

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda

DATE & TIME: THUR November 07, 2019 5-7PM

LOCATION: Center for the Inland Bays

39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting called to order by: Claire Simmers, Committee Chair

Attendees:

CAC: Dennis Bartow; Tom Brett; Gary Cannon; Linda Grande; Pete Keenan; Robert (Bob) Linett; Cheryl Rehrig; Claire Simmers; Richard Watson

Board: Susie Ball

CIB: Amy Barra; Bob Collins

Guests: Liz Nolte; Kent C. Guernsey



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AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to order, Welcome, and Introductions

II. Meeting agenda review and approval of minutes for: June 20, 2019. Unanimously approved, no changes.

III. Presentations

A. Charlie Garlow (Citizen's Climate Lobby – CCL; Delaware Electric Vehicle Association – DEEVA and De Sierra Club) – Renewal Portfolio Standards (RPS)

1. Continuation from June 20, 2019.

a. Process discussed at June 20th meeting: look at CCMP; if consistent with plan; deliberate and recommend to CAC that consistent with CCMP and prepare a recommendation for CIB; Ask from Charlie Garlow is for CIB to be a signatory on a letter to legislators and governor to support RPS. Tom, Charlie and Claire will work on the letter.

B. Richard Watson (CAC) – Climate Change – presentation will be available on the CIB Web page.

IV. CIB Announcements and Reports

Very busy since last CAC meeting: 25th Anniversary Gala, change in education from middle school to elementary with increase in number of students; hosted annual National Estuary Meeting; adopted BEETLE instruction curriculum, hiring and on-boarding of new Communications person;

V. CAC Announcements

A. Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) in the final review stages

1. Delayed for a few reasons. This delay has caused our estimated project completion date to be pushed back to late winter 2020. Over the summer we had an additional review by EPA which resulted in a few changes to the draft goals, objectives and actions. We have incorporated their comments into the document and are hopeful that this interim step will save comments on the final submittal to EPA.

B. Facebook Face-Off with Development Committee – approved to continue to plan

C. Coastal Observer app for research project: The Delaware Resilience Awareness Project (DelRAP):

Local Perspectives on Big Storms and Rising Water..... Tina Callahan, Univ. of DE

Delaware residents (both coastal and inland) experience the impacts of coastal living in different ways. This project aims to gain insights about local perceived threats in a changing coastal environment through multiple methods including story-telling and citizen science. A major product of the project, the Coastal Observer mobile application, will be demonstrated and future goals will be discussed.

D. DNREC: Coastal Management Program 2021-2025 Assessment and Strategy - Claire will get more information and circulate to CAC.

VI. CAC Business

A. Change in CAC meeting format discussion and vote – will try at next meeting. Goal is to increase participation and visibility to meet goals of strategic plan and CCMP

1. Rename to **Citizen's Café** with light refreshments 4 components (hold in foyer and meeting room)

a. **Citizen Conversation** 30 minutes

- i. Invite a citizen to share on a relevant CIB topic –
- ii. Someone from real estate, developer, etc. (someone from a CAC under-represented group)
- b. **Staff Storytelling** 30 minutes
- c. **Open Conversation** 15 minutes
- d. **CAC Administrative Meeting** 30 minutes –if required
 - i. Adjourn to meeting room – all welcome
- e. Total time 1 hour 45 minutes
- f. Effective first meeting 2020
- 2. Discussion – approved for trial with first meeting in 2020

B. 2020 CAC meeting dates discussion

- 1. Day of week and time – Thursdays 6:00- 8:00pm; waiting for the board to set their meeting dates

VII. CAC Committee Reports

A. Standing subcommittees of CAC

- 1. CAC Membership and Recruiting
 - Report: Gary Taylor is resigning due to health issues
 - Members: CAC vice chair, chair; Claire (CAC chair); Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator); and one CAC member
 - a. Responsibilities: recruiting, on-boarding, and term tracking
- 2. CAC Outreach and Education
 - Report: will be reaching out for State of Creeks report neighborhood talks
 - a. Members: Members: Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator), Susan Ball; Pete Keenan; Cheryl Rehrig; Gary Taylor
Working
 - b. Responsibilities: outreach and education to accomplish goals of CCMP
- 3. CAC Environmental Toxins Issues
 - Report: nothing new to report
 - a. Ash Tracking at Burton Islands
 - b. Creeks
 - Members: Claire Simmers; Bob Linett; Gary Taylor
- 4. CAC Issues Committees
 - a. CAC Climate Change
 - Report:
 - Members: Richard Watson, chair; Claire Simmers; Dennis Bartow
 - b. CAC Buffers and Density Ordinances

IX. Open Forum

X. Adjourn