



## **JUNE 4, 2011 WLA COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION MINUTES (APPROVED 8/17/11)**

**Location:** Waterbrooke Fellowship Church, 8725 Church Lake Blvd, Victoria, MN 55386

**Date:** Saturday, June 4, 2011

**Time:** 8:30 to 10:45 AM

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- 8:30 am Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome and Introduction: President Joe Fiedler and John Hayes
- 9:15 am Instructions for Large and Small Group Brainstorming Sessions: Alex Gehrig
- 9:30 am Large Group Discussions – Identify Outcomes
- 10:00 am Small Groups Discussions – Action Planning
- 10:30 am Small Groups Report to Large Group
- 10:45 am Wrap Up and Next Steps

### **Agenda Topics and Discussion:**

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction:**

- i. President Joe Fiedler called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and reviewed WLA actions
  1. WLA was organized by concerned lakeshore owners
  2. There are 15 property owners on Wassermann Lake
  3. WLA was incorporated in December 2010 as a nonprofit corporation
  4. Vision, Mission, Articles of Incorporation and By Laws were approved
  5. Our Lake Management Plan Committee is working with Minnesota Waters to develop a Wasserman Lake Management Plan for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.
  6. Survey results for Wassermann Lake were:
    - a. Most used for: boating, fishing and swimming
    - b. Liked most for: quiet, serenity, up north feel
    - c. Concerned about: water quality, algae, invasive species, carp, zebra
- ii. John Hayes presented background information about Wassermann Lake including:
  1. 11 of 15 property owners (73%) are members of WLA
  2. Wassermann Lake is about 150 Acres, 40 feet deep and flows through Six Mile Creek into Halsted's Bay
  3. Future lake developments will have a 100 foot city owned buffer zone
  4. There is sparse boat traffic for fishing and water skiing
  5. Wildlife includes many varieties of water birds and a variety of fish
  6. Wassermann Lake water quality received a "D" rating. High levels of phosphorous in the bottom sediment is stirred up by a large carp population and promotes an excessive algae bloom.
  7. One solution is to reduce the carp population
  8. The mission of the Wassermann Lake Association is *"to restore, protect and preserve the Wasserman Lake water quality and manage invasive aquatic species."*

#### **iii. Instructions for Large and Small Group Brainstorming Sessions: Alex Gehrig**

1. Alex Gehrig, Program Coordinator from Minnesota Waters, described the large and small group brainstorming processes we will use



2. During the large group session, all attendees will list their top three concerns and goals for protecting and improving the lake on Post-Its.
3. Small discussion groups will summarize outcomes, obstacles and activities on the top collective large group goals

## 2. Large Group Results

### i. Challenges in priority order and Votes Received:

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| 1. Aquatic Invasive Species | 12 |
| 2. Water Quality            | 6  |
| 3. Land Use                 | 5  |
| 4. Fish Management          | 2  |
| 5. Public Access            | 2  |
| 6. Other                    | 2  |
| 7. Aquatic Vegetation       | 1  |

## 3. Small Group Discussion Reports

### i. Hillary Patz Reported on challenges 1 and 2

#### 1. Improving Water Quality

##### a. Outcomes to obtain this goal

- i. Improve water quality rating from grade D- to grade B within 5 years.

##### b. Obstacles to attaining outcomes are overcome by:

- i. Reduce phosphorus by removing carp
- ii. Remove carp: hire another more experienced team, WLA involvement by researching means of carp removal

##### c. Measures of success

- i. Capture the remaining 69,000 pounds of carp within 12 months.
- ii. Improving trend in annual water quality rating

##### d. Activity/Program

- i. Hillary Patz and Leslie Yetka will determine the MCWD carp removal plan by contacting Bill Olson, Yvette Christianson and Ledie ???. Report at August 17 Annual Meeting.
- ii. Stan Rud and John Hayes will take an active roll in determining best method of removing carp within 12 months, Discuss with Steve McComas (author of Lake and Pond Management Guidebook) and Peter Sorenson who is doing Carp research at the U of M and report recommendations at Annual Meeting.

