Citizen Advisory Committee Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to review all Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) applications, in order to fairly and consistently select CAC members. The CAC Membership Policy and Code of Conduct may be found at www.mwmo.org/cac.html.

Name: Mary Fitzgerald
Position applied for: At-Large (Minneapolis)
The position is currently: ☒ Open ☐ Filled
Status: ☒ New applicant ☐ Incumbent ☐ Former member

The applicant:
☒ Resides in the MWMO
☐ Resides in a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
☐ Employer or employee in the MWMO
☐ Employer or employee from a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
☐ Resides outside of the MWMO

Current or past involvement with MWMO:

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Comments:

☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended
MWMO Citizen Advisor Application

Personal Contact Information

Name: Mary Fitzgerald

Address: 2201 Fillmore St NE Unit 2, Minneapolis MN 55418

Home Phone: 651-468-5407

Cell Phone: 651-468-5407

Work Phone: 651-792-7956

Email: mary.fitzgerald@rmwmd.org

Occupation: District Inspector

Employer: Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District

Preferred Method of Contact:

☑ Email □ Home Phone □ Cell Phone □ Work Phone

Availability for Meetings:

☑ Weekdays ☑ Weeknights □ Weekends

Please answer the questions on the following page.
MWWO CITIZEN ADVISOR APPLICATION

Application Questions

Please answer the questions below as fully as you can. The text boxes will expand as you type.

1. Why would you like to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee? (Please answer completely.)

I would like to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee so that I can be more aware of the water issues in my neighborhood, and to utilize my education and professional experience to help alleviate these water issues. I have a passion for protecting the environment and I believe being an active community member is one of the many necessary steps in combating climate change.

2. Describe your background, interests and expertise that would support your involvement with the CAC, such as experience in natural resources, education, government, planning, community engagement, etc. Include any applicable experience with civic, professional, community and volunteer organizations. (Please attach a resume. Resumes are not required, but assist staff in reviewing applications.)

In 2018 I graduated from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management. This degree exposed me to a plethora of topics related to natural resources, including how communities can combat climate change, how to get children involved in the environment, and what local level steps are necessary to keep our communities resilient. A majority of my curriculum involved hands-on real-world projects – like improving the natural resource volunteer program for the City of Roseville, conducting a cost-benefit analysis for solar panel ownership, and working with the North Minneapolis community on how solar energy can improve their economic vitality. In addition to my studies, I worked as a Research Assistant for the Center for Changing Landscapes research lab on the St. Paul Campus. In this role I had the opportunity to interview minority community members to understand how environmental practices can be better integrated into their cultural traditions. My current position with the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District exposes me to many current water-related problems we are facing in the metro area, and as an Inspector I have field experience working with contractors, community members and volunteers.

3. How did you hear about this opportunity?

☐ MWMO Website  ☐ Neighborhood Group
☐ Email  ☐ Current/Former CAC Member
☐ Newsletter  ☐ Other: Click here to enter text.

4. Have you participated in other MWMO programs or projects?

☐ Stewardship Fund Program  ☐ View from the Big River
MWMO CITIZEN ADVISOR APPLICATION

☐ Capital Improvement Project    ☐ Other: Click here to enter text.

5. Do you have interest in other opportunities at the MWMO? (helping with outreach events, contributing to newsletters, etc.)?

Please list:

Click here to enter text.

I certify that the above information is correct.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: 12/18/2019
Please return completed and signed application to:

Tammy Schmitz  
Stewardship and Community Outreach Specialist  
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization  
2522 Marshall Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418-3329

Include a Letter of Support with your application. These letters can come from your city, a neighborhood group or a civic organization in the area where you reside and with which you are involved. Applications are accepted year-round and open positions may be filled throughout the year. Applications to replace incumbents are due by Dec. 15. Applications are reviewed by the MWMO staff and the MWMO Executive Committee using the CAC Selection Criteria, and are approved by the MWMO Board of Commissioners. Appointment is for one year and is renewable annually. After appointment, all CAC members will be asked to sign the CAC Code of Conduct agreement. To review the Citizen Advisory Policy, Code of Conduct and Selection Criteria, visit: mwmo.org/cac.

