



## MINUTES

May 14, 2009

**I.** A meeting of the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Wayne Sicora on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 12:45 p.m., at Lancer at Edinburgh, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Present were: Della Young, Brooklyn Center; Dean Heng, Brooklyn Park; Janet Moore, Crystal; Tiffany Peterson, Maple Grove; Jeff Johnson, Minneapolis; Diane E. Stauner, New Hope; Dawn Swanson, Plymouth; Wayne Sicora, Robbinsdale; Charles LeFevere, Kennedy & Graven; Ed Matthiesen and Joe Bischoff, Wenck Associates, Inc.; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

**II.** A meeting of the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Della Young on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 12:46 p.m., at Lancer at Edinburgh, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, MN.

Present were: Della Young, Brooklyn Center; Dean Heng, Brooklyn Park; Mark Gustafson, Champlin; Tiffany Peterson, Maple Grove; Charles LeFevere, Kennedy & Graven; Ed Matthiesen and Joe Bischoff, Wenck Associates, Inc.; and Judie Anderson, JASS.

Also present: Shelley Schwaninger, Abiy Assefa, and Steve Lillehaug, Brooklyn Center; Kevin Larson, Brooklyn Park; Todd Tuominen, Champlin; Tom Mathisen, Crystal; Rick Lestina, Maple Grove; Dan Stauner, New Hope; Kyle Turner and Kevin Springob, Plymouth; and Richard McCoy, Robbinsdale.

**III.** The meetings were suspended to conduct a joint public hearing to take comment on a proposed amendment to the Shingle Creek/West Mississippi Second Generation Watershed Management Plan that adds the proposed Shingle Creek Restoration Regent to Noble project to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 2010.

**A.** The Commissioners received **Staff's May 7, 2009 memo** that discussed the major plan amendment process. The major plan amendment revising the CIP has completed the 60-day review process. The next step is this public hearing to take public comment.

**B.** The Chair **opened the public hearing** to receive comments from the reviewing agencies, member cities and the public.

**1.** Written comments were received from the following:

**a.** The **Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)** commented that the proposal was consistent with Commissions' strategies and compliant with Minnesota Rules and Statutes.

**b.** The **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)** supports the direction the Commissions are taking with the proposed amendment and will provide no further comment.

**c.** **Metropolitan Council** commented that the proposed amendment is consistent with their *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*.

**d.** The **City of Brooklyn Center** submitted the following comments:

1) *The City supports maintaining the maximum \$500,000 annual levy guideline and requests revisions be made to the project to maintain this maximum amount and not exceed it.*

2) *The City strongly recommends and requests that the watershed's monetary participation in this project be limited to and not exceed any portion north of Regent Avenue North. The area north of Regent Avenue North was recently improved and doesn't warrant further investment by the watershed to re-do or revise any recent improvements.*

3) *The City supports enhancing the green area and buffer to Shingle Creek including the possibility of a regional trail along the creek. Preserving the existing mature trees is an important element that must be given significant attention to ensure this screening and buffering is maintained and enhanced. The City understands that these planning and design elements will be addressed throughout the project's planning stages.*

Staff responded that the "visioning process" now underway for the Regent to Noble corridor is still in its early stages, and there are no specific project details available at this time. It is understood that Brooklyn Park does not intend for this project to "re-do" any of the improvements already in place upstream of Regent. The cost estimate used for the proposed amendment is based on average projects of similar length in other areas. The actual cost will depend on the selected design and will be developed in a feasibility study that will be part of the capital project public hearing process. When that process is completed and a more accurate cost estimate is known, the Commission will have enough information to evaluate the impact to the maximum \$500,000 annual levy guideline.

2. No comments were received from the public.

3. The Commission continued with discussion of the project.

- Funds expended to date for planning have been provided by Hennepin County. The plan amendment is for funding water quality improvements within the channel.
- Moore stated she did not like seeing the project impacting ground water, did not want trees to be taken down.
- Matthiesen: Any tree removal would be done very judiciously.
- Mathisen: There will be no digging in the water table.
- The ground water is about 14 feet below the ground surface. If a basin has a large enough footprint the pond can extend into the ground water, allowing for a permanent water pool.
- Dan Stauner: [This] seems to be a redevelopment project, not a water quality project.
- Hennepin County and the cities will take the lead since it is a redevelopment project.
- Dan Stauner: There should be some caveat in the plan.
- It is up to the city to identify 75% of the funding.
- Larson indicated his city is not trying to identify a redevelopment scenario.
- It is currently a straight channel; one of the options is for this to become a meandering channel.
- Diane Stauner: Do we have to add burden to the 2010 CIP? Could it be in the 2011 CIP?
- LeFevere: Changing years does not require a plan amendment; we're not committing to do something in 2010. Certification decision will be made in September. Putting [it in] the CIP sets it up for possible levy. Can be deferred almost indefinitely.

**C.** The hearing was closed at 1:10 p.m.

**D.** Motion by Peterson, second by Gustafson to recess the regular meeting of the West Mississippi Watershed Management Commission to after the regular meeting of the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV.** The regular meeting of the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission resumed at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary

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