



CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2016

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary
John Austin
Dennis Bartow

Steve Britz
Gary Cannon
Gary Taylor

Absent – Jocelyn Wardrup

CIB Staff Present

Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Bob Collins, Program Manager

Members of the Public

Ian Kaufman Andrew McGowan Janet Strickler

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

PRESENTATION

Dennis Bartow, Susie Ball, and Environmental Scientist Andrew McGowan presented "Horseshoe Crabs, Red Knots, and Citizen Science", coinciding with the peak of the May crab activity and count.

BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Susie Ball announced the resignation of Bob Batky from the CAC, and said that the CAC was very grateful to Bob for his long service to the CAC and CIB. Bob is moving from the area.

Susie also announced that the CIB Board approved Gary Cannon and Jocelyn Wardrup as CAC members. She then introduced Ian Kaufman who has an interest in joining the CAC. She also urged everyone to attend the Clean Water Rally in Dover on June 7 at 10 A.M. Other upcoming events include a rally on May 21 on North Inlet at 11:45 against seismic drilling and blasting off shore, and the Inland Bays Cleanup on 6/11 at 9 A.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – The Outreach Committee met on 4/4/16. Recent presentations include Susie Ball to the Old Landing Woods HOA and Sally Boswell to Mulberry Knoll. There was a discussion of the Dorman tract development, for 378 units in the Love Creek watershed, which is resulting in major deforestation along creek banks, and will add a great many vehicle trips to the area. This was the subject of an editorial in the Gazette on 5/13/16. Sally suggested we put links to such articles on the website under Friends of Love Creek.

There was very little response to our letter to most HOAs in the watershed, so this line of outreach will be abandoned. Interpersonal communication works better, such as the Living Shorelines booth at the Native Plant Sale. Gary Cannon suggested we contribute press releases to papers and to HOAs. Other ideas: Maddy Lauria article on lawn impacts? Monthly bulletin? NPR spot? Livable Lawns talks at plant stores? Susie tabled discussion to New Business.

Residential Turf Fertilization

The working group met on 4/29/16. They will meet with the Nutrient Management Commission of the Dept. of Agriculture on July 5, then work over the summer on data gathering, alliance formation, and writing of the bill. This will be introduced in January 2017 to limit nitrogen and phosphorus, and label fertilizer bags more clearly, etc.

Sally will recycle a former flyer on Spring Bay-friendly lawn care.

Updates rather than reports will come from this committee henceforth.

CAC Diversity

We have two new members, Gary Cannon and Jocelyn Wardrup, and we will be presenting a new member to the next executive committee on August 22nd. We continue to look for members from university and community college staff, local



school staff, county and municipal employees, and realtors, to bring our number up to 16.

Bacterial Contamination

We await the CIB Board's vote on our request to be sent to DNREC. See CIB's newest Love Creek Report. We will hear more about this at the June meeting. In future, updates rather than reports will come from this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Exploration for new committees

Sea Level Rise – The State government, through DNREC, is doing lots of outreach. Gary Cannon says sea level rise is affecting phragmites. The CAC could revisit the data from the marsh resedimentation program. We could make suggestions for local mitigative action.

Recreation area in the watershed – This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting ADJOURNED 7:34 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 16, 2016.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary.