

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016

CAC Members in Attendance

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Steve Britz, Vice Chair
Cheryl Rehrig
Gary Taylor

Jocelyn Wardrup
Gary Cannon
Pete Keenan

Absent

Dennis Bartow
John Austin

CIB Staff

Sally Boswell
Marianne Walch

Members of the Public

Ian Kauffman
Ab Ream
George Junkin
Rick Chamberlain

PRESENTATION

*Dennis Forney – Chairman of Sussex County Land Trust
(See attached transcription.)*

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:40pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept: Steve Britz. Seconded Cheryl Rehrig. Minutes approved unanimously.

Committee was notified that the meeting was being recorded for secretarial purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- State of the Bays was released earlier in the week.
- Actively looking for new CAC members to fill our diversity matrix.
- Clarification of CAC operating rules. There is no mandate to resign if you miss 2 meetings. That rule is there to be used at the discretion of the CAC chair, the Executive Director and the Board. We understand that there are many conflicts in time management. Thank you for the time you give.
- Some members concerned that the meetings sometimes scientific. All were reminded that this is a committee for citizen's input.
- Future CAC dates for 2017 Jan 19, March 16, May 18, September 21, and November 16.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Report

Sally Boswell, Marianne Walch

2016 State of the Bays released. 100 people present. Great news coverage.

Actions -Pollution control strategy needs \$27 million/year for implementation

-Speak up for clean water

-Comprehensive Plan input important

Reforestation planting at Angola Neck and Bulls Eye Ferry

Annual appeal

BREAK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach – Sally Boswell- report will provide opportunity for outreach based on State of the Bays Report. Distribution to town halls, county office, schools, legislators, preparation of talk to public, special edition of Inland Bays Journal. Committee distributes State of the Bays to essential groups. Ab Ream offered to find location for talk at Oak Orchard. Perhaps in conjunction with a breakfast. Happy Hour Paradise Grill. Craft Show on Boardwalk at Bethany. Return to Love Creek contact Leslie Ledogar.

Residential Turf Fertilization

Not currently active. Need buy in from different groups. Need to wait for new administration in Dover.

CAC Diversity

Greg Goldman – Pete will contact

Need teacher, realtor, and diversity from other parts of the watershed.

Bacterial Contamination

Marianne spoke with DNREC. They are planning a limited amount of sampling for DNA testing in Love Creek in the spring and the summer.

Open Space

Sub committee has met. Reviewed maps of open space in watershed. Ian Kauffman reached out to Delaware Botanic Gardens regarding water access from that facility. We are reaching out to other groups as how they acquire land. Dennis Forney's presentation was very enlightening. Gary Cannon pointed out that we don't need a lot of space to have access to water. Dennis Forney could be very helpful. Sally Boswell has a sense that Delaware Land Trust is in need an infusion of ideas and energy. Marianne Walch felt that they tend to follow up on land that is offered to them. Perhaps Land Trust could be the face of the fund raising to give public a clearer picture of how their money would be used in the case of the Love Creek project. What kind of partnership could we have Sussex Land Trust. Sally happy to help.

Water access points could have education boards with information about the Inland Bays.

Role of the CAC in Sussex County Comprehensive Plan for 2018

The ideas that we put in the proposal to the Board for the Sussex Plan was incorporated into the CIB document to the County.

CAC members were encouraged to contact their communities to give input into the plan after reviewing the CIB proposal to the county. The website was distributed. Steve will put on Friends of Love Creek face book page.

Issue of Parks and Recreation dept for Sussex was discussed. Few public parks as in other areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susie Ball, CAC Chair