

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair

Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary

John Austin

Dennis Bartow

Bob Batky

Steve Britz

Pete Keenan

Cheryl Rehrig

Gary Taylor

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator

Members of the Public

Gary Cannon Jocelyn Wardrup
Janet Strickler Nancy _____

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M. All persons present introduced themselves, and Susie introduced another potential new CAC member, Janet Strickler.

CIB UPDATE

Chris Bason spoke of the new Watershed Coordinator, Dr. Emily Seldenridge, and of CIB's partnering with DNREC and others to assess the many actions being worked on. The next State of the Bays Report will be released in October 2016.

Sally Boswell announced the second Living Shorelines workshop coming up on March 16-17, with 5 marine contractors who work in the Inland Bays, plus about 10 landscape people including Cheryl Rehrig. She also spoke of the Clean Water initiative, saying that legislation will be introduced next year.

Chris Bason finished the update with oyster news including Don't Chuck Your Shucks, the Shellfish Enhancement Plan, and Aquaculture.

BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 6:22 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Britz moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2016. Dennis Bartow seconded. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Susie Ball announced again that three potential new CAC members were present. She then announced the resignation of Shirley Price from the CAC, and said that the CAC was very grateful to Shirley for her long service.

Members talked about the format of Updates and Presentations, and agreed that these should not preferably not be doubled up due to the lengthiness of meetings. Members do want to hear from Bob with an update on James Farm. A presentation from Sally on invasives may be in order, as well as one about open spaces.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – Sally provided notes from the meeting on February 18, 2016, of the Outreach Committee, at which its roles, and the roles of the Love Creek Committee, were clarified. "Your Creek" teams will transition to "Friends of ..." teams, with support and education from CIB including facilitation of Facebook page set ups for each team. The Outreach Committee will focus on issues relevant to current CAC issues. Most recently, CIB presented an award to a 6th grader who did a Science Fair project on Edible Halophytes.

Residential Turf Fertilization

Susie provided a report of the history of the Committee up through the recent discussion with Secretary of Agriculture Kee regarding legislation to regulate turf fertilization. Steve Britz moved that the CAC recommend to the CIB Board that CIB support legislation regulating the use of nitrogen and phosphorus application in line with sister states. Gary Taylor seconded; all were in favor.

CAC Diversity

Susie will look over the guidelines to see how the CAC is doing regarding alignment with the matrix for diversity.

Bacterial Contamination

Steve Britz submitted a report on bacterial contamination in the creeks leading into the Inland Bays and recommended that DNREC design and implement detailed studies, along with control studies, to identify types, relative amounts, and sources of enteric bacteria in these waterways. Dennis Bartow moved to send this report on to CIB's Executive Committee for consideration, and, if approved, to the CIB Board. John Austin seconded; all were in favor.

Meeting ADJOURNED 7:33 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2016. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary.