWREP has recently held two successful landscaping workshops: one related to rural landscaping in Scandia and another related to urban landscaping at Vannellis in Forest Lake.
 - A Joint Lake Association meeting for northern Washington and southern Chisago County lakes will be held at the Scandia Community Center this Thursday (19th) at 6:30 pm. The meeting will cover different issues related to Eurasian Watermilfoil.
 - EMWREP will be hosting a booth at Arts in the Park in Forest Lake on July 19th. In addition, the FLLA will host a booth at all Arts in the Park events for the duration of the summer.

- Upcoming WD Board meetings and attendance
 - May 26, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at Forest Lake City Hall at 6:30 pm
 - June 2, 2016 – Special Board Meeting at CLFLWD office at 3:00 pm