



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

AGENDA MEMO

Date: June 8, 2016

To: BCWMC Commissioners

From: Laura Jester, Administrator

RE: Background Information for 6/16/16 BCWMC Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**
2. **CITIZEN FORUM ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION ITEM**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 19, 2016 Commission meeting- **ACTION ITEM with attachment**
- B. Approval of June 2016 Financial Report - **ACTION ITEM with attachment**
- C. Approval of Payment of Invoices - **ACTION ITEM with attachments (online)**
 - i. Keystone Waters, LLC – May 2016 Administrator Services
 - ii. Barr Engineering – May 2016 Engineering Services
 - iii. Amy Herbert – May 2016 Secretarial Services
 - iv. ACE Catering – June 2016 Meeting Refreshments
 - v. Wenck – May 2016 WOMP Monitoring
 - vi. Kennedy Graven – April Legal Services
 - vii. LMCIT – Insurance Payment
 - viii. Shingle Creek WMC – Metro Blooms Workshop Payment
- D. Approval of Theodore Wirth Welcome Center Utilities Plans – **ACTION ITEM with attachment** - *The proposed project consists of installation of watermain and sanitary sewer using directional boring, crossing approximately 7-ft. below the bottom of the Main Stem Bassett Creek channel in Theodore Wirth Park. The proposed project is part of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Adventure and Welcome Center project (BCWMC 2016-01) approved administratively by the BCWMC in April 2016. This proposed project results in no net change of impervious surface and no permanent floodplain impacts. Staff recommends approval of the proposed utility project.*

5. BUSINESS

- A. Consider Conditional Approval of Southwest Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Plans and Extension of Approval Expiration Date – **ACTION ITEM with attachment** - *Approximately two miles of the proposed Southwest LRT project corridor falls within the boundaries of the Bassett Creek watershed, in the City of Minneapolis; includes freight rail, light rail, paved trails, support facilities, and two stations; and includes 1.1 acres of new impervious surface in the watershed. As currently proposed, one of the three segments in the watershed does not meet stormwater rate control and water quality standards (MIDS). Additionally, the applicant requests that the expiration date of the approval be extended to December 2020, well beyond the BCWMC 2-year valid approval window. Staff recommends conditional approval with multiple comments in the attached memo.*
- B. Receive Update on Main Stem Bassett Creek Erosion Repair Project (2017CR-M) – **INFORMATION ITEM with attachment** – *Staff continues to take steps to properly dispose of contaminated soil during construction of the Main Stem Erosion Repair Project in Minneapolis in 2017. Recently the BCWMC and the City of Minneapolis submitted an application (attached) to Hennepin County for funds to prepare a response action plan (RAP) that will outline the specific approach to managing contaminated soil as part of the project. By preparing a RAP and obtaining MPCA-approval, the project may be eligible for cleanup funding through the Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grant to be submitted later this year.*
- C. Receive Update on Metro Blooms' Harrison Neighborhood Project – **INFORMATION ITEM no**

attachment – Metro Blooms is preparing for the boulevard bio-swale installations around the entire block containing Redeemer Lutheran Church on Glenwood Avenue. The work will happen July 5-15 with the Conservation Corps Youth Outdoors crews and with Step Up interns based at Redeemer Lutheran. The Minneapolis Park and Rec Board forestry team is removing all ash trees on the block and deep grinding all stumps prior to the project start date. The Redeemer Block Party is scheduled for August 17th and typically draws 800 residents. It will be an opportunity to engage the neighborhood and showcase the bio-swale installations.

- D. Consider Applying for Clean Water Fund Grants for 2017 Projects and Harrison Neighborhood Project - **DISCUSSION ITEM with attachment** – The request for proposals for Clean Water Fund grants will be released later in June and grant applications will be due in early August. Attached is last year's request for proposals (RFP). This year's RFP will have the same ranking criteria and similar application questions. The Commission should consider applying for Clean Water Funds for the 2017 Plymouth Creek and Main Stem restoration projects. Additionally, Metro Blooms is requesting that the Commission apply for Clean Water Funds for additional phases of the Harrison Neighborhood Project. Staff also notes that Hennepin County has grant funds available to help match and leverage CWF grants.
- E. Receive Update on Plans for Watershed Tour – **INFORMATION ITEM no attachment** – Commissioners should have received an official tour invitation via email. Staff is collecting registrations and coordinating with tour presenters, and will provide further updates at this meeting.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Administrator's Report – **INFORMATION ITEM with attachment**
- B. Chair
- C. Commissioners
- D. TAC Members
- E. Committees
- F. Legal Counsel

7. INFORMATION ONLY (Information online only)

- A. CIP Project Updates: Now Available Online <http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects>
- B. Grant Tracking Summary and Spreadsheet
- C. Clean Water Summit September 22nd, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Register at <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/2016cleanwatersummit.aspx>
- D. MWMO's "Water Wednesdays" Workshop Series (June 8, July 13, Aug 10): <http://mwmo.org/blog/introducing-water-wednesdays-new-summer-workshop-series/>
- E. WCA Notice of Application, Plymouth Commons, Plymouth
- F. WCA Notice of Application, Vrieze Property, Plymouth
- G. WCA Notice of Application, St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Plymouth

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- BCWMC Watershed Tour: Tuesday June 21st, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., Leaving from Golden Valley City Hall
- BCWMC APM/AIS Committee Meeting: Tuesday June 28th, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Golden Valley City Hall
- BCWMC Technical Advisory Committee Meeting: Tuesday June 28th, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Golden Valley City Hall
- Clean Water Summit: Thursday September 22nd, 9:00 – 4:30; Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; register at <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/2016cleanwatersummit.aspx>.