



Draft Meeting Minutes

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE Thursday February 1, 2018

CAC Members in Attendance

Susie Ball CAC Chair, Ptery Iris, Pete Keenan, Cheryl Rehrig, Gary Taylor, John Austin, Janet Strickler, Ian Kauffman, Steve Britz

Staff: Chris Bason, Marianne Walch, Michelle Schmidt

Guests: Richard Watson, Claire Sellers (Sierra Club), Sandra Ware (Commercial Real Estate), Charlie Kwant?sp

Call to Order

Pledge of allegiance

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary Ptery Iris- Approval of minutes -unanimous

Announcements

- Review of CAC appointment procedure.
- New Development Director –Mary Knight
- New Outreach Coordinator – Amy Barra

Presentation

Michelle Schmidt – CIB reforestation Project

Executive Director Report

1. Partnering with S. Bethany to plant a series of floating wetlands. Just finishing a study on the impact of oysters in the floating wetlands. A very popular project.
2. Finance plan to implement CCMP. Developing private and public funding.
3. Clean water bill HB 270. Scheduled for committee hearing. Speaker Schwartzkopf has joined as a sponsor. Funded by a clean water fee based

on income. CAC members encouraged to write letters and attend the committee hearing. The Center will have a kick off on March 13.

Board Report

Susie Ball presented the CAC's concerns regarding Mountaire to the Board. Ball appointed an ad hoc committee of the Board to look into the issues at Mountaire as they pertain the CCMP of the Inland Bays.

The Board supported the Clean Water Bill. Sec Garvin had reservations about the method of funding.

Mountaire Update

The Committee met twice. Its purpose was focused on advising the Center as to the outreach actions the Center should take to address the violations. Policy level recommendations were made. A plan was developed to educate residents in the area on the health of the river. Our recommendations will focus on mitigation of the nitrogen levels going into the river. Also make recommendations to prevent this from happening again.

In doing the research an EPA order was found that Mountaire was ordered to reduce nitrogen level in aquifer to safe drinking standard o concerns are how to prevent this from happening again.

Discussion ensued by the committee as to the severity of the mountain pollution.

John Austin gave a presentation on other areas in the county where there is drinking water contamination.

Committee Reports

- o Bacteria see Mountaire discussion
- o Diversity –
- o Outreach – Osher presentations

2018 meetings :

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Public comment

Meeting adjourn