Contact

Tammy Schmitz  
Stewardship and Community Outreach Specialist  
tschmitz@mwmo.org  
612-746-4988
Mary Fitzgerald

2201 Fillmore St. NE Unit 2 Minneapolis, MN 55418 | 651-468-5407 | fitzg331@umn.edu

Education

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE | DECEMBER 2018 | UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES | GPA: 3.83/4.00

Major: Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management with an emphasis in Policy, Planning, Law and Society.
Minor: Park and Protected Area Management

Relevant Coursework

- Sustainable Housing-Community, Environment, and Technology
- Environmental Law, Policy, and Human Behavior
- Problem Solving for Environmental Change
- Professional Communication for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment
- Environmental Conflict Management, Leadership, and Planning

Fellowship | November 2017-April 2018 | University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | CFANS Policy Engagement Program

Objective: Taught the purposes of Departmental legislation, policies, and procedures; identifying the roles of elected and appointed officials throughout the public policy arena; and understanding the purposes and effectiveness of federal programs, including health, environmental and safety.

Certification | 2018 | National Association of Interpretation | Certified Interpretive Guide

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS | MAY 2016 | INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Degree: Associate of Liberal Arts. GPA: 3.89/4.00

Work Experience

DISTRICT INSPECTOR | RAMSEY-WASHINGTON METRO WATERSHED DISTRICT | NOVEMBER 2019 - PRESENT
District Inspection Intern April 2019-October 2019

- Conduct inspections at active construction sites to ensure Construction Stormwater permit requirements are being met, and create reports with findings.
- Conduct Stewardship Grant maintenance inspections to ensure BMPs are functioning properly, and provide technical assistance to those who need it.
- Attend meetings with contractors, city staff members, engineer firms and other partners to ensure all Watershed District responsibilities and requirements are met.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CENTER FOR CHANGING LANDSCAPES | SEPTEMBER 2017-APRIL 2019

- Research design assistance to natural resource agencies, nonprofit organizations, and communities in Minnesota and beyond
- Produce supplemental research publications including brochures, memos, PowerPoints, and letters for a variety of audiences.
- Recruit research participants via phone, email and door-to-door methods and effectively communicate their responsibilities to ensure human subject research guidelines.

Internship Experience

HORTICULTURE INTERN | CARPENTER NATURE CENTER | June 2017 -August 2017

- Research organic apple orchard procedures to decrease the use of chemicals by 15% throughout orchard.
- Manage over 2,000 apple trees independently which includes pruning, hand-thinning, grooming, pest-management, harvesting and selling of the product.
- Greet and give instructions to volunteers to ensure they have an enjoyable and productive experience.
20 December 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

As Manager of the Beltrami Community Garden, the Beltrami Neighborhood Council would like to extend our support to Mary Fitzgerald and her application for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's Citizen Advisory Committee. Mary has been a gardener for the last two years and has been a stellar example of what really makes the community aspect of the garden. In addition to regular plot maintenance and chores, she has gone above and beyond researching compost bins and providing that as an option for all gardeners. Mary is an excellent community member, helping others when needed, and providing feedback to continuously improve the gardening and neighborhood experience. We look forward to having her back in the Beltrami Community Garden, and we strongly recommend her for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization's Citizen Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mike Ferrin
Executive Director

Beltrami Neighborhood Council
612-229-8480 - office@discoverbeltrami.org - discoverbeltrami.org
Tammy Schmitz

From: Reich, Kevin A. <Kevin.Reich@minneapolismn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Tammy Schmitz
Cc: Douglas Snyder
Subject: RE: Your Review Requested: MWMO CAC Applicant

Caution: This email originated outside our organization; please use caution.

Tammy,

Mary Fitzgerald looks to be a very qualified candidate for this appointment and I’m fully in support.

Regards,
Kevin

From: Tammy Schmitz <TSchmitz@mwmo.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Reich, Kevin A. <Kevin.Reich@minneapolismn.gov>
Cc: Douglas Snyder <DSnyder@mwmo.org>
Subject: Your Review Requested: MWMO CAC Applicant

Good Afternoon Commissioner Reich,
We have a new Minneapolis applicant for the MWMO Citizen Advisory Committee. Her name is Mary Fitzgerald and an At-Large position is currently open that she could fill. Mary is a resident in the Beltrami Neighborhood.

Could you let me know if you are comfortable with me recommending her appointment to the Board of Commissioners? Her application, resume and a Letter of Support are attached for your review.

In addition to her professional skills, Mary’s has been involved in research that included interviewing minority leaders about how environmental practices could be incorporated into their cultural traditions. From my perspective, this could be a valuable perspective to bring into grant reviews.

Thank you very much—

Tammy Schmitz
Stewardship and Community Outreach

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(612) 746-4970 office

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