

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 13th, 2023**

Present: Tom Furey, Jerry Grundtner, Mike Miron

Others: Manager Jackie Anderson, Beth Carreno, Aidan Read

1. Watershed Update

Mr. Read provided an update on activities around the District and the status of several programs and projects. A few items highlighted were ongoing AIS surveys for purple loosestrife and flowering rush, and the status of the residential cost-share program which has now had as many site visits in 2023 as all of last year.

2. Office Space

Beth Carreno, Senior Program Manager, provided an update on the District's office space survey and office needs evaluation. Ms. Carreno described several high-ranking items from the needs assessment including public meeting place, education facilities, and cost. A summary was provided of the survey process, the limited response rate, and the next steps.

Feedback from the Committee was received, including some negative comments on the quality of the survey which was distributed to CAC members. Curt Sparks provided an example of his experience using office space with diverse needs, including a multi-use lab space. Ms. Carreno described current office visioning from the consultant included a blend of single offices along with shared workspace, and that this seemed to be a good fit for modern hybrid workplaces. As part of a data-driven organization, usage data is being gathered from both staff and visitors to optimize any future office space.

3. Wake Boat Discussion

Mr. Read summarized the actions of the Board related to the CAC's wake boat discussion from last meeting, including the Board directive to contact staff from the Saint Anthony Falls laboratory to assist in future presentations on the subject.

Manager Jackie Anderson provided further context for the discussion and brought a proposal from the Comfort Lakes Association to hold a District wide presentation when the Phase II research is released by the UMN.

Members of the Committee felt it was too early to determine whether a District wide event should be held, but that once the research was released lake associations should be notified and consulted.

4. CAC Field Day Discussion

Mr. Read updated the Committee on his efforts to organize a shoreline tour of Bone Lake. A shoreline inventory of Bone Lake will be completed in early August, at which point planning a tour can proceed. The Bone Lake Association will be involved in this effort. Mr. Read will have further updates in August.

5. Closing and Selection of Chair

Ted Hansen was elected Chair in absentia for the August meeting.

Next regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, August 19th at 5:00pm. Manager Anderson is scheduled to attend the June meeting. The meeting will be held in-person with a hybrid option via Zoom.