**CWOC Advisory Committee Meeting 8/27/12**

**Agenda items:**

1. **Report outs on spring and summer events and restoration work**

* **Site restoration-invasives removals, plantings**
* **Volunteer activities**
* **Trail work**
* **Interpretive guide**
* **Teacher training**

1. **School forest**

**What should our (CWOC advisory committee) participation with these schools be**

**Getting them started in how to use CWOC**

**What are the barriers/how can they be addressed – time, transportation,training**

**Emphasize subject integration**

**3.  Brainstorming how can we strengthen the CWOC committee**

**increase membership**

**formalize-mission statement, brochure, structure**

**Mission statement**

**Provide advice and guidance to St Paul Parks and Recreation staff and their partners in the development of the Como Woods Outdoor classroom. Such guidance could include: ???? (do we want this or keep it more open ended) Serve as a facilitator of information flow about the development of the outdoor classroom to the local community and local leaders including the Como Wood website.**

**Structure**

**Stakeholder groups represented on CWOC advisory committee. OPEN=representative needed**

**Local community Jennifer, Betsy, Sally and OPEN**

**District 10 Sarah Jane**

**School-elementary OPEN**

**School-middle Tim**

**School-high school OPEN**

**College Joan**

**Natural resource agency Teri, Ginger**

**Environmental education Josh**

**Park & Rec-natural resources Adam**

**Park & Rec-education Jessie**

**Other P/R ee sites OPEN**

**(Bruce Vento, Lilydale)**

**Officers:**

**Chairperson-serves in a three year term or longer if acceptable to majority**

**Secretary-serves in three year team, assists webmaster with providing web updates**

**Webmaster-maintains website with the intent of moving towards a structure where all committee members can easily assist with providing current information**

**How can you be involved?**

* **Visit our website for contact information** [**www.comowoodland.org**](http://www.comowoodland.org)
* **Educators-bring your class to the woodland. Call Park and Recreation for a FREE permit at 651-632-5111**
* **Come to our every other month committee meetings on the last Monday of the month. Location TBD, see website**

**(August, October, December, February, April, June)**

**Other items**

**Josh-status of EE training sessions**

Upcoming CWOC events -

***Monday, August 27th, 11:15am-3:15pm -*** Northwestern College 50 Students - mulching, planting, and brush hauling

***Saturday, September 8th, 9:00am - 11:00am*** - Hiram College 20 Students - Mulching & Planting

***Saturday, September 22nd, 8:30am - 11:30 -*** Xcel Energy 30 volunteers - Planting

***Thursday, September 27th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm -*** Medtronic 30-50 volunteers - Planting