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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary
John Austin
Bob Batky

Carrie Bennett
Pete Keenan
Gary Taylor
Joanne Cabry, CIB BOD Chair

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director
Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Bob Collins, Program Manager
Roy Miller, Policy Coordinator

Members of the Public

Dennis Bartow

CALL TO ORDER

Susie Ball, CAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susie welcomed all. She announced that Mike Marrone resigned from the CAC a few weeks ago, and Tom Farrah resigned 4/16/15; they were thanked by the Committee for their service to the CAC.

SPEAKERS

Livable Lawns - Bob Collins, CIB Program Manager, spoke about the Livable Lawns initiative, A program to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus from lawn fertilizers into our waterways.

Clean Water Campaign - Roy Miller, CIB Policy Coordinator, spoke about the Clean Water Campaign, in which CIB is partnered with the Delaware Nature Society and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary to raise public and legislative support for reducing nutrient pollution in Delaware's waterways.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of February 19, 2015, were approved without correction.

UPDATES

Burton Island

Chris Bason reported that DNREC sent written responses, but did not address the specific issues raised by the CIB. Only the phragmites issue was addressed. No one from the CAC volunteered to continue Tom' work. Chris Bason will take on that task. Chris will get back to DNREC for a public response.

Your Creek

Sally Boswell reported on the presentation at the Retreat at Love Creek and the walk at Angola Neck Preserve by the Love Creek team on 4/27. Both were very successful. She also reported that the Dirickson team's survey is nearly complete, under great leadership by Anna.

Route 113 Bypass

Carrie Bennett reported that Coastal Point and News Journal announced the downsizing of the bypass plan in April, which eliminates 3 of the proposed bridge spans and about 14 miles of targeted wetlands, farmland, and rural and minority communities, though the Sweetwater Pointe area will still be affected. Carrie thanked the CAC/CIB for its public opposition to the bypass plan via its resolution a year ago.

BREAK

CIB UPDATE

Chris Bason, CIB Executive Director, reported on the Living Shorelines initiative 5 demo projects are planned in addition to the Bethany Beach Loop Canal site. He also reported that floating oyster cages and floating plant islands would be installed in May in canals and creeks. Chris spoke of the 6 strategic thrusts in the new 3-year plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Residential Fertilization

Susie Ball and Ptery Iris (Co-chairs) reported that Marianne Walch had introduced the Livable Lawns project to the committee and that it will be very helpful in educating citizens in the watershed.

Bacterial Contamination

Bob Batky reported that DNS has listed bacteria as a "pollutant of note", so this will be highlighted as the Clean Water Alliance goes forward. A speaker will address the CAC on 6/18/15 on this issue.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee has not yet met.

ADJOURN 7:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary