

Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes
March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Angie Binder – Chair, Dick Eason - Vice Chair, Jay Campbell, Tom Coker, Dave Patterson, Bill Gondrez, Janet Marlow, Daniel Widrich

Absent: Dennis Dechant

Staff Present: Greg Baker, Leiana Baker, Tim York, Rory Franklin, James DeHerrera, Marshall Brown, Swirvine Nyirenda,

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Approval of February 8, 2022 Minutes

The February 8, 2022, minutes were approved.

2. Introductions/Public Invited to be Heard

None.

3. New/Old Business

None.

4. Communications Update

None.

5. Nonfunctional Turf Ordinance

T. York gave a presentation. The Mayor will present this item to the Water Policy Committee and to Council. J. Campbell asked, is that 10 feet or wider on the curb side? T. York replied, the 10 feet wide is the distance from the sidewalk to the curb. T. Coker asked, regarding no more new golf courses, is Kings Points grandfathered? M. Brown replied, yes. T. Coker what would be the water source, M Brown potentially groundwater, as well as a sustainable water source. D. Eason – Ordinance Section 3 – city employees aren’t subject to fine. G. Baker stated he will ask city attorney for a response and share it via email to the committee. D. Eason what is the comparison cost for turf and non-turf. T. York replied, it was less than \$1,000 per landscape during a previous study. D. Eason asked, can low water use warm grasses be used for golf courses? T. York replied, warm season grasses don’t tolerate foot traffic well. A. Binder asked, what about trees and are there recommendations on type of trees? T. York replied, the ordinance doesn’t impact planting trees. Forestry department would have more information on tree types. D. Widrich asked, how can we better irrigate trees? T. York replied, irrigating with drip irrigation and/or low flow irrigation and move the irrigation as the tree grows out to the tree canopy edge. A Binder asked, where are

we on the timing of the ordinance? M. Brown replied, it's going to study session in May. A Binder asked, is Aurora the first municipality to do this? M. Brown replied, yes and other municipalities are looking at doing this.

Action: Does the Committee support the Ordinance? Committee voted unanimously to support the Ordinance.

6. Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP) Overview

J. DeHerrera gave a presentation. D. Eason asked, what is Everst and Walker? J. DeHerrera replied, they are gravel pit storage reservoirs within the North Campus System. J. Campbell asked, how much do you get into fees down the road in the IWMP? J. DeHerrera replied, there will be a 20 year capital improvement plan. A. Binder asked, do we do any kind of projection or forecast on the non-functional turf and how to use that in the IWMP? M. Brown replied, some of the conservation goals is to come up with about 10% additional water savings and that's built into some of our planning in the IWMP.

7. Review Follow-up Questions Generated at this Meeting

G. Baker will reach out to the city attorney regarding the Ordinance Section 3 regarding city employees aren't subject to fine and report back to the committee. City Attorney response: Section 3, penalty is intended to protect City employees from being prosecuted/subjected to the general penalty (\$2650 fine, and up to a year in jail) for mistakes in administering the City Code.

8. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Hybrid meeting Aspen room.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Angie Binder, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

Adopted: April 12, 2022