

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2014

CAC MEMBERS	CAC MEMBERS
Susie Ball, Chair	Gary Taylor
Steve Britz, Vice Chair	CIB STAFF
John Austin	Chris Bason, Executive Director
Steve Callanen	Sally Boswell, Outreach Coordinator
Nancy Cabrera-Santos	MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC
Tom Farrah	Joanne Cabry
Pete Keenan	George Duncan
Mike Marrone	Ptery Iris
Cheryl Rehrig	

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball, CAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m

The following were introduced:

Joanne Cabry, new Chair of the CIB Board of Directors

New CAC member Gary Taylor

Prospective CAC member, Ptery Iris

George Duncan, Chairman of Water Quality Committee (South Bethany).

PRESENTATIONS

Sally Boswell presented an excellent update of the “**Your Creek**” program.

Your Creek is a multi-year project that will focus on the major rivers and creeks that flow into the three Inland Bays...to connect communities to their creek.

A Love Creek survey has been completed and the results are being tabulated. There have been several kayak trips on Love Creek which introduced CAC members and other interested citizens to this beautiful creek.

The next Creek will be Derrickson Creek.

Steve Britz gave a presentation on the aquatic vegetation he has examined around Love Creek, describing a rich diversity and sometimes rare array of plant species.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of May 15, 2014 and September 18 2014 were approved.

CIB Update--Chris Bason, CIB Executive Director, gave an update on the progress of

the James Farm Master Plan. The plan includes new hiking trails, enhanced educational facilities, and extra parking. Chris also mentioned plans for CIB restructure, following several staff departures.

CIB Board Update--Joanne Cabry discussed 2015 goals of the CIB Board of Directors, They are looking forward to working more closely with state legislators

Citizens' Concerns on Aquaculture Permitting—Steve Callanan gave an update on the citizen concerns expressed in a town hall meeting on October 6. Specific issue: proposed DNREC lease sites on Bay Cove (Indian River Bay) and Little Assawoman Bay. He made a motion to adopt a CAC Resolution: **“Rescind the two contested lease locations of Bay Cove and Little Assawomen”**. Seconded by Tom Farrah. This motion was tabled pending presentation to the CAC of a fully formed resolution. Meanwhile DNREC is now awaiting the Corps of Engineers decisions on permitting and applications for aquaculture.

CAC Planning—

Speaker's Bureau. Susie Ball, CAC Chair discussed starting a CAC speakers bureau.

Development in Sussex County

Steve Britz and Susie Ball provided updates on the proposed RV park and the proposed conversion of Old Landing Golf Course to a development of 350 homes.

Concerns to CAC for development around the watershed are inadequate buffer zones, building in the 100-year flood plain, deforestation and for the RV park potential heavy metal pollution. Proposals for these developments will be before Sussex County Council Planning and Zoning committee early in the New Year.

Burton Island

Tom Farrah reported on Burton Island Remediation Plan due in November.

FEMA/Sea level rise

Mike Marrone reported that there had been no new updates.

Sally Boswell announced an October 24 James Farm tour.

Motion to Adjourn—Nancy Cabrera-Santos made a motion to adjourn at 7:29pm. Seconded by Tom Farrah. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cabrera-Santos

