

**CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Draft Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary
Bob Batky
Chair
Steve Callanen
BOD

Pete Keenan
Cheryl Rehrig
Joanne Cabry, CIB BOD

Diane Hanson, CIB

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director
Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Marianne Walch, Estuary Science and Restoration Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

PRESENTATION

Sally Boswell and Marianne Walch presented "Update on the Findings of the Love Creek Survey". The State of Love Creek Report is on the CIB website and copies are available for CAC members.

BREAK

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Pete Keenan moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015, and Cheryl Rehrig seconded. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Susie Ball welcomed Diane Hanson, CIB Board member.
- Carrie Bennett resigned from the CAC due to illness in the family, and wanted to convey her respect and best wishes to the committee.
- Gary Taylor and Dennis Bartow are taking medical leave of absences.
- Susie Ball announced that public comment will be allowed at the Chair's discretion at the end of CAC meetings, not to extend past 7:30 P.M
- All present were reminded of the CIB Annual Appeal.
- Cheryl Rehrig had an art show at her garden center and has donated half the entry fee to CIB.
- Seismic testing for fossil fuels off the Delaware coast was approved by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The city of Lewes has passed a resolution to ban the testing. The city of Dewey Beach hopes pass a resolution at their next meeting. Lawn signs to ban seismic testing are available for local residents.

CIB UPDATE

Chris Bason presented the CIB Update.

YOUR CREEK UPDATE

Steve Britz contributed time this summer and the summer of 2014, testing the water and studying plant communities on Love Creek. A rare native plant was found -*Lobelia elongata*. The Delaware State Botanist William McAvoy grew 300 native *Lobelia elongata* plants at Mt. Cuba to put in on Love Creek and Dirickson Creek. They were planted by groups of volunteers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC Operating Rules Committee

The revised CAC Operating Rules were approved by the CIB Board on 10/18/15 and have been posted on the website. Susie Ball thanked all those who participated in the rewriting of the operating rules.

Residential Fertilization

Following the memo to the board from the committee, STAC is looking at the data from the Rutgers summit and other sources and will make recommendations to the Board.

Outreach

Outreach will focus on the Love Creek watershed.

The letter to community groups has been revised and the list of HOA groups is being updated. Today's presentation will be our new outreach tool.

CAC Diversity

Each committee member will contact 3 Board members for suggestions. Flyers and ads will be created. Marianne Walch will contact STAC. Potential members will be invited to meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Callanen requested a decorum statement in the operating rules after the bullying of a CAC member. The operating rules have been approved and cannot be changed at this time. The chair will make a decorum statement when members of the public are present.

CAC will meet again January 14, 2016, at 5:00 P.M.

Future meetings are scheduled for March 10, May 19, September 15, and November 17, 2016.

Meeting ADJOURNED 7:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary