

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Citizen's Cafe Minutes

DATE & TIME: THUR January 14, 2021; 6:00-7:45

LOCATION: Zoom*

Center for the Inland Bays

39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting called to order by: Claire Simmers

Attendees:

CAC: Linda Grande, Claire Simmers, Richard Watson

CIB: Lisa Swanger, Michelle Schmidt, Marianne Walch

Citizen Storyteller: Dr. Daniel Leathers

CAC not in attendance: Dennis Bartow, Tom Brett, Gary Cannon, Pete Keenan, Amanda Pappas, Jalyn Powell, Cheryl Rehrig

Citizen's Cafe Agenda for January 14, 2021 - Climate Change: Solution-based Responses

6:00-6:15 Gathering – Zoom introductions

6:15-6:45 CIB Storytelling - 10 min presentation; 20 min Q&A

Michelle Schmidt

Watershed Coordinator at the Center

CCMP latest updates: 1995,2012, 2021 revisions hoped to be finalized this spring

Draft:

6 Core elements

20 objectives

92 Actions

Climate Change focus: Chapter title went from "Preparing for a changing climate" to "Living with a changing climate"

Climate Change Chapter has two objectives:

- Increase community & local government understanding of a potential impact of a changing climate

-Adaptation & mitigation strategies

Center completed a Climate change vulnerability assessment in 2018

Action items that will help reduce climate change around the bays are highlighted in other areas throughout the CCMP

CAC can help with education & outreach

Scientific tools & data collection

6:45-7:15 Citizen Storytelling – 10 min presentation; 20 min Q&A

Daniel J. Leathers

Professor and Delaware State Climatologist

Director CEMA; Meteorology/Climatology Program Director

Department of Geography

University of Delaware

Tools at CEMA (Center for Environmental Monitoring & Analysis)

7 Fulltime employees working in the center

Top 3 Risks to Global Economy:

- Extreme Weather
- Failed Climate Change Mitigation
- Natural Disasters

DE Environmental Observing System – Meteorological system

Soil temp & Moisture check

44 stations in Delaware

Delaware has the highest resolution statewide meteorological network in the country

Delaware Coastal Flood Monitoring System

-Serves 15 communities

Water Quality Monitoring

The Delaware Weather Hazard Index (DWHI)

Measures hazards up to 48 hours out

Agriculture

Delaware Climate Change Projections Portal

Official Recognition from the General Assembly in 2019

7:15-7:45 CAC Storytelling - administrative discussions

a. Center Updates: Lisa Swanger – Outreach and Education Coordinator

-Fall & Winter 2020 Inland Bays Journal is now available

-2020 Annual report is close to finishing

-Center has increased volunteer opportunities with new official partnership

-3 volunteer spots left for this course

-The center is working to form a collaborative to leverage diverse knowledge, resources and skillsets to develop 5-year living plan – PEEP (Public Education & Engaging Plan)

“Waterfront vs. Shoreline Property” difference

b. Approval of minutes: October 15, 2020

Minutes Approved

c. Citizens’ Input

d. Discussion and vote on CAC membership application of Mr. Frank Piorko

Membership approved

c. CAC and CCMP updates

Next Board Meeting March 05, 2021

Next CAC Meeting April 15, 2021

Marching Orders for CAC

-Structure feedback from citizens and community into resolutions & proposals to submit to the Board for review

Minimum of 1-2 supporting pages of research/documentation

-Start with a draft resolution template by 02/04

-Resolutions due by March 25th

-04/01 return resolutions

-04/15 discuss resolutions collectively

-Membership

* Remote Access:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jan 14, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAudOitjr4pHNC8YYaIFpWnlNryGn2I_JpX

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.