

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair

Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary

John Austin

Bob Batky

Nancy Cabrera-Santos

Tom Farrah

Mike Marrone

Shirley Price

Cheryl Rehrig

Gary Taylor

Joanne Cabry, CIB BOD Chair

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director

Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator

Bob Collins, Program Manager

Marianne Walch, Science & Restoration Coordinator

Members of the Public

Dennis Bartow (volunteer)

Tom Ford (former member)

Jonathan Forte (volunteer)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susie welcomed all, and introduced Ptery Iris, new CAC member who has agreed to be the new Secretary. Dennis Bartow, CIB's Volunteer of the Year for 2014, was introduced. Dennis has applied to join the CAC. Tom Ford has resigned from the CAC; he was thanked by the Committee for his service to the CAC.

BUSINESS MEETING

The minutes of November 20, 2014 were approved without correction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Burton Island

Tom Farrah reported that the DNREC Team met with NRG and CBI (Chicago Bridge and Iron, consultants and author of the LTSP) on Feb. 2 to discuss CIB's and DNREC's concerns. However, although the remedial plan has been approved, DNREC has not finalized their comments on the "Remedial Design" (how to implement the plan). It is anticipated that DNREC will complete their comments within 2-3 weeks and have them to NRG NLT by March 2. Sampling

will take place once a year in June, which is considered the optimal month for sampling. Biological monitoring will include arsenic, selenium, and barium, and positive results for these would prompt sampling for other elements; nickel is not going to be monitored. The new EPA regulations for coal ash were discussed but don't apply to Burton's Island. Chris Bason said that the committee wants a written response and access to the data. Tom Farrah will contact Paul Will, Program Manager.

Your Creek

Sally Boswell and the Dirickson Creek team met on Feb. 18, with about 12 members of the community present. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and positive energy. The Love Creek team met just before the holidays; there will be a presentation in April at the Retreat at Love Creek.

Route 113 Bypass

No report; The CIB has not received responses from DeIDOT and DNREC.

Flood Insurance

Mike Marrone reported that the new FEMA maps will be issued in March. A 5-10% reduction in insurance rates will be effective in Rehoboth Beach and other incorporated towns because they followed FEMA's recommendations e.g. 18" freeboard and no fill to raise low spots. Sussex County accepted the ordinances but not the new building codes.

Susie Ball thanked all committees.

CIB UPDATE

Chris Bason, CIB Executive Director, introduced Marianne Walch, new Science & Restoration Coordinator. He also introduced Jonathan Forte, a volunteer very active with reforestation and Living Shorelines. Chris spoke of the loop canal's innovative approach to water quality improvement. CIB hopes to continue to receive funding from DNREC and EPA at the current level. The CIB staff and Board of Directors are working with a consultant on a strategic plan for the next three years. CIB is hoping that Living Shorelines will catch on the way rain gardens did. 17 marine contractors are registered for training on the installation of living shorelines. The Living Shorelines committee is statewide and could have a CAC member on it.

Joanne Cabry thanked Chris for his letter to the editor regarding ocean outfall.

BREAK

PRESENTATION OF REVISED CAC PRIORITIES 2015-2016
AND FORMATION OF COMMITTEES

After the break, Susie Ball spoke of the CAC Priorities document already distributed, and discussion followed. A vote was taken to approve the committee structure; 8 voted for, Nancy Cabrera-Santos abstained, Tom Farrah wished to continue working only on Burton's Island, and Mike Marrone wished to continue working on Flood Insurance and Sea-Level Rise. These committees were added to the list. Members signed on to committees as follows:

Residential Fertilization

Susie Ball and Ptery Iris (Co-chairs), Cheryl Rehrig

Bacterial Contamination

John Austin, Bob Batky, Steve Britz (Chair)

Outreach

Susie Ball (Chair), Nancy Cabrera-Santos, Ptery Iris, Shirley Price, Gary Taylor

Burton's Island

Tom Farrah (Chair)

Flood Insurance and Sea-Level Rise

Mike Marrone

Ad Hoc Committees were not discussed.

ADJOURN

Following motion by Tom Farrah and second by Nancy Cabrera-Santos, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary