**CWOC Advisory Committee Agenda**

**August 26, 2013 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Attendees: Jennifer, Josh, Joan, Ginger, Deb, Teri, Megan**

1. **Web update Teri/Jennifer**

**Plans for website to new platform, webly.**

**Before getting into the new site we discussed again what the city intentions are. Note Megan gave this her best info but the best person on this is Faith who was not there. We as a citizen advisory committee will not have access to a city website so cannot update. We discussed what might be the minimum on the city website and the fact that all this can be duplicated at the CWOC site, multiple areas to find info is fine.**

* **Map**
* **Historical write up (Sharon’s work through MHS grant, final still a year out)**
* **Natural resources write up (Josh’s work through MHS grant, final still a year out)**
* **How to get a permit**
* **Volunteering (COMMENT-NOT EASY TO FIND)**
* **Link to comowoodland.org**

**Discussed what the new site will look like, major tabs.**

**Intended audience is teachers and public secondary.**

**ACTION: look for email from Jennifer to group with suggested structure and assignments as for looking at what content in that section needs to be moved over and what new is needed. Jennifer wants to get this all done by end of September.**

1. **Update on historical and field guide. Megan/Josh**

**Josh shared the post locations, which posts will also have historical info along with natural resource info (about 6), draft outline for natural resources field guide, and a sample write up for one post. ACTION: Josh will send each of us in separate emails the write ups for the 25-30 posts. Get info back to Josh-NOTE this is NOT an editorial review (capitalization, commas, citations-that will be done by an editor later) but look at the big picture, to the posts as a whole tell the CWOC story, its diversity. TIMELINE-Josh needs to have all our edits by Sept 18 so he can incorporate and present on September 23.**

**NOTE: there will be a presentation by Josh and Sharon on their respective research and development of the natural resources and historical field guides on MONDAY SEPT 23 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the SPPR office on Hamline and Jessamine. This work has been supported by a MN Historical Society grant. A second grant will be applied for to complete the writing, editing, and layout so the final product is still about a year away.**

1. **What are our school forest partners plans for the 2013-14 school year at CWOC? (I sent an email asking for info to Murray, Great River, Crossroads) Teri**

Murray

Continuing to teach his new 8th grade env studies class that visits the CWOC monthly Jan-May collecting phenology data including data for Project Bud Burst.  He is also pursuing with the DNR School Forest staff establishing College Park, adjacent to the school as another school forest site for ease of proximity.

Great River School

\*Investigating invasive species and their impact on biodiversity (Sheila)

\*Using a dichotomous key to identify conifers (Sheila)

\*Finding the biomass of Bur Oak trees in a section of CWOC (Sheila)

\*collecting data on the trees planted in the spring by the A1 (Sheila)

\*if time, a deeper soil sample of the potential ephemeral pond (Sheila)

\*species diversity comparison (Tami)

\*Earthworm study (Tami)

\*pond studies on lake (Tami)

\*urban forestry (Tami)

\*individual investigations (Tami)

1. **Work in the woodland this fall? Megan**

**SPPR-bid going out on propagation garden this fall, posts will be installed with numbering likely in spring.**

**Plantings-small projects, no large public planting but CWOC advisory committee is welcome to join in on smaller projects, please notify us.**

1. **Celebration-proposing changing date to spring. Teri**
2. **Upcoming meeting dates**

**MEETINGS ARE USUALLY LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30-7:45 OR 8:00**

**October 28—St. Anthony Park Library**

**December 16-St Anthony Park Library**

**Feb 24-location TBD**

**April 28—location TBD**

**June 23-annual potluck celebration at CWOC**