#### 2. Managing Aquatic Invasive Species

##### a. Outcomes to obtain this goal

- i. Create and implement an AIS vegetation control plan
- ii. Create and implement a zebra mussel prevention plan

##### b. Obstacles to attaining outcomes are overcome by:

- i. Determine best prevention practices. Contact Bill Olson for Lake Minnetonka data.
- ii. Carp removal may increase clarity and promote milfoil growth.

##### c. Measures of success

- i. To be determined

##### d. Activity/Program

- i. To be Determined



ii. John Hayes Reported on challenge 3 and Erosion

1. Land use & Zoning

a. **Outcomes** to obtain this goal

- i. Keep the views from the lake (i.e., mostly marshes and forest) from changing due to development.
- ii. Limit the number of new docks on the lake, consistent with maintaining the current views.
- iii. Accommodate the expected increase in local population and with that, the increase in recreational pressure on the lake with minimal impact to the existing ambiance.

b. **Obstacles** to attaining outcomes are overcome by:

- i. We don't know what specific intentions have been expressed by the land owners and their representative in discussions the city. Nor do we know if there are any implied or express agreements between developers and the city.
- ii. While there is a proposed green zone between the lake and future development, is it possible that the green zone will be altered or eliminated. Would the city agree to remove the green zone in exchange for other concessions or incentives from developers?
- iii. What is the buffer zone likely to look like? Will it provide a visual barrier between the lake and development?
- iv. How can WLA have a voice in the development process?
- v. What lake access will be granted to the owners of the developed properties, e.g., common dock areas, swimming beaches, parks along the shoreline?
- vi. What are the current proposals on locations of regional and local trails?
- vii. Could improvements to the existing landing be an alternative to additional landing or access points, if such are anticipated.

c. **Measures** of success

- i. Seasonal photos of the lake views, repeated annually to compare for detectable change

d. **Activity/Program**

- i. Develop a strategic plan for land use
- ii. Obtain information from City of Victoria on proposed developments and the city's position on development restrictions. Scott Patz to contact Holly Kreft at the City for information and provide a report at the June 17<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.
- iii. Obtain information from the Watershed District on its position and restrictions on future development adjacent to the lake. Seek information on requirements on directing storm water vis-à-vis the lake. Kathy Raiola to contact James Wisker for information and provide a report at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.



- iv. Obtain information from land owners / developers on their intentions. John Hayes and Joe Fiedler to coordinate and contact one or two, each, and provide a report at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- v. Obtain an example document on influencing land use and development from Minnesota Waters. John Hayes to follow up with Alex Gehrig and provide to Committee at June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- vi. WLA Committee on Land Use and Development formed, consisting of Joe Fiedler, Kathy Raiola, Scott Patz and John Hayes. Committee to develop a strategic plan for influencing future development adjacent to the lake (timing TBD). Committee to meet June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Waterbrooke Fellowship Church, 6:30 pm.

2. Shore Erosion

- a. **Outcomes** to obtain this goal
  - i. Stabilize areas that are eroding
  - ii. Identify areas that are eroding
- b. **Obstacles** to attaining outcomes are overcome by:
  - i.
  - ii.
- c. **Measures** of success
  - i.
  - ii.
- d. **Activity/Program**
  - i. Conduct a survey of the lakeshore property owners to identify sites where owners are aware of erosion issues. Joe Fiedler to initiate the survey and report at the next Committee meeting.
  - ii. Identify cost sharing resources for erosion control projects. Kathy Raiola to contact Minnesota Waters and report on findings at the next Committee meeting.

4. **Wrap Up and Next steps Update:**

- i. Summarize results and incorporate into the Lake Management Plan draft.
- ii. Next LMP meeting will be in September

5. **Adjourn Meeting**

- i. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Stan Rud

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Stan Rud'.

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