



Minneapolis  
Park & Recreation Board

# Cedar-Isles CAC Meeting #7

*Water Quality Discussion Cont.*

Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# Agenda

6:00-6:05pm

Meeting Introduction

6:05-6:50pm

CAC Discussion on Water Quality

- Water Quality strategies proposed  
within design concepts

6:50-7:00pm

Public Comment Time

# CAC Group Agreement

1. Assume good intent
2. One conversation: respect the speaker, actively listen
3. Value different perspectives
4. Speak from your experience
5. Be respectful even if you don't agree
6. Step up, step back

# MPRB Public Online Forum Guidelines

1. Webinar format for the meeting
2. The chatbox will be open and viewable to CAC members and members of the public
3. CAC Members will be invited to speak during the CAC Discussion
4. The public will be invited to speak during the Public Comment Period
5. We are not recording this meeting

# January 11<sup>th</sup> Discussion: Suggested high level Water Quality Recommendations

- **Recommendation to create a lake management plan for both lakes**
  - Able to identify key issues and develop goals, priorities, and an implementation plan to improve water quality

## Watershed Partnership Focus

- **Recommendation to re/establish a watershed-level collaboration amongst government agencies**
  - Group to develop and implement a plan to address Water Quality

# Next Step with High Level Recommendations

- **CAC Member Anna Eleria take the lead on further outlining high level Water Quality recommendations**
  - Support from CAC members Drew McGovern, Nan Dreher, and Constance Pepin

# Discussion on improvements in park concepts

- **General interest in expanding littoral edge**
  - Potentially focus littoral expansion in specific areas that do not impact existing paths, trails, or water access
- **Differences in opinion on the ecological impact of nature-based solutions compared to in-lake treatments**
  - Focusing treatment/dredging near pipeshed outfalls, which could be less intrusive to the lake's ecology
  - Best strategies to clean what is already in the lake versus best strategies to mitigate future pollutants that will run into the lake

# Pending Questions

- What is the cleaning schedule for Cedar Meadows Wetlands (planned versus reality)?
  - Is dredging part of the routine maintenance? Is the wetland overdue for maintenance to function to its full potential?
- What is MPRB's position on dredging?
- Will there be a master plan goal to achieve measurable increases in water quality that can be monitored and reported to the public?
  - If yes, what are the measurable goals that the plan seeks to achieve? If not, why not?
- Will the plan address street/boulevard runoff into the Lakes? How?

# Issues on people's minds

Relationship between recreational opportunities and water quality strategies

- Boardwalks
- Turf lawn vs woodland restoration or prairie plantings
- Littoral edge expansion
- Floating islands

In-lake water quality strategies and considerations

- In-lake treatments (ie alum, dredging)
- Pipe runoff

What else?

# How to share your feedback

- **Share your feedback verbally:**
  - Up to 1 minute
  - Write "YES" in the chatbox and staff will invite you to unmute and turn on camera
- **Share your feedback through writing:**
  - Write your feedback in the chatbox



**THANK YOU for participating!**

**Questions or comments?**